

VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Washington State Elections
& Whatcom County

General Election
November 2



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Tom Wagner

Ballots mailed out **October 15**

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I am pleased to present the 2021 General Election Voters' Pamphlet. We offer this comprehensive guide as a reference to help you find information about the candidates and measures that appear on your ballot.

This general election you will have the opportunity to vote for local officials and measures that could have a significant impact on your community. Yet in order to make your voice heard, you must be registered to vote. Voter registration forms that are mailed or completed online must be received by Oct. 25, and we encourage you to check your registration information today at **VoteWA.gov**. After Oct. 25, you must visit your local elections office or voting center during regular business hours and until 8 p.m. on Election Day to register to vote or update your registration and receive a ballot.

Once you have completed your ballot, be sure to sign the return envelope. This is important, as election officials verify your signature matches the one on your voter registration file before they can count your ballot. Then, send your ballot via U.S. mail — no postage needed. Remember, all ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 2 in order to be counted. The U.S. Postal Service recommends that you mail a week before Election Day. You can also return your ballot using an official ballot drop box anywhere in the state. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. the day of the election. Check **VoteWA.gov** to locate a ballot drop box.

By voting, you are ensuring your voice is heard. Make an impact in your community and our state by voting this fall.

Sincerely,

Kim Wyman
Secretary of State

What does #TrustedInfo mean?

- #TrustedInfo aims to highlight state and local election officials as the credible, verified sources for election information.
- The nation's Secretaries of State, 40 of whom serve as their state's chief election official, along with other state and local election officials are continuously working to inform Americans about the elections process, including voter registration, state election laws, voting, and much more.





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Deadlines

Ballots mailed to voters: October 15
 Register by mail, received by: October 25
 Register online by: October 25
 Register in person by: November 2, 8 p.m.
 Election Day: November 2



Political Parties

Washington State Democrats

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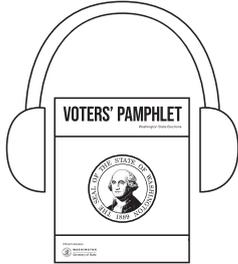
Who donates to campaigns?

View financial contributors for state and local candidates and measures:

Public Disclosure Commission

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

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.

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.

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**.

Qualifications

You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction.

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?

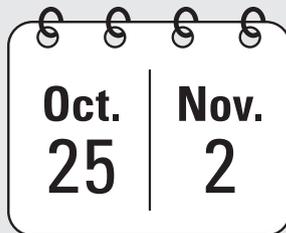
Online: Register at VoteWA.gov

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 25.

In person: Visit a local voting center no later than 8 p.m. on November 2.

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 25: Have your application received by mail or updated online.

Or

By November 2: 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

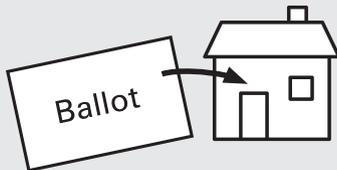
Sign up online at VoteWA.gov with your Washington state driver's license or ID. Or you can fill out a paper registration form using the last four digits of your Social Security number and mail it in. You'll be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.

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.

How do I vote and return my ballot?

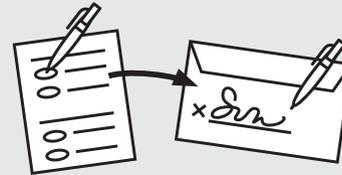
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If you're registered to vote, there is no need to request a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed **October 15** to the address you provide in your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact a county elections office listed at the end of this pamphlet.



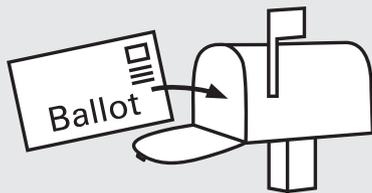
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Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. We need your signature to accept your ballot. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.



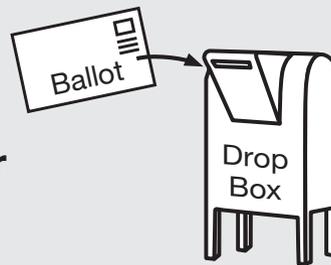
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Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **November 2**. Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.



Or, return your ballot to an official ballot drop box. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on **November 2**. Find drop box locations at **VoteWA.gov**.

Or



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

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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 **sos.wa.gov/elections**.

Results are updated as counties report and unofficial until certification.

When reviewing online or printed information, think about:

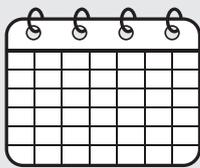
Who made this, and who is it for?

Was it a company, or an individual person? Who is the intended audience?



Why did they make it?

Think about the purpose. Is it to inform, entertain, or persuade?



When was this made?

Is the information relevant today?



What makes it believable?

Is there evidence from a reputable source or expert?

How might other people read this message?

Consider how someone with a different background might interpret it.



Ask the experts

Consult a fact-checking site or ask an official source. Get trusted info from your county auditor or elections office.

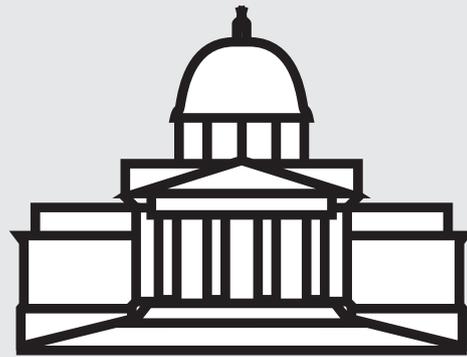


i Advisory votes are the result of Initiative 960, approved by voters in 2007. The Office of the Secretary of State publishes the Attorney General's advisory vote description according to RCW 29A.72.283.

You are advising the Legislature if you do or do not favor a tax increase passed during the recent legislative session.

Repeal — means you **don't favor** the tax increase.

Maintain — means you **favor** the tax increase.



**Advisory votes are non-binding.
The results will not change the law.**

Want more info?



Contact your legislator. Their contact information is on the following pages.

View the complete text of each bill at sos.wa.gov/elections and view additional cost information at ofm.wa.gov/ballot

Advisory Vote No.

36

Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1477

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention tax on telephone lines, costing \$432,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed
- Maintained

Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

Senate: Yeas, 27; Nays, 22; Absent, 0; Excused, 0
 House: Yeas, 71; Nays, 25; Absent, 0; Excused, 2

Ten-Year Projection

Provided by the Office of Financial Management
 For more information visit www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot

Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1477 (E2SHB 1477) – Estimated Cash Receipts											
	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030	Fiscal Year 2031	2022-31 TOTAL
Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of the Governor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of State Treasurer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of Financial Management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA State Health Care Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department of Revenue	17,900,000	36,100,000	45,700,000	46,100,000	46,600,000	47,000,000	47,500,000	47,900,000	48,400,000	48,900,000	432,100,000
Office of Insurance Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities and Transportation Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Military Department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department of Social and Health Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dept. of Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Superintendent of Public Instruction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
University of Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	17,900,000	36,100,000	45,700,000	46,100,000	46,600,000	47,000,000	47,500,000	47,900,000	48,400,000	48,900,000	432,100,000

Advisory Vote No.

37

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5096

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a 7% tax on capital gains in excess of \$250,000, with exceptions, costing \$5,736,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed
- Maintained

Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

Senate: Yeas, 25; Nays, 24; Absent, 0; Excused, 0
 House: Yeas, 52; Nays, 44; Absent, 0; Excused, 2

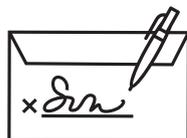
Ten-Year Projection

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 For more information visit www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5096 (ESSB 5096) – Estimated Cash Receipts											
	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030	Fiscal Year 2031	2022-31 TOTAL
Administrative Office of the Courts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of State Treasurer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of Attorney General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caseload Forecast Council	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department of Revenue	0	527,000,000	560,000,000	602,000,000	620,000,000	638,000,000	661,000,000	685,000,000	709,000,000	734,000,000	5,736,000,000
Department of Corrections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	527,000,000	560,000,000	602,000,000	620,000,000	638,000,000	661,000,000	685,000,000	709,000,000	734,000,000	5,736,000,000

Voter tip:

Remember to sign and date your ballot return envelope. We need your signature to accept your ballot.



Final Votes Cast by Each Legislator

District 1

Sen. Derek Stanford

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E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Yea
ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Davina Duerr

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davina.duerr@leg.wa.gov
E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Yea
ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Shelley Kloba

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E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Yea
ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 2

Sen. Jim McCune

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jim.mccune@leg.wa.gov
E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Nay
ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Andrew Barkis

(R, Olympia), (360) 786-7824
andrew.barkis@leg.wa.gov
E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Yea
ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. J.T. Wilcox

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 3

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Marcus Riccelli

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Timm Ormsby

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 4

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Rob Chase

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Bob McCaslin

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Bill Ramos

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 6

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Mike Volz

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Jenny Graham

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E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Nay
ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 7

Sen. Shelly Short

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Jacquelin Maycumber

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Joel Kretz

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 8

Sen. Sharon Brown

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sharon.brown@leg.wa.gov
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Brad Klippert

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brad.klippert@leg.wa.gov
E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Yea
ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Matt Boehnke

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea



District 9

Sen. Mark Schoesler
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mark.schoesler@leg.wa.gov
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Mary Dye
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Joe Schmick
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 10

Sen. Ron Muzzall
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Greg Gilday
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Dave Paul
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E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Yea
ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Nay

District 11

Sen. Bob Hasegawa
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E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Nay
ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. David Hackney
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Steve Bergquist
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 12

Sen. Brad Hawkins
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E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Nay
ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Keith Goehner
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Mike Steele
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 13

Sen. Judy Warnick
(R, Moses Lake), (360) 786-7624
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Tom Dent
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Alex Ybarra
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E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Yea
ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 14

Sen. Curtis King
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Chris Corry
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E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Nay
ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Gina Mosbrucker
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 15

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Bruce Chandler
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
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District 16

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Mark Klicker
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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea



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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 18

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
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District 19

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Excused
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 20

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Peter Abbarno

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Ed Orcutt

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 21

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 22

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Laurie Dolan

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Jessica Bateman

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 23

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Drew Hansen

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 24

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Mike Chapman

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea



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 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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District 29

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 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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District 30

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 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Excused

District 31

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Excused
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 32

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea



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Rep. Mia Gregerson

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 34

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 35

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 36

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 37

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 38

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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Rep. Mike Sells

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 39

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ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 40

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea



District 41

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 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 42

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 43

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Nicole Macri

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 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Frank Chopp

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 44

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Nay
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. John Lovick

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. April Berg

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 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 45

Sen. Manka Dhingra

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Roger Goodman

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Larry Springer

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 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 46

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 47

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

District 48

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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 E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Yea
 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

Rep. Monica Jurado Stonier

(D, Vancouver), (360) 786-7872
 monica.stonier@leg.wa.gov
 E2SHB 1477 (AV36): Yea
 ESSB 5096 (AV37): Yea
 2SSB 5315 (AV38): Yea

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		

If I'm a crime survivor, can I vote safely?**Keep your voting address confidential**

If you are a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking, or an employee in criminal justice and target of felony harassment on the job, you may be able to enroll in the Address Confidentiality Program and register as a Protected Records Voter.

To become a Protected Records Voter:

- You must first 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



Whatcom County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet

November 2, 2021 General Election

Ballots are mailed October 13

*If you haven't received your ballot in the mail by October 20,
contact the Election Division.*

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(360) 778-5102

Location:

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Bellingham, WA 98225

Email:

elections@co.whatcom.wa.us

Website:

whatcomcounty.us/1574/Elections

Hours:

Monday - Friday:

8:30 am - 4:30 pm*

*Open until 8:00 pm on November 2

VoteWA.gov

Register to vote or update your address in Washington State at VoteWA.gov.

Once registered, you can view:

- Details of your voter registration
- An online voter guide for each election
- Information on your elected officials
- Locations of ballot drop boxes
- A list of past elections in which you returned a ballot



Dear Voters,

The General Election is here, and it's time to vote. Now let's make sure your vote counts. In the Primary election, 54,234 ballots were accepted, but there were an additional 655 ballots that were challenged! The top three reasons a ballot can be challenged are unsigned return envelopes (104), signature no matches (147), and late returns (398). All of these challenges could have been prevented. Here's how:

1. Late ballots – The easiest way to ensure your ballot isn't late is to complete and return the ballot as soon as you receive it in the mail. We mail a ballot to you 20 days before each election. You can return your ballot in the mail OR official ballot drop box. Official Ballot drop boxes are open from the day ballots go in the mail until 8:00 pm on November 2 (election day). A ballot returned in the mail must be postmarked by election day! We DO NOT recommend returning your ballot in the mail after October 26. Ballots placed in a mail box election day MUST be deposited by the last pick up time posted on the box – this is also true for the mail slot inside the post office. If you place your ballot in a mail box after the last pick up time on election day, it will be postmarked the following day and will be late.
2. Unsigned return envelopes – Be sure to sign *your* return envelope. If you forget to sign it, you will be mailed a letter to correct it. If you do receive a letter, sign it and return it in the postage paid envelope or bring it in to the office. Unsigned return envelopes can be fixed up until November 22.
3. Signature no matches – The signature on the return envelope must match a signature we have on file for you. If it doesn't match, the envelope is challenged. Many voters have more than one signature and may forget which signature was used to register to vote. Signatures may also change over time. So here are a few suggestions: sign the way you did for your driver license; if you have two signatures sign both ways on the ballot envelope; make sure you sign your own envelope (we match the signature for the voter whose name is on the envelope to their voter record). And watch for a letter from my office indicating there is a signature mismatch. It will inform you how to correct the problem.

Remember, voters who turn in a ballot envelope with no signature or a signature mis-match will be sent a letter. Follow the instructions in the letter and return it in the pre-paid envelope, even if it is after election day. Every vote matters and the results aren't over until we certify the election. And not only will the letter help ensure your ballot is counted, the signature is added to your voter record in order to update your signature for the future.

By following these simple steps – vote early, sign your ballot envelope, and use the signature on your driver license or sign multiple ways if you have more than one signature style - you can insure your ballot will be counted. And the most important thing – VOTE!

Sincerely,

Diana Bradrick
Whatcom County Auditor





- State of Washington
- Whatcom County
- Port of Bellingham
- City of Bellingham
- City of Blaine
- City of Everson
- City of Ferndale
- City of Lynden
- City of Nooksack
- City of Sumas
- Bellingham School District 501
- Ferndale School District 502
- Blaine School District 503
- Lynden School District 504
- Meridian School District 505
- Nooksack Valley School District 506
- Mt Baker School District 507
- Concrete School District 11
- Fire Protection Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21
- Glacier Fire and Rescue
- South Whatcom Fire Authority
- Water Districts 2, 7, 13
- Point Roberts Water District 4
- Birch Bay Water & Sewer District
- Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District
- Columbia Valley Water District
- Cemetery Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1
- Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2
- Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3
- Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District
- Chuckanut Community Forest Park District
- Hospital District 304
- Point Roberts Public Hospital District

Opportunities to Observe Ballot Processing and Open Public Meetings



Logic and Accuracy Test: October 1 at 10:00 am

Ballot Processing: October 13 to November 22

Hand Count: November 4 at 10:00 am

Canvassing Board, Ballot Review: November 22

Canvassing Board, Certification: November 23

Individuals wanting to attend in person are encouraged to watch the observer training beforehand. Scan the QR code below to go the observer webpage for more information.

Meeting dates, times and/or locations are subject to change; please see our website at www.whatcomcounty.us/auditor or call (360) 778-5102 for updated information.



How to register or update your address:



Online at **VoteWA.gov** if you have a current Washington State driver license or ID card.



Complete a Washington State Voter Registration form and return in the mail. Registration forms are available on our website, or you may also contact us to have a form mailed to you, if time allows.



In-Person at the Whatcom County Auditor’s Office, Election Division: 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 103.

Registration Deadlines:

October 25

Deadline to register or update your registration online or by mail.

October 26 - November 2

Visit our office in-person to register to vote or update your registration in time for the general election.

To register to vote in Washington State, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of Washington state;
- At least 18 years old by Election Day;
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order; and
- Not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction.



Student Engagement HUBS

New! Student Engagement Hubs



College students are on the move. Public universities now 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:

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

WWU

Student Engagement Hub

Tuesday November 2

Hours:

8:30 am - 8:00 pm

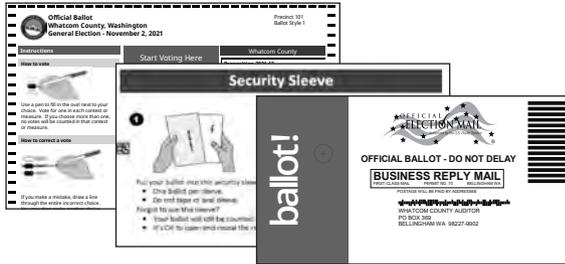
Location:

Viking Union

516 High Street, Bellingham



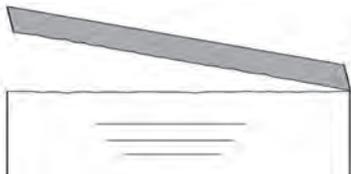
- 1.** The ballot packet for the November 2 General Election will be mailed to you on October 13. The packet will include your official ballot, a security sleeve, and a return envelope.



- 2.** To vote the ballot, fill in the oval next to your choice with a blue or black pen. Vote for only one in each contest or measure.



- 3.** Remove the stub at the top of your ballot. *If you forget to remove the stub, your ballot will still be counted.*



- 4.** Place your voted ballot into the security sleeve. *If you forget the security sleeve, your ballot will still be counted.*



- 5.** Put the ballot/security sleeve into the return envelope and seal.



- 6.** Sign and date your return envelope. **Your signature on the return envelope is required for your ballot to be counted.**

Sign and date below



- 7.** Return your ballot to the Whatcom County Auditor's Office by official ballot drop box or mail. See page 26 for more information.



Accessible Voting Unit

An accessible voting unit (AVU) is equipped with visual and audio technology. Voters requiring assistance may vote on the AVU in the Auditor's Office starting October 13.

Contact us for more information, see page 25 for contact information.



Located in the Regal Barkley parking lot, near the intersection of Woburn Street and Barkley Boulevard.



See page 27 for all official ballot drop box locations in Whatcom County.



More Contact Information

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Website: whatcomcounty.us/1574/Elections
Hours: Monday - Friday:
8:30 am - 4:30 pm*
**Open until 8:00 pm on November 2*

For a list of people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measures, visit www.pdc.wa.gov.

Contact information for major political parties in Whatcom County:

Democratic Headquarters
215 W. Holly Street, Suite B-27
Bellingham, WA 98225
Phone: (360) 647-7661

Republican Headquarters
2321 E. Bakerview Road, Suite B
Bellingham, WA 98226
Phone: (360) 734-5215

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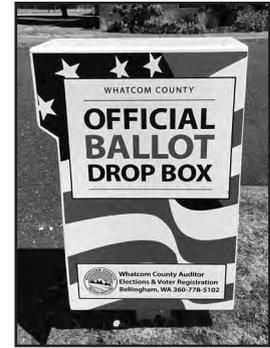
Return your ballot through the United States Postal Service, no stamp required.

USPS recommends putting your ballot in the mail by October 26 to make sure it gets postmarked by November 2.

Your ballot must be postmarked by Election Day, November 2.



Use your own mailbox to return your ballot, but only before October 27 to ensure an Election Day postmark!



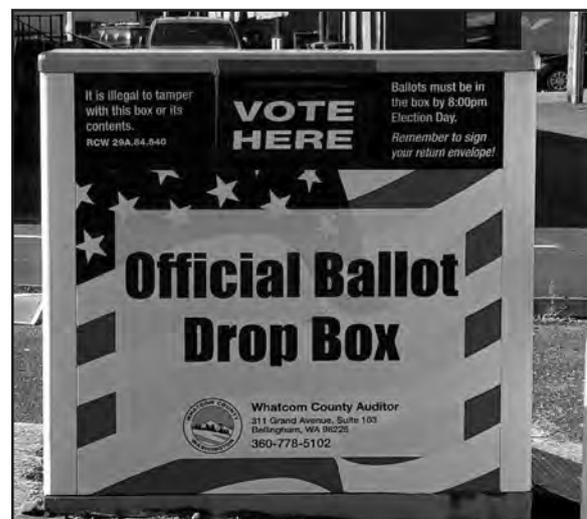
By Official Ballot Drop Box:

Return your ballot to a ballot drop box, no stamp required.

Available locations:



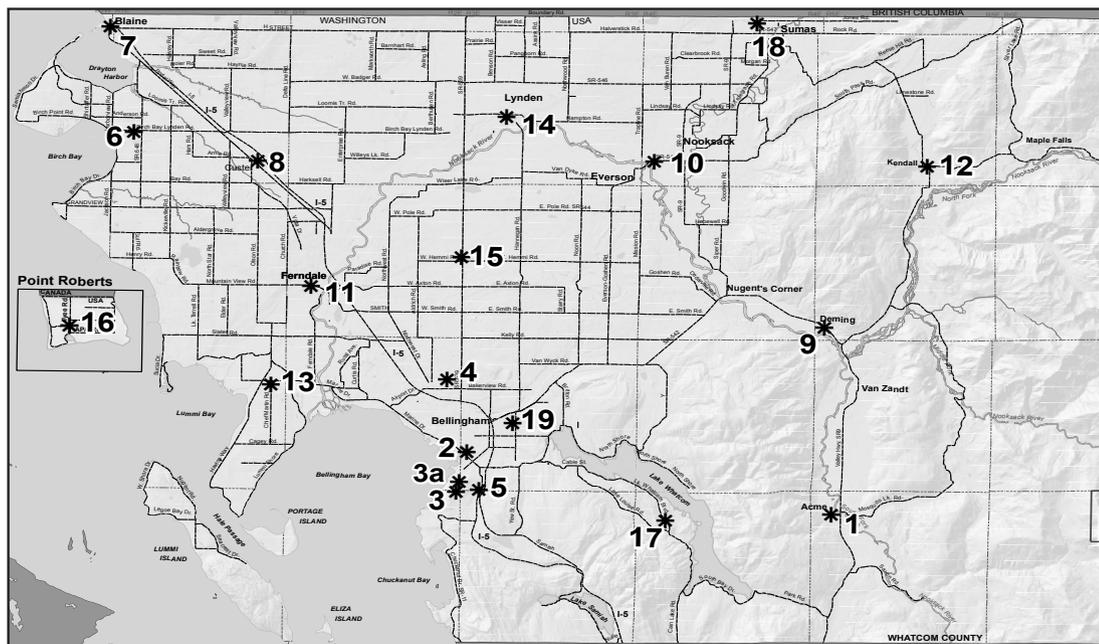
Your ballot can be returned to an official ballot drop box starting October 13 through 8:00 pm on November 2.



Pictures of ballot drop boxes in Barkley, Acme & the Courthouse south parking lot.



Map #	City	Official Ballot Drop Box Location	Address
1	Acme	Acme Elementary School parking lot	5200 Turkingon Road
2	Bellingham	Inside Whatcom County Courthouse and in south parking lot	311 Grand Avenue
3	Bellingham	WWU - on campus outside Wade King Student Recreation Center	1880 Bill McDonald Parkway
3a	Bellingham	WWU - on campus outside Bond hall	Red Square, WWU
3b	Bellingham	WWU - <u>on November 2 only</u> , on campus inside the Viking Union	Viking Union, WWU
4	Bellingham	Whatcom Community College, on campus beside Heiner Center	231 W. Kellogg Road
5	Bellingham	Haggen Sehome Village, northeast corner of parking lot	210 36th Street
19	Bellingham	Regal Barkley parking lot, near WaFd Bank	3005 Cinema Place
6	Birch Bay	North Whatcom Fire & Rescue parking lot	4581 Birch Bay-Lynden Road
7	Blaine	Blaine Library parking lot	610 3rd Street
8	Custer	Outside Custer Elementary School	7660 Custer School Road
9	Deming	Deming Library parking lot	5044 Mt. Baker Highway
10	Everson	WECU parking lot	106 E. Main Street
11	Ferndale	Ferndale City Hall parking lot	2095 Main Street
12	Kendall	North Fork Library at Kendall parking lot	7506 Kendall Road
13	Lummi	Lummi Nation Administration Building, outside main entrance	2665 Kwina Road
14	Lynden	Behind the Lynden Library	216 4th Street
15	Meridian	Laurel Grange parking lot	6172 Guide Meridian
16	Point Roberts	Inside the International Marketplace: <i>available during store hours</i>	480 Tye Drive
17	Sudden Valley	Security Office turnaround	Gate One
18	Sumas	Behind the Post Office in parking lot	534 Railroad Avenue



Pictures of ballot drop boxes in Blaine & Lynden.



Watch what happens in the Election Center!

The Election Center is where all returned ballots are processed. You can watch activities in the Election Center from home, or visit us in person! There are five cameras livestreamed; scan the QR code below to go directly to our website;



www.whatcomcounty.us/3490/Ballot-Processing-Live-Webcam

Ballot processing steps explained:

- 1. Assembling & mailing the ballot packet:** Your ballot packet is assembled and mailed on October 13, 2021. Ballot packets include a ballot, security sleeve, return envelope and informational insert. Additional extracts are sent to our mail vendor weekly for any recently added or updated registrants. Ballot packets for Military & Overseas voters are mailed on September 17, 2021.
- 2. Voting your ballot:** Your ballot packet should arrive by October 20, 2021. You have until election day to vote and return your ballot. Return your ballot in: a ballot drop box by 8:00 pm election day or in the mail postmarked by election day (*we do NOT recommend mailing your ballot after October 26*).
- 3. Collecting returned envelopes:** Ballots are collected from ballot drop boxes and the post office. Ballots returned in an official ballot drop box are prepped for the Agilis Envelope Sorter and placed into trays. Ballots returned through the postal service go directly to the envelope sorter.
- 4. Agilis envelope sorter:** The envelope sorting machine takes a picture of the signature on the return envelope, to be used during signature verification. It also scans the barcode on the return envelope, which will mark the ballot as being Received.

5. Checking the signature on the return envelopes: All signatures are checked before the ballot can be counted. We compare the signature on the return envelope with the signature(s) we have on file for each voter. If the signature does not match, or is unsigned, the voter will be mailed a letter to correct the issue, and contacted by phone after Election Day. Voters have until November 22, 2021 to respond and have their ballot counted. Envelopes with a matching signature are Accepted, ballot envelopes with a signature issue are Rejected.

6. Opening the ballots: Ballots are put into groups for processing. First the security sleeve containing the ballot is removed from the return envelope. Ballots returned without a security sleeve are counted. Once separated, the identity of the voter is unknown to ensure your votes remain private. Secondly, ballots are removed from the security sleeve and inspected. Workers are inspecting the ballot to ensure the votes marked will be read by the scanning equipment. Ballots needing additional adjudication/review are flagged.

7. Scanning the ballot: The ballots are scanned. Images are stored on a secure and closed system (no internet access). Once scanned, the ballots are kept in a sealed, tamper evident bag.

8. Reviewing the ballot: After scanning, the electronic images are viewed. Reviewers are adjudicating ballots by reviewing overvotes (more than one choice marked), undervotes (no choices marked), and write-ins. Workers use the Voter Intent Manual to ensure decisions are made consistently. Any unresolved ballots are reviewed by the Canvassing Board.

9. Reporting results: Results of the election are unknown until after 8:00 pm November 2. Tabulation occurs at 8:00 pm election night, and posted to our website soon after. Results are uploaded daily after November 2 as long as there are enough ballots to be counted. The General Election will be certified on November 23.



My (spouse, roommate) signed my ballot envelope. What should I do?

This a very common mistake! If someone has mistakenly signed your ballot envelope, draw a line through the incorrect signature and sign your name directly above the correction.

I forgot to put my ballot in the included security sleeve. The security sleeve is optional (not required). Your ballot will count as long as your signature matches.

I received two ballots, does that mean I get to vote twice?

Sorry you don't get to vote twice! If you have recently moved or changed your address multiple ballots may be mailed to you. Each ballot envelope has a unique barcode which prevents voting multiple times. Once a ballot has been received all other ballots become void.

I lost/misplaced my original ballot. How do I get another one?

You have a few options to receive a new ballot:

- You can print a new ballot online by visiting VoteWA.gov (log in and select Online Ballot)
- You can also call our office at 360-778-5102 or e-mail elections@co.whatcom.wa.us.

Signature Information

- Sign and date the voter declaration on the return envelope that has *your* name printed on it.



- We compare the signature on your ballot envelope with the signature on your voter registration. This is how we know you voted the ballot. Every signature is reviewed and verified!
- *How do we get your signature?*
If you register or update using a paper registration form, we capture your signature from the form. If you register or update through the Department of Motor Vehicles, we capture the signature from your Washington State Driver License or I.D. card.
- Do *not* sign for another registered voter.
- A Power of Attorney does not have authority to sign for the voter. If a voter is unable to sign, they should make a mark on the signature line and have their mark witnessed by two people. The two witnesses need to sign on the lines provided.
- Our office can have more than one signature on file for you. If you want to provide another signature, please contact us with that request (*Signature Update request*).
- Reference WAC 434-250-120 for more information.

ELECTION RESOURCES

Visit our webpage for election results, maps, voter and candidate resources, historical data, election dates, forms, rules and regulations, and public disclosure information.



WhatcomCounty.us/1574/elections



City	City Council: Legislative and policy making body of the City. City Mayor: exercising general supervision over the administrative affairs of the City; the responsibility for the appointment and removal of personnel; and the execution of the laws and policies as adopted by the City Council.
Cemetery District Commissioner	Commissioners acquire, improve and operate cemeteries. They also set a budget and establish fees and rules for cemetery use.
County Council	Vote to approve new laws, power to levy taxes, appropriate revenue and adopt budgets, establish compensation paid to all employees, provide for reimbursement of expenses, adopt comprehensive plans, and hear appeals.
Fire District Commissioner	Commissioners oversee districts that provide fire prevention services, fire suppression, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the county.
Hospital District Commissioner	Commissioners establish policy and oversee the general conduct of the hospital district's affairs. They set the mission, vision, values, and strategic goals of the public hospital district.
Park District Commissioner	The commissioners oversee the park district operations, acquiring, improving and operating parks facilities and programs.
Port of Bellingham Commissioner	The Board of Commissioners is a non-partisan, three-person elected body that oversees all Port of Bellingham operations by providing policy direction and decisions in public meetings.
School District Director	Five directors make a board whose responsibilities include budget, policy development, curriculum approval, planning and communications for the school district.
Water District Commissioner	A Water District is governed by an elected Board of Commissioners who set the policies and rates of the District.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where you live determines the issues and candidates you get to vote on. To read about the officials that represent you, visit VoteWA.gov (select <i>My Elected Officials</i>). 	

What is a Sample Ballot?

This sample ballot shows all the measures and contests appearing on the ballot. Not all measures and contests will appear on your ballot.

Whatcom County, Washington General Election, November 2, 2021

How to vote: Vote for one in each contest or measure. Use a pen to fill in the oval next to your choice. If you vote for more than one choice, no votes will be counted for that race.

How to correct a vote: If you make a mistake, draw a line through the entire incorrect choice. You may then make another choice.

Write-In: To vote for a candidate not listed, write the name on the line provided and fill in the oval.



State Measures - Advisory Votes

Advisory Vote No. 36
Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1477

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention tax on telephone lines, costing \$432,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 37
Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5096

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a 7% tax on capital gains in excess of \$250,000, with exceptions, costing \$5,736,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 38
Second Substitute Senate Bill 5315

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a tax on captive insurers in the amount of 2% of premiums from owners/affiliates, costing \$53,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

Whatcom County

Proposition 2021-13
Percentage of Necessary Signatures for Initiative/Mini Initiative

On May 4, 2021, the Whatcom County Council passed Ordinance 2021-032, which proposed to amend Charter sections 5.40 and 5.41—the percentage of signatures necessary for initiatives and mini-initiatives—subject to a vote of the people. If passed, these amendments would change the number of signatures required for an initiative from at least 8% of Whatcom County votes cast in the last election for governor to at least 8% of votes cast in the last regular county executive election. For a mini-initiative, the number of signatures required would change from at least 3% of Whatcom County votes cast in the last election for governor to 3% of votes cast in the last regular county executive election. Should these amendments be approved?

Yes
No

Whatcom County - Nonpartisan Offices

Council District 1 4 year term, vote for one

Kaylee Galloway
Eddy Ury

Council District 2 4 year term, vote for one

Todd Donovan
Kelley O'Connor

Council District 3 4 year term, vote for one

Tyler Byrd
Rebecca Lewis

Council At-Large Position A 4 year term, vote for one

Barry Buchanan
Kamal Bhachu

Port of Bellingham - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner District 1 4 year term, vote for one

Michael Shepard
John Huntley

Commissioner District 2 4 year term, vote for one

Ken Bell
Kelly Krieger

City of Bellingham

Proposition 2021-16
Reducing Signatures Required to Amend Charter

City of Bellingham Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2021-01 would reduce the number of signatures required to amend the Charter. This amendment would change the method for calculating the number of signatures required to amend the Charter by the petition method. Currently, petitioners must obtain signatures from at least 15% of the total number of votes cast in the last preceding general state election. This amendment would require petitioners to obtain signatures from 15% of the total number of votes cast in the last preceding municipal election. It would substantially reduce the signatures required to propose Charter amendments. Should this amendment be enacted into law?

Yes
No

*Not all districts on this sample will appear on your ballot. Only the measures and contests that you are entitled to vote on will appear on your ballot.



City of Bellingham

Proposition 2021-17
Reducing Signatures Required to Propose an Initiative

City of Bellingham Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2021-02 would reduce the number of signatures required to propose an initiative. This amendment would reduce the number of signatures required to propose an initiative. Currently, petitioners must obtain signatures from at least 20% of the total number of votes cast for mayor in the last preceding municipal election. This amendment would require petitioners to obtain signatures from just 10% of the total number of votes cast for mayor in the last preceding municipal election. The amendment would also eliminate the two-week grace period for obtaining additional signatures. Should this amendment be enacted into law?

Yes
No

Initiative 2021-01
Expanding Tenants Rights to Include Rental Relocation Assistance

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2021-01 expands tenant rights to include rental relocation assistance. This measure would require landlords to provide written notice 90 days before terminating a rental agreement without cause or increasing rent by more than 5% in a rolling 12-month period; require landlords to pay rental relocation assistance equal to three months of the current fair market rent in the Bellingham area when terminating a rental agreement without cause or increasing rent more than 8%, if requested by tenant, with limited exceptions; and authorize private party civil enforcement actions. Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes
No

Initiative 2021-02
Concerning Use of Facial Recognition Technology

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2021-02 concerns the use of facial recognition technology and predictive policing technology. This measure would prohibit the City from acquiring or using facial recognition technology, prohibit the City from contracting with a third party to use facial recognition technology on its behalf, prohibit the use of predictive policing technology, prohibit the retention of unlawfully acquired data, prohibit the use of data, information, or evidence derived from the use of facial recognition technology or predictive policing technology in any legal proceeding, and authorize private civil enforcement actions. Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes
No

City of Bellingham

Initiative 2021-03
Prohibits Using City Funds to Discourage Unionization Efforts

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2021-03 concerns recipients using City funds to discourage unionization efforts. This measure would prohibit any person who receives City funds from using those funds to discourage unionization efforts by that person's employees or any other employees, require recipients of City funds to segregate those funds, provide a safe harbor for non-managerial staff to engage in union protected activities, provide for administrative investigations of complaints, establish private enforcement actions, change the City's contracting process, and allow the City to terminate contracts for violations of the prohibition. Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes
No

Initiative 2021-04
Employee Rights for Hourly-Wage Employees and Gig Workers

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2021-04 concerns employee rights for hourly-wage employees and gig workers. This measure would require certain employers to pay their employees a hazard pay supplement of \$4 per hour during a declared State of Emergency, require employers to provide good faith estimates of weekly hours to new employees upon hire, require employers to provide work schedules to hourly-wage employees two-weeks in advance, require advance notice of any schedule changes, require employers to compensate employees for changing their work schedules without sufficient notice, and prohibit adverse actions by employers. Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes
No

City of Bellingham - Nonpartisan Offices

Municipal Court Judge 4 year term, vote for one

Debra Lev

Council Ward 2 4 year term, vote for one

Hollie Huthman

Council Ward 4 4 year term, vote for one

Skip Williams

Council Ward 6 4 year term, vote for one

Michael Lilliquist
Eve Smason-Marcus

Council At-Large 2 year term, vote for one

Kristina Michele Martens
Russ Whidbee



City of Blaine - Nonpartisan Offices

Council Ward 1 Position 2 4 year term, vote for one

Kerena A. Higgins
J. Calvin Armerding

Council Ward 2 Position 4 4 year term, vote for one

Rhyan Lopez
Colin Hawkins

Council Ward 3 Position 6 4 year term, vote for one

Barbara M. Sturdivant
Eric Davidson

Council At-Large Position 7 short & full 4 year term, vote for one

Mike Hill
Sukhwant Gill

City of Everson - Nonpartisan Offices

Mayor 4 year term, vote for one

John Perry

Council Position 1 4 year term, vote for one

Michelle Beck Fox
Trevon Myhre

Council Position 2 4 year term, vote for one

Jennifer Lautenbach
Josh Ordos

Council Position 3 4 year term, vote for one

Matthew Goering

City of Ferndale

**Proposition 2021-6
Renewal of Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements**

The Council of the City of Ferndale Washington, acting as the Board of the Ferndale Transportation Benefit District, Ferndale, Washington, adopted Resolution #21-06-07-A, concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.2%) to be collected from all taxable retail sales within the District in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for a term of ten years for the purpose of paying or financing costs of the transportation improvement projects identified in the City of Ferndale Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes
No

City of Ferndale - Nonpartisan Offices

Council Position 5 4 year term, vote for one

Ryan O'Larey

Council Position 6 4 year term, vote for one

Kate Bishop
Robert J. Pinkley

Council Position 7 short & full 4 year term, vote for one

Jon Mutchler
Maralise Fegan

City of Lynden - Nonpartisan Offices

Mayor 4 year term, vote for one

Scott Korhuis

Council Position 5 4 year term, vote for one

Nick H. Laninga
Khush Brar

Council Position 6 4 year term, vote for one

Kyle Strengholt

Council Position 7 4 year term, vote for one

Mark Wohlrab

City of Nooksack - Nonpartisan Offices

Mayor short & full 4 year term, vote for one

Marshall Judy
Kevin W. Hester

Council Position 1 4 year term, vote for one

Steve Neyens

Council Position 2 4 year term, vote for one

Randy Relethford

Council Position 3 4 year term, vote for one

Dave Finet
Collin Hester

Council Position 4 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Ryan Steward
Jayson T. Loreen

Council Position 5 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Michelle Barrett

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**City of Sumas - Nonpartisan Offices****Mayor** 4 year term, vote for one

Bruce Bosch

Council Position 1 4 year term, vote for oneSteven J. Brock
Todd Daniels**Council Position 2** 4 year term, vote for one

Richard D. Postma

Council Position 4 4 year term, vote for one

Joshua Clawson

Bellingham School District 501 - Nonpartisan Offices**Director Position 4** 4 year term, vote for oneJenn Mason
Philip Stockton**Director Position 5** 4 year term, vote for oneDouglas W. Benjamin
Jeffrie Ford**Ferndale School District 502 - Nonpartisan Offices****Director District 4** 4 year term, vote for oneLee Anne Riddle
Steve Childs**Director District 5** 4 year term, vote for oneAndrew McLaurin
Peggy Uppiano**Blaine School District 503 - Nonpartisan Offices****Director District 3** 4 year term, vote for oneErika Creydt
Bob Feaster**Director District 5** 4 year term, vote for oneLaura L. McKinney
Rocky Butler**Lynden School District 504 - Nonpartisan Offices****Director Position 4** 4 year term, vote for oneTonya Hickman
Steve Jilk**Director Position 5** 4 year term, vote for one

Kelli Kettels

Meridian School District 505 - Nonpartisan Offices**Director District 2** 4 year term, vote for one

Jarrod Karuza

Director District 3 4 year term, vote for oneEmily Norton
Steve Corwin**Nooksack Valley School District 506
Nonpartisan Offices****Director District 1** 4 year term, vote for one

Halli Kimball

Director District 2 4 year term, vote for oneChristopher O'Day
Stephen A. Jones**Mt Baker School District 507 - Nonpartisan Offices****Director District 1** 4 year term, vote for one

Brian Kelly

Director District 4 4 year term, vote for one

Brenna Reaugh

Concrete School District No. 11 - Nonpartisan Offices**Director District 1** 4 year term, vote for one

Hildi Parker

Director District 3 4 year term, vote for one

Janet Culver

Director District 4, At-Large 4 year term, vote for oneEd Bradel
Paul E Rogge**Fire Protection District 1 - Nonpartisan Office****Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for oneMatthew James Thompson
Kurt Bruland**Fire Protection District 4****Proposition 2021-12****Authorizing Increase of Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 4 adopted Resolution No. 2021-03, concerning a proposition to exceed the limitation on increasing property taxes. This proposition would authorize the District to levy and collect taxes at the rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2022. The 2022 levy dollar amount shall be used for computing limitations for subsequent levies, as authorized in Resolution No. 2021-03. Should this proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

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Fire Protection District 4 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one

Mark Lann

Commissioner Position 2 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Steven Cooley

Fire Protection District 5 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one

Virginia Lester

Fire Protection District 7 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one

Kendra Cristelli

Fire Protection District 8 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one

Robert Neher

Commissioner Position 5 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Keith Neher

Fire Protection District 11

**Proposition 2021-7
Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection Services**

The Board of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 11 adopted Resolution No. 2021-263 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations. This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.49 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2021 and collected in 2022. The funds will maintain and improve fire protection, emergency medical services and facilities, replace apparatus and equipment, and provide for firefighter safety. The maximum allowable levy in 2021 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by RCW 84.55. Should this proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

**Proposition 2021-8
Property Tax Levy for Emergency Medical Services**

The Board of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 11 adopted Resolution No. 2021-264 concerning a proposition to maintain funding for EMS operations. Whatcom County Fire District 11 proposes to continue funding emergency medical services for its citizens by continuing a regular property tax levy of \$.28 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2022. Should this proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

Fire Protection District 11 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 short & full 6 year term, vote for one

Leslie M. Dempsey
Dan Ohms

Fire Protection District 14

**Proposition 2021-15
Proposition Authorizing Increase of Previous Property Tax Levies**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District 14, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2021-03 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.30 per \$1,000.00. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.30 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for 2021 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes
No

Fire Protection District 14 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one

Chris Moe

Fire Protection District 16 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one

Tom Smith

Fire Protection District 17 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 short & full 6 year term, vote for one

Bill Rinesmith

Fire Protection District 18 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one

Steve Wolf

Glacier Fire and Rescue

**Proposition 2021-11
Authorizing Increase of Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Glacier Fire and Rescue, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 248 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.10 per \$1,000.00. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for 2021 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes/No

**Glacier Fire and Rescue - Nonpartisan Offices****Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Erica Kennedy

Commissioner Position 2 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Magenta Widner

Fire Protection District 21**Proposition 2021-9****Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 21 (the "District"), adopted Resolution No. 2021-04 concerning a proposition to authorize the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would thereafter be subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes
No**Fire Protection District 21 - Nonpartisan Offices****Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

John Crawford

Commissioner Position 5 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Kimberly Calman-McMurray

South Whatcom Fire Authority - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner District 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Brian C. Martin

Water District 2 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Chuck Foster

Point Roberts Water District 4 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Madeleine Anderson

Water District 7 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** short & full 6 year term, vote for one

Tessa Ebbesen

Birch Bay Water and Sewer District - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for oneJeff Benner
Pedro Nieto**Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District
Nonpartisan Offices****Commissioner District 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Laura Abele

Commissioner District 4 6 year term, vote for one

Leslie McRoberts

Water District 13 - Nonpartisan Offices**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Robert Vandenhaak

Commissioner Position 5 short & full 6 year term, vote for one

Anthony Au

Columbia Valley Water District - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Richard Banel

Cemetery District 1 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

John F. LaMonte

Cemetery District 3 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Scott Robertson

Cemetery District 4 - Nonpartisan Offices**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

John L. Groom

Commissioner Position 2 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Jay Roelof

Cemetery District 5 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Mary Boice

Cemetery District 6 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Julie A. Hughes

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Cemetery District 7 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one
Leonard A. Sund

Cemetery District 8 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 short & full 6 year term, vote for one
Stephen Falk
Jean Barrington

Cemetery District 9 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one
Tom Jones

Commissioner Position 3 unexpired 4 year term, vote for one
Eric Dawson

Cemetery District 10 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one
Richard Decima

Commissioner Position 3 unexpired 4 year term, vote for one
Jim DeGroot

**Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 3 4 year term, vote for one
Matt Wang

Commissioner Position 5 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one
Michael Cressy

**Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 1 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one
Jesse Creydt
David Halme

Commissioner Position 2 4 year term, vote for one
Sheli Moore

Commissioner Position 4 4 year term, vote for one
Billy Brown

**Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 1 4 year term, vote for one
Rick Lair

Commissioner Position 4 4 year term, vote for one
Bob Johnson

**Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 2 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one
Richard Whitson

Commissioner Position 3 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one
Cindy Johnson

Commissioner Position 4 4 year term, vote for one
Melonie Ancheta

Commissioner Position 5 4 year term, vote for one
Jessica Bee

**Chuckanut Community Forest Park District
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 2 6 year term, vote for one
John Hymas

Hospital District 304 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one
Debra Lancaster
Greg Thramer

Commissioner Position 3 unexpired 4 year term, vote for one
Tina Tate

**Point Roberts Public Hospital District
Nonpartisan Office**

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Sara Oggel
William H Meursing

Whatcom County Rural Library District

**Proposition 2021-14
Establishing the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area**

The Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-049 concerning a proposition to establish the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area to finance a new library facility in Birch Bay. If approved, this proposition would establish the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area with boundaries as described in County Council Ordinance No. 2021-04 authorize it to acquire, construct, furnish and equip a new library in Birch Bay, incur indebtedness to finance such improvements through the issuance of up to \$4,500,000 in general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years, and levy annual excess property taxes to repay such bonds. Shall this proposition be approved?

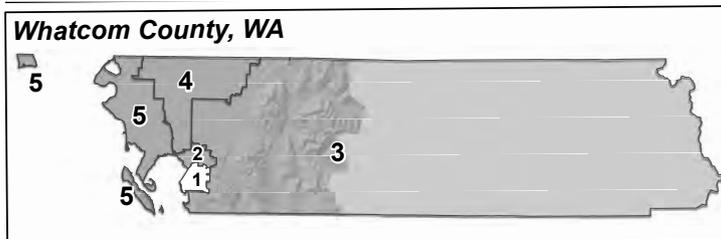
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No

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Whatcom County - **Council District 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Kaylee Galloway**

Elected Experience: First time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: Staff for the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and Washington State House of Representatives. Leadership Whatcom class of 2019. Board of Directors for the Associated Students of

Western Washington University.

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, Western Washington University. Master of Arts in Policy Studies, University of Washington Bothell. Published research in sustainable development and land use policy.

Community Service: Member of the Whatcom County Climate Impact Advisory Committee and co-author of the updated Climate Action Plan. Member of the City of Bellingham Community Development Advisory Board supporting critical projects for affordable housing and human services.

Statement: It's been an honor to serve the people of Whatcom County through my work for Senator Cantwell, Congresswoman DelBene, and Representatives Lekanoff and Shewmake. The experience and knowledge I've gained, together with

my trusted relationships, enables me to find solutions for you and your family. I've seen firsthand the power of local government to remove barriers and make daily life better for our community. I'm asking for your vote so that I can put my experience to work for you.

I'll bring fresh energy and perspective to the Council, focusing on climate change, clean water, salmon recovery, access to affordable childcare, housing and homelessness, business and economic growth, public safety and criminal justice reform. I'm committed to equity and making sure that everyone has a seat at the table. I believe Whatcom County can be a place where each of us has the opportunity to be healthy, safe, and prosperous.

I'm proudly endorsed by the Nooksack Tribe, labor unions representing firefighters, teachers, nurses, and other essential workers, 40th and 42nd LD Democrats, US Representatives DelBene and Larsen, State Representatives Lekanoff, Shewmake, and Rule, State Senator Lovelett, Whatcom County Executive Sidhu and Councilmembers Browne, Donovan, Buchanan, and Frazey, and community leaders.

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**Eddy Ury**

Elected Experience: First-time candidate

Other Professional Experience: Local non-profit, RE Sources for Sustainable Communities, 2014-2021: As Climate & Energy Policy Manager, worked to advance clean energy jobs & halt hazardous fossil fuel expansions. Led

stakeholders in crafting new regulations for Cherry Point that protect economy & environment. Climate Alliance for Jobs & Clean Energy steering committee. Northwest Energy Coalition's "4 under 40" awardee.

Education: B.A. Sociology, WWU. Studied inequalities, crime and incarceration.

Community Service: Whatcom County Climate Impact Advisory Committee; Whatcom Housing Alliance steering committee, advocating for affordable homes; Bellingham Tenants Union steward; Coordinated recycling at Paddle 2 Lummi and Subdued Stringband Jamboree; Hundreds of hours volunteering with people experiencing homelessness.

Statement: Living in Whatcom over a decade, I've seen steeply rising costs of living push my neighbors out. Essential needs like housing, healthcare, and childcare are unaffordable for too many working people. It doesn't have to be this way.

Facing crises, I've seen our community rise to action. We collectively care enough to make real change happen, and we can. Our County can help advance proven solutions like community land trusts for permanently affordable homes, open access broadband, clean energy, fair labor standards, and public preschool.

Through years of civic experience, I've learned how to make policy collaboratively with those impacted in decisions (including those who disagree) to solve problems, craft complex legislation, and achieve ambitious goals. On Council, I'll continue confronting homelessness, pollution, incarceration, racism and other injustices. Together we can make a more just and sustainable world in Whatcom by strengthening infrastructure, supporting workers & families, housing all residents, safeguarding communities, sustaining water supplies, and democratizing government. Are you with me?

Endorsements: Whatcom Democrats, Washington Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Riveters Collective, SEIU 1199&925, 40th/42ndLD & Young Democrats, FairVoteWA, State Rep. Ramel, Whatcom Co. Executive Sidhu, Councilmembers Donovan & Buchanan, Assessor Xczar, PUD Commissioners Grant & Deshmane +more!

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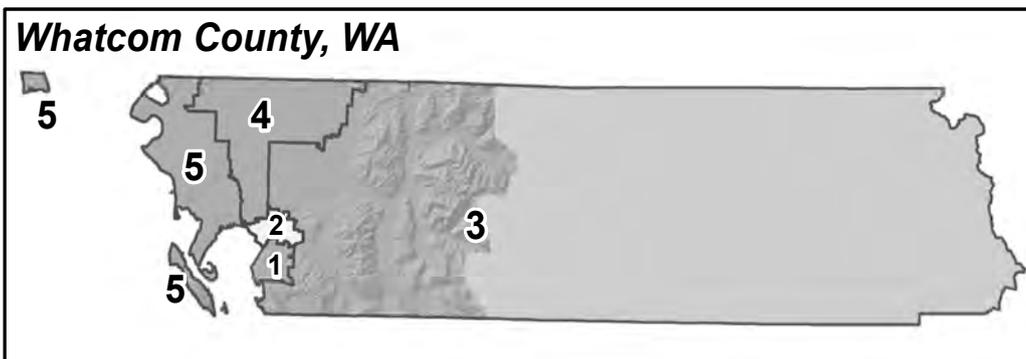
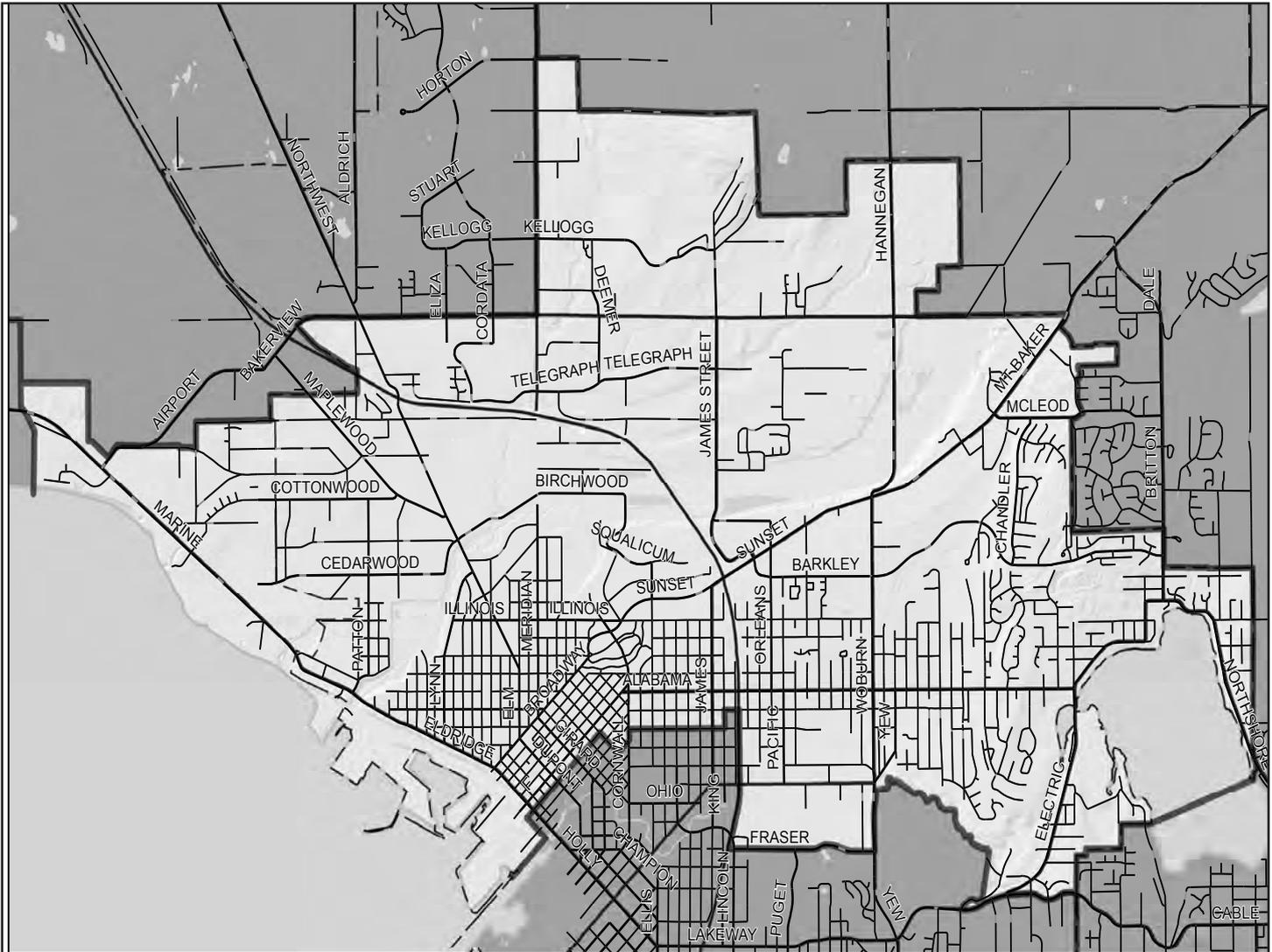
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Map of Whatcom County Council District 2

Only voters living in County Council District 2 may vote for candidates running in Council District 2.



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Whatcom County - **Council District 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Todd Donovan**

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Council, elected 2015, re-elected 2017, Charter Review Commission, 2014.

Other Professional Experience: Professor, Western Washington University, teaching state and local government 29 years; Washington State University Thomas Foley Institute

for Public Service, senior fellow. Previously Washington State Council of Faculty Representatives; Elected President of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association.

Education: California State University Sacramento, B.A. Economics and Government; University of California, Riverside, Ph.D. Political Science with an emphasis on land use and economic development, 1991.

Community Service: Northwest Clean Air Agency board, Whatcom Transit Authority board; previously Whatcom County Citizen Elections Advisory Commission, Whatcom Chapter Washington Conservation Voters board, Columbia Neighborhood Association board.

Statement: I'm proud of what we've accomplished together. We stood up to big coal by saying no to the coal terminal, fought back against Donald Trump, weathered the pandemic by providing critical aid to the hardest hit families and small

businesses, and increased funding for Lake Whatcom cleanup. I've proposed changes that ban new fossil fuel refineries and seek greenhouse gas emissions mitigation. I'm working to lower costs businesses face when investing in clean energy improvements.

We must increase our stock of housing that's affordable for working families. I led efforts to direct millions to new housing but more is needed.

Rather than pursuing a new oversized jail that voters twice rejected, I worked to open a new Crisis Stabilization Facility. We're assisting law enforcement in directing people to services rather than jail, and investing in mental health services and drug court to meet those needs. We're seeking alternatives to having only police respond to 911 calls.

Endorsed by Bellingham / Whatcom Firefighters 106, Washington Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz, Senator Liz Lovelett, Representatives Alex Ramel, Alicia Rule, Sharon Shewmake, County Executive Satpal Sidhu, Bellingham Mayors Seth Fleetwood, Kelli Linville, Dan Pike, and Tim Douglas.

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**Kelley O'Connor**

Statement: As a result of recent career developments, I have decided not to actively campaign this season, and have effectively withdrawn candidacy. I will be actively pursuing other paths for advocacy of platform issues.

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Whatcom County - **Council District 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Tyler Byrd**

Elected Experience: Current Whatcom County Council, Current Whatcom County Health Board

Other Professional Experience: CEO, Red Rokk; Partner, BIG Idea Lab; Director of Commercial Lending, Northwest Resource FCU; Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley. *Recipient:*

Bellingham Business Journal Business Person of the Year; Technology Alliance Group Influencer of the Year; Bellingham Regional Chamber Most Valuable Player; Startup Business of the Year

Education: Ferndale High School, 1999; Whatcom Community College, 2001; Linfield University, 2008; Babson College, 2018; National Association of Counties Leadership Academy, 2020

Community Service: Partial List: Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce Board, Council of Governments, Emergency Medical Services Oversight Board, Local Emergency Planning Committee; Coach/Sponsor Boys and Girls Club

Statement: As a business owner, volunteer, and elected official I have worked to bring our community together to solve challenging problems. I believe we have an obligation to pass

to our children, and future generations, a stronger, healthier, and more vibrant community.

As your representative, I promised I would fight for you - the District 3 community. I have passed bills increasing the number of dedicated law enforcement positions, improving our EMS response times, protecting recreational boating, expanding housing options, and extending access to high-speed internet.

I have opposed countless tax increases. I've leveraged my experience managing finances and operations as a CEO to bring new innovative ideas and find improvements that can save our county millions. I will continue fighting for your right to unbiased information by pushing our Council, the County Executive, and the Health Department to increase transparency and community engagement.

Thank you for your trust in me and overwhelming support. With your help, I will continue to work with you to make District 3 and Whatcom County better. I would appreciate your vote.

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**Rebecca Lewis**

Elected Experience: President, Sedro-Woolley Education Association

Other Professional Experience: 7th and 8th grade teacher of US/World history and English in the Sedro-Woolley School District for two decades

Education: Masters in Secondary

Education, Western Washington University; Bachelor of Arts in History, University of NY at Albany

Community Service: Founder, Joint Equity Initiative to close the opportunity and equity gaps in our schools; Member, Bellingham Special Needs Parent Group and Whatcom County Parent to Parent; Committee member and Representative of various local and national positions within the teachers union. Proud supporter, Sedro-Woolley Schools Foundation, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County, and Lydia Place

Statement: Many of us in Whatcom County's District 3 have felt left behind because we've lacked adequate representation to date. Since 1998, I've been a proud Deming resident, yet I don't have access to high speed internet or cell service - like many of you who are also struggling during this pandemic. This

is unacceptable. I'll work with the Port and PUD to make basic services, like broadband, an affordable and accessible public utility.

Residents from all parts of District 3 want clean and safe communities. It's time to protect Lake Whatcom areas to prevent further phosphorus growth, support and advocate for infrastructure particularly in areas like the unincorporated areas, promote and foster small business growth, and confront the gaps in affordable housing, public safety and health, including our EMS system.

As a mom of a son with autism, a union president, and as a teacher, I've spent my adult life listening, advocating, and helping others, and that's why I'm running for Whatcom County Council.

Proudly endorsed by Whatcom County Firefighters IAFF #106, Washington Conservation Voters, Nooksack Tribe, Teamsters JC 28, Housing Alliance Action Fund, US Congresswoman Susan Delbene, WA State Representatives Sharon Shewmake, Alex Ramel, Alicia Rule, and many more.

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 Whatcom County - **Council At-Large Position A** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term


Barry Buchanan

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Council (current Chair of our County Council, elected 2013 and 2017); former Bellingham City Councilmember, former Chair of Whatcom County Democrats

Other Professional Experience: Vice President, Bianchi Group; General Manager, Doyle Training Co; Lead

Engineer, Lockheed; US Navy veteran

Education: Bellingham High School; US Navy Advanced Electronics; Ohlone and San Jose Community Colleges, Computer Science

Community Service: Chair and founder of Homeless Strategies Workgroup; Chair of Steering Committee for Whatcom Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force; Board Member of Whatcom Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters (LEOFF); Board Member of Whatcom Public Health Advisory Board; Co-Founder of Bellingham High School Alumni Band.

Statement: I am a fourth-generation Whatcom County resident, US Navy Veteran, and dedicated public servant. My priority is simple: keep the great quality of life we've had since my great-grandparents moved here over a century ago. This means preserving our farmlands, forestlands, and waterways by

responsibly managing our growth.

I have sponsored and passed bills committing long-term funding to affordable housing and homelessness; finally brokered a compromise to preserve jobs at Cherry Point for the long term and protect our environment; crafted the voter-approved levy to make countywide emergency medical services even stronger; and worked hard to create alternatives to jail for those suffering mental health crises.

Now, I'm pushing Whatcom County's government to be smart and responsible with our tax dollars as we recover from this pandemic. I have the experience to run our County efficiently – I owned a successful small business and also worked on big projects like the Space Shuttle and Trident submarines.

My wife Judy and I raised our three kids here and are proud to call Whatcom our home. Endorsements: Bellingham/Whatcom Firefighters Union, Washington Housing Alliance, Washington Conservation Voters, Whatcom Democrats, Nooksack Tribe, County Executive Satpal Sidhu – many more on my website!

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Kamal Bhachu

Elected Experience: First time candidate, not a career politician.

Other Professional Experience: St. Joseph's Hospital – Senior Maintenance Engineer, Whatcom Hospice House – Certified Nursing Assistant, Self-employed Insurance Broker, and General Construction.

Education: Bellingham Technical College - Automotive Technology & Construction Technology Associate Degrees.

Community Service: Hospice House fundraising. Established the sport of cricket in Whatcom County in 1997, constructed cricket fields in Bellingham and Lynden. Volunteer pickle-ball coach. Teacher, coach and mentor to children learning Punjabi and young men who need guidance. Instructor in firearms technique and safety. Range Officer at Custer Gun Club.

Statement: Whatcom County is the only place I've lived in the United States and I can't imagine living anywhere else. My family immigrated when I was 15 years old with dreams of a better life. We found it in this beautiful corner of the country. Self-determined, we invested in our new community

with purpose, hard work, and a desire to serve our neighbors. As your County Councilman, I want to continue serving my community by being your voice for jobs. I support Cherry Point, our economic engine that will drive us to the next generation of energy development

I've been listening to my constituents lament over the rising homelessness and our crumbling infrastructure, and hear deep concern for those suffering mental illness, and absolute frustration over skyrocketing housing costs.

We need elected officials with a variety of work and industry experience for greater understanding of our community's needs. I aspire to break the career politician cycle and bring a renewed energy and fresh ideas to serve our community.

My wife, Tami, and I, along with our four children are blessed to call Whatcom County home. It would be an incredible honor to serve you on the County Council.

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Port of Bellingham - **Commissioner District 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Michael Shepard**

Elected Experience: Port Commissioner finishing his first term; former Democratic precinct committee officer.

Other Professional Experience: Western Washington University Anthropology Department faculty member; instructor for incarcerated student prison education program.

Previously, an eLearning Director at Whatcom Community College and Cultural Documentation Coordinator at Northwest Indian College.

Education: Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of British Columbia. M.A. in Anthropology and B.A. in Environmental Studies from Western Washington University.

Community Service: Lummi Tribal Schools Marine Trades Advisory Committee member. Past Whatcom County Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee and Kulshan Community Land Trust Board of Trustees member.

Statement: The Port is critical in creating jobs. During my term, we created a countywide economic development office to retain and attract family wage jobs. During the pandemic, we supported local businesses by securing over \$12 million in emergency funding.

As Port Commissioner, we revitalized our shipping terminal and secured regular shipping contracts – for the first time in 20 years, helping our economy and bringing family wage jobs. We built new commercial fishing web lockers in Blaine Harbor, broke ground for the Fishermen’s Pavilion in Squalicum Harbor, and signed a historic agreement with the Lummi Nation. We ripped down the fences and opened the Bellingham waterfront for public use. I’ve invested in rural broadband internet, environmental clean-ups for Bellingham Bay and Blaine Harbor, and the Port now buys its electricity from renewable sources.

We’ve seen dramatic growth over the last decade, making Whatcom a great place to live, but hard to afford. I am committed to investing in housing that working families can afford and living wage jobs throughout Whatcom County.

Endorsed by Whatcom Firefighters Local 106, Washington Conservation Voters, Young Democrats of Western, County Executive Satpal Sidhu, Senator Liz Lovelett, Representatives Debra Lekanoff, Alex Ramel, Alicia Rule, Sharon Shewmake.

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**John Huntley**

Elected Experience: NA.

Other Professional Experience: Owner, president and CEO since 2007 of Mills Electric, a Bellingham-based electrical and instrumentation company serving the Pacific Northwest with 150 employees who are members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical

Workers.

Education: Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, City University; Sehome High School graduate.

Community Service: Board member, 11 years, PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center Foundation; current president, Whatcom Business Alliance board; board member, Northwest Construction Consumer Council; board member, National Electrical Contractors Association; financially support numerous local nonprofits, including Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County, United Way of Whatcom County and Whatcom Hospice Foundation.

Statement: The Port of Bellingham is the economic driver of Whatcom County. We need it to play a bigger role in attracting industrial companies and high-paying jobs in Whatcom County,

especially in the aftermath of a pandemic and the closure of Alcoa Intalco Works.

Intalco’s closure led to 700 Whatcom County residents losing good jobs and affected countless contractors, suppliers and nonprofit organizations. Without an operating business on the property, its lower tax valuation will affect schools, local governments and other taxpayers. Given the industrial zoning and port at the former Intalco site, the Port of Bellingham should be actively working to attract another company. A lifelong Whatcom County resident, I know we can’t let it stand idle for decades as we did in Bellingham when Georgia-Pacific closed.

Port of Bellingham commissioners must continue to strongly support our local fishermen and maritime businesses. They quietly play an integral role in our local economy.

We need commissioners to promote a strong and environmentally conscious economy. I’d work hard to keep Whatcom County an ideal place for families. I’d be honored to receive your vote for John Huntley for Port of Bellingham commissioner.

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 Port of Bellingham - **Commissioner District 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term


Ken Bell

Elected Experience: Port Commissioner 2017-Present: Whatcom County Planning Commissioner: Whatcom County Charter Review Commissioner: Economic Development Investment Board: Small Cities Partnership

Other Professional Experience:

President Iron Creek Group (contaminated soil clean up company); Owner Best Recycling Inc., operated in Antarctica, the Continental US and across the globe: Owner Bell Development Corporation. My wife owns Statement Apparel, Barkley Village.

Education: Graduate Wasson High School Colorado Springs, CO, Graduate BA Biological Science from Colorado State University 1981

Community Service: Board member, chairman Step Denver homeless/treatment center 1986-1996. Board member Whatcom Business Alliance: Silver Beach Neighborhood Association: Bellingham Mayors Neighborhood Advisory Council: Sponsor of Whatcom Hospice:

Statement: I am running to finish we have already started. We took back property from Harcourt and will aggressively pursue

completion of the waterfront district. The Fishing Pavilion will be completed and will host fresh seafood markets and events. After a landmark agreement with the Lummi tribe; moorage for them and infrastructure repairs for us, we are hoping to build on that relationship, possibly a new hatchery. The Port will soon be operating with 100% renewable energy. Water will be a huge concern for our farmers. We will Make shoreline improvements to mitigate environmental impacts.

Economic Development: We landed Southwest Airlines, it's just the beginning of expanding business at our airport. Now we need to make sure we have affordable housing for all the jobs we are creating. Cleanup of contaminated properties will continue. We will support our waterfront and farming industries. Internet access will be in every home! We will continue to lead on pandemic funding.

My priorities will be an advocate for the things that hurt us economically, housing, childcare, and completion of broadband. So proud to receive the endorsement of the Firefighters and the Commercial Fishermen and small city mayors.

Ken is married to DeeDee with two daughters.

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Kelly Krieger

Elected Experience: Whatcom Democratic Party Precinct Committee Officer

Other Professional Experience: Founder and owner of two small businesses, so I understand the ups and downs of business ownership. Former Research Analyst at Kraft Foods and

Needham Harper Worldwide. Mom.

Education: Master's in Business Administration (MBA) and Master's in Psychology (MA). Practical experience in marketing, business analysis, and new product development.

Community Service: In 2020, I organized a community effort of private citizens to sew over 7,000 masks and Tyvek gowns for medical workers. I have worked on numerous local campaigns. Former Board of Directors of Puget Consumers Cooperative.

Statement: Our Port is meant to be an engine for innovation and job growth in all sectors of our economy. But we're a decade behind other ports on affordable broadband internet, the waterfront development has lacked focused leadership, and we're lagging on Whatcom's climate goals. I'll be a fresh and tireless voice on the Commission for a Port with the tools to

adapt to a changing economy.

Our traditional industries are becoming higher-tech as engineering, clean energy, and technology companies around Puget Sound are growing and looking to hire new talent. Whatcom has that talent. Our local schools do an excellent job preparing our workforce. We need Port leaders focused on creating opportunities for new generations of workers in our marine trades, aviation, agricultural, and tourism industries.

I'll push the Port to ensure a forward-thinking business environment. We should invest in high-speed public internet, build affordable workforce housing on unused Port land, protect our working waterfronts, and reward innovation in all Port operations, including our airport, Amtrak station, and shipping terminal.

Endorsements: Whatcom Democrats; Labor Unions including Teamsters, IUPAT, RPEC, WEA; Washington Conservation Voters; Sierra Club; Whatcom Executive Satpal Sidhu; State Representative Sharon Shewmake; more on my website!

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City of Bellingham - **Municipal Court Judge** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Debra Lev**

Elected Experience: I am honored to have served as Bellingham's elected Municipal Court Judge for the past 20 years and look forward to the next four years in office.

Other Professional Experience: Bellingham Municipal Court Commissioner (1998-2001), COB

Public Defender, Private Law Practice, Assistant Deputy District Attorney

Education: Juris Doctor cum Laude, BA with Distinction

Community Service: Professionally, I have served this community by steadfastly upholding the rule of law and protecting the independence of the judiciary as a separate, but equal, branch of government. As a private citizen, I've done volunteer work with local schools, Humane Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and local youth sports teams.

Statement: I've been honored to serve as your Bellingham Municipal Court Judge for almost 20 years. Our Court hears tens of thousands of cases; everything from parking to domestic violence and DUIs. We treat every defendant, witness, crime

victim and juror with respect, courtesy and fairness.

Our Court developed innovative programs to promote public safety, address the root causes of crime, and reduce unnecessary incarceration. We created the area's first specialized "domestic violence court," giving victims a voice and holding perpetrators accountable. Our therapeutic mental health graduates reduced criminal behavior by 94%. With careful screening, our electronic home detention and alcohol-monitoring bracelets reduced crime, saved City taxpayers millions of dollars; permitting defendants to keep living at home, working and attending treatment, instead of sitting in expensive jail cells. Probation officers oversee offenders with substance abuse, mental illness, domestic violence and anger-management treatment requirements. Our award-winning Law Day program teaches young students about the law and courts.

I'm grateful to be endorsed by numerous citizens, attorneys, public officials, community organizations and all of the judges in Whatcom County. Although unchallenged in this election, marking my name is a vote of confidence in your fair and effective Municipal Court.

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City of Bellingham - **Council Ward 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Hollie Huthman**

Elected Experience: Bellingham City Council At Large (2019-present)

Other Professional Experience: Downtown business owner and employer since 2011. Consumer Loan Underwriter with WECU (2003-2015).

Education: B.A. in Sociology, emphasis in Criminology from Western Washington University (2003)

Community Service: Board of Directors for Make.Shift all-ages arts and music (2016-present)

Statement: I am running to serve a second term as a Bellingham City Council member, but this time around as the Ward 2 representative. My unique combination of being the owner of a successful brick and mortar business with employees, active in our arts and music scene, education in Sociology, and financial industry background gives me variety in

perspective that has served me well on Bellingham City Council. I am an enthusiastically active member of our community and have experienced the changes and struggles we've been faced with over the past two decades. I am a listening leader and believe that facing our challenges is best accomplished as a team effort. I believe in enacting policy that prioritizes research and evidence-based solutions that plan for our long term health and vitality. Affordable housing, sheltering the unsheltered, providing alternatives to incarceration, and continuing to implement plans for a city core that is multimodal and economically and residentially diverse are all issues I prioritize and our residents do as well. I am endorsed by our current Ward 2 representative, Gene Knutson.

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City of Bellingham - **Council Ward 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Skip Williams

Elected Experience: 1st time candidate

Other Professional Experience: K-12 Elementary/Secondary Music Teacher, UniServ Representative, Washington Education Association

Education: Bachelor of Arts Education- Central Washington University, Post

Graduate, Music Education - University of Washington

Community Service: Washington State - Schools for the 21st Century Task Force; Vice President, Whatcom Crisis Services; Member, Citizens for Bellingham Schools; Pacific Northwest Jazz Alliance; President, Northwest Youth Services Board; President, City Club of Bellingham; Secretary, Pipeline Safety Trust Board; Trainer, Leadership Whatcom Program; Keynote Speaker, Bellingham MLK celebration; President, Mount Baker Theatre Board; President, Bellingham Community Band; President, North Cascades Concert Band

Statement: Community service is essential and problems are solved through informed discussion, thoughtful deliberation, and civil interaction. By working together, we can build strong, durable solutions to complex issues.

As Bellingham continues to grow, our community faces

difficult challenges – homelessness, affordable housing, economic development, and racial and social justice. No problem is more critical than homelessness – we must continue to build emergency shelter to address immediate needs and work toward long-term, sustainable solutions. Similarly, we must increase our stock of housing that is affordable for working families – too many are leaving Bellingham because they cannot afford to live here.

I have been endorsed by: Former Bellingham Mayors Kelli Linville, Dan Pike, Mark Asmundson and Tim Douglas; City Councilmember Gene Knutson and former Councilmember Terry Bornemann; Whatcom County Councilmember Rud Browne and former Councilmember Carl Weimer; and over 100 Bellingham citizens.

Getting elected to the Bellingham City Council is the ultimate contribution I can make to help our community tackle these issues and build upon our accomplishments. Thank you to my wife Donna, my family, and the many friends I have made in our community who have advised, supported, and inspired me.

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- Seeing if your ballot has been received

City of Bellingham - **Council Ward 6** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Michael Lilliquist**

Elected Experience: Bellingham City Council

Other Professional Experience: Handyman; neuropsychometrist; behavioral neuroscience researcher; paralegal

Education: Advanced Paralegal

Certificate, Edmonds Community College; B.A. History and B.S. Psychology, University of Washington; Ph.D. in Behavioral Neuroscience, University of Texas at Austin; Certificate of Municipal Leadership, AWC

Community Service: Partial: Teacher, youth mentor, trustee, Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship; volunteer coordinator, LAW Advocates' Street Law program and DV Self Help Clinic; board member, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services; board chair, WTA (public transit); ex-officio board member, Downtown Bellingham Partnership; ex-officio board member, Sustainable Connections; Lake Whatcom Watershed Advisory Board; Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission member; Larrabee Elementary Site Council; School Superintendent's Parents Advisory Council

Statement: I raised my daughter in Bellingham, in a house

on these streets, volunteering in these schools, playing in these parks, with the people of Bellingham as neighbors and friends. My daughter changed my life, bringing me a new level of awareness, dedication, and involvement in our community, which led to running for city council.

Over the last decade in office, my personal commitment has grown. I dig into critical issues by listening and learning, paying attention and doing my homework, to find workable solutions that benefit all of us and that fit Bellingham's values.

I am dedicated to progress: Addressing homelessness with long-term housing and services rather than just temporary shelters; Stepping up to climate change with support for renewable energy, electric vehicles and public buses, and phasing out fossil fuels in our homes and buildings; Aiding economic recovery and supporting local employers that provide the kind of jobs we want; Ensuring that public services are equitable and responsive to the call for both social justice and personal safety; Resisting expensive sprawl, while looking for appropriate infill and responsible growth; Fiscal responsibility

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**Eve Smason-Marcus**

Elected Experience: First-time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: House Manager for WWU's Performing Arts Center. Program Coordinator for WWU's Hillel. Service industry for nine years at local small businesses; caterer, bartender, cook, event coordinator,

manager. Musician and teacher of voice, violin, and piano.

Education: Western Washington University, Bachelor of Music, 2012.

Community Service: Board of Directors, Whatcom Human Rights Task Force (2019-present)-Housing summit, International Human Rights Day, organizing, outreach; Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Conference (2019, 2020, 2021); Bellingham Unity Committee; Volunteer with Birchwood Food Desert Fighters, Bellingham Girls Rock Camp, Whatcom Youth Pride, People First Bellingham.

Statement: As a housing activist, I've seen how the systems currently in place fail to meet the challenges of providing affordable homes for working families and accessible shelter options. Considering the lasting effects of Covid-19 on our

community's health, housing, and economy I see a desperate need for creative and immediate solutions. I will work to bring in successful models like those in Berkeley, CA and Boulder, CO where people are prioritized over profit.

Ensuring we all have access to clean drinking water and investing in renewable energy are top priorities for me. With a focus on incentive programs, stronger regulations, protecting green spaces, and working with local Indigenous communities, Bellingham can succeed in going green.

Community safety means taking care of all of us. We must restructure our relationship to one another by continuing our work in anti-racism and investing in equitable access to food and housing, health care and mental health support, fair wages and working conditions.

It's time for Bellingham to create transformative solutions together. The status quo isn't working. We need a commitment to transparency and participatory practices that make room for different voices at the table, allowing community members' involvement in decision-making that directly impacts them.

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 City of Bellingham - **Council At-Large** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year term

Kristina Michele Martens

Elected Experience: First-time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: Proud community activist. Real estate agent. Co-host of local TV, radio, and podcasts including Bellingham Tonight. Previously, 15 years in restaurants and hotels managing employees and

running small businesses. My work in hospitality gave me a first-person understanding of what it's like trying to make ends meet in our modern economy as a minimum-wage or tipped wage worker.

Education: Associates in Psychology, Grossmont Community College

Community Service: Co-founder of the Whatcom Racial Equity Commission to create a space for policy-focused conversations between local governments and civil society. Founder of the local singing competition "Bellingham Idol!"

Statement: We need elected leaders who live with the problems our communities face. I've seen and felt the ways public policy can help or hinder working families. That's why ensuring a transparent and accessible public process is

priority number one for me. You can count on me to champion community-generated solutions on racial equity, incarceration reduction, homelessness, and climate.

As your City Councilmember, I commit to embracing big ideas rooted in data and evidence. Let's stop reinventing the wheel and, instead, build on our successes. On housing, for example, we know rapid re-housing and establishment of an easy access shelter would ease the crisis. Let's invest boldly in these proven solutions. Everyone should have the opportunity to live in a safe, healthy, affordable home.

There's no getting around it: the pandemic turned our economy upside-down. As someone who worked 15 years in restaurants and hotels, I'll be a strong voice for workers and small businesses as we recover. I'll fight to keep our Downtown thriving and growing.

Endorsements: The Whatcom Democrats; Sierra Club; Unions including Teachers, Teamsters, Electrical Workers, UFCW21; Nooksack Tribe; Attorney General Bob Ferguson; State Representatives Debra Lekanoff, Alex Ramel, Sharon Shewmake; many more on my website!

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Russ Whidbee

Elected Experience: First-time Candidate

Other Professional Experience: Financial Advisor (1999-Present); Adjunct Faculty, Accounting, Whatcom Community College and Bellingham Technical College.

Education: Western Washington University, City University of Seattle, Bachelor of Science Accounting, 1992.

Community Service: Board memberships and donor: Bellingham Technical College Foundation; Kulshan Community Land Trust; Whatcom Volunteer Center; Whatcom County Board of Equalization; Community Leadership Advisory Board, Woodring College WWU; Big Brothers Big Sisters Whatcom; Bellingham Public Schools, Dollars for Scholars; member, American Federation of Teachers; WWU Men's Basketball Mentor Coach.

Statement: As a 40-year Bellingham resident I am raising my family here and value the opportunities I have had to succeed as a financial advisor and local educator. My skills are assets to help solve our challenges: affordable, diverse housing choices; education and job training; living wage jobs; economic

recovery; business development; and fiscally sound financial practices.

I am a "Bridge Maker and Change Agent" who will not divide our community as we reimagine solutions for public safety. I do not support defunding our police; rather, I vow to ensure our first responders receive the funding, tools, and training they need.

I am a collaborative not confrontational leader who listens to the entire spectrum of voices. My approach to public policy decision making is moderate and balanced. My integrity and character will guide me as a council member. I am deeply rooted in Bellingham, as is my campaign team that is run locally, not by Seattle consultants.

Endorsements: Bellingham Whatcom County Firefighters/IAFF Local 106; Northwest Washington Central Labor Council; LiUNA! Local 292; Whatcom Environmental Voters; 42nd Legislative District Democrats; Bellingham City Council members Lisa Anderson, Gene Knutson; former members Louise Bjornson, Terry Borneman, Barbara Ryan.

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City of Blaine - **Council Ward 1 Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Kerena A. Higgins**

Elected Experience: First-time candidate

Other Professional Experience: Washington State Assistant Attorney General, 20 years. Experience with high volume litigation and client advice on complex legal problems for Western Washington University, Whatcom

Community College, Bellingham Technical College. Supervise education attorneys and Labor & Industries litigation attorneys. Grants and contract work for WSU. Served as a Legislative aide to US Senator Jeffords in DC and district offices helping constituents solve problems with government.

Education: Juris Doctor, Seattle University School of Law; Graduate studies in Criminal Justice, WSU; B.A. in Political Science

Community Service: Volunteered with Boy Scouts. Serving on a non-profit health Board, and on the Blaine Civil Service Commission.

Statement: The city of Blaine has made significant strides in its efforts to cultivate a downtown attractive to small businesses

and local tourism, but the pandemic and resulting border closure have created uncertainty and hardship. As an active voice on the City Council, I will work to support local businesses by encouraging tourism and thoughtful development through these changing times. I will also work to promote community development that meets the needs of a growing population, while taking into consideration the interests of the environment, existing communities and neighborhoods. I take the responsibility of how the city expends public funds seriously, and believe my background on issues ranging from public works and contracting, to employment law and compliance issues, makes me a unique candidate who will make a difference for our community.

I fundamentally believe in the principles of representative government. This means that although I will bring my knowledge and experience to this position, I intend to represent you, my fellow neighbors, and serve your interests if you elect me. I promise to listen to your concerns and make them a part of my deliberative process to ensure that I am always acting within the best interests of our community.

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**J. Calvin Armerding**

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: I've worked construction; been a Harley mechanic; spent eight years with the US Navy, including an enlisted tour and five years as a Naval Nuclear Engineer; run my own business for the past seventeen

years; and spent the past sixteen years teaching high school math.

Education: Bachelors degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Washington, Secondary Teaching Certificate from Western Washington University

Community Service: 6 years on Blaine Planning Commission including three as Chair; 22 years with Combat Veterans International, holding various offices; officer with American Legion in Ferndale

Statement: I grew up in the Pacific NW, left to serve in the US Navy, and came back 24 years ago to be near family. Bought a house in Blaine in 1999 and have lived here ever since. I've watched the town grow from a border services town to what it is today, a great place to live and to visit. I want to keep that trajectory going but I also believe that we need to understand that it is people's hard earned money that is being spent to make it happen. Every decision should be assessed through the dual lenses of do we need it and is it worth the money we will spend. There needs to be better oversight into the daily operations, and the long term ramifications of every decision need to be evaluated thoroughly. The council must figure out how to absorb the growth that will come whether we want it or not while determining how best to keep the character of our town. My time on the Planning Commission has been just that and I ask for your vote to continue that work on the Council.

For More Information:

No information submitted



City of Blaine - **Council Ward 2 Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Rhyan Lopez

Elected Experience: No Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience: Nine years of management experience at the Comphy Company. Currently the Director of Operations developing, implementing, and monitoring day-to-day operational systems and processes

in support of key initiatives.

Education: Attended Blaine Schools from Kindergarten through High School and a Bachelor of Arts Social Sciences (Economics) Washington State University.

Community Service: I volunteered with the Community Assistance Program (CAP) of Blaine from 2015 – 2020 focused on the alleviation of poverty. I served as the Director of Thanksgiving Baskets, participated in the coat drive, worked at the clothing bank, and was a community meals volunteer.

Statement: My aim is to work with fellow council members to reduce the delays that impede the progress of commerce and the creation of family wage jobs. We need to focus on economic development and foster an environment that allows

hard-working individuals and families to thrive, while making sure Blaine does not lose its small-town charm.

In my current job at a growing business, we overcome difficulties and challenges daily. Applying these same principles and approaches to our city budget and programs will allow us to maximize results in a cost-effective manner. The current council has made amazing strides in improving our city but there is still more untapped potential for Blaine.

My community service is concentrated on helping families and individuals who have fallen on hard times. I have been blessed to work alongside many great people in Blaine's Community Assistance Program who taught me that through compassion, understanding and education, we can help many.

My wife and I continue to make Blaine our home and want our children to enjoy the same quality of life that we have in this beautiful city. It would be an honor to serve you on Blaine City Council.

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Colin Hawkins

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: My work history includes working for small businesses in Blaine such as a shipping company, restaurants, managing family owned coffee shops. For the past 3 years, I worked for the Blaine School

District, however, I was one of many displaced by the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope to return to work at the school district in the near future.

Education: Graduate of Blaine High School.

Community Service: Current Chairperson of the Public Works Advisory Committee, member since 2015; Helped organize The Giving Tree; Raised money for the Marine Park Playground; Former President Blaine Community Theater; Volunteered for numerous political campaigns, levies and initiatives.

Statement: In my family, civil service and volunteerism have always been important ways to give back to our community. For over five generations, my relatives have served on the Parks

Board, Planning Commission, School Board, and City Council. My wife and I are raising our kids in the same neighborhood where I grew up and hope to instill these same values in them.

My six years on the Public Works Advisory Committee will benefit City Council's decision making processes as we consider the impacts of development on our residents, parks, beaches, infrastructure and businesses as Blaine continues to grow.

One of the things that separates me from many City Council candidates is my commitment to our local government. If I am not elected, I will continue to give my time to local boards and committees to help make Blaine the best it can be.

I pride myself as someone who has both a long history in Blaine, and the ability to look toward the future. Giving back to the community has always been important to me, and if elected, I will do my best to represent the interests of the people in my neighborhood and the city as a whole.

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City of Blaine - **Council Ward 3 Position 6** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Barbara M. Sturdivant

Elected Experience: Secretary of Members Advisory Board for Semiahmoo G&CC, current. Past President Boundary Ridge Home Owners Association.

Other Professional Experience: RN clinical nurse for 25 years, then a 14 year career at Amgen, in Oncology

Clinical trial research.

Education: MBA Pepperdine University, California, BS Nursing from Texas Woman’s University, BA History Southern Methodist University, Texas

Community Service: Several Board positions at Semiahmoo G&CC. Volunteer work at Christ The King Church in Bellingham, WA. Support work with the ‘We Will’ initiative in Blaine.

Statement: For 16 years, John and I have enjoyed the lifestyle and beauty of Blaine. Our town has economically suffered from the border closure. City Council should partner with our local businesses to recover and create opportunities while being mindful of retaining the small town uniqueness.

We also share a responsibility in working with our local law enforcement to keep Blaine safe. Cities that have failed at this are all around us, we can’t let it happen here.

I will be responsive to the community to solve problems and come up with solutions that benefit a town that we call home.

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No information submitted



Eric Davidson

Elected Experience: Currently serving as Blaine City Council Member, elected in 2017

Other Professional Experience: Registered Nurse; Former Fiscal Manager at WWU Overseeing budgets for Public Safety forecasting balanced long term budgets; US Air Force, Retired

Major, Two deployments to Iraq as Director of Operations managing patient care, movement & evacuation, hospital operations and budget; former business owner

Education: BS Business Finance, CSU, Stanislaus; AS Nursing School, Whatcom CC

Community Service: Chairman Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee, Member Blaine Finance Committee, Economic Development Member; Member Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) Board, Former Chairman of Blaine Public Works Committee; Founding President Lettered Street Neighborhood Association and G Street Neighborhood Watch

Statement: As Blaine Council Member, I work for a better way of life for our families, businesses and community. A vision of what we want in Blaine and a sustainable economic plan

is needed for Blaine’s success and quality of life. I’ve worked hard to attract all kinds of businesses, (retail, light industrial, tourism, doctors’ offices) to provide services and jobs- that work has been successful! New businesses have started, even during the pandemic, created local jobs and provide a sense of community. These new and existing businesses are a sign that Blaine continues to attract businesses that serve locals and tourists.

During the pandemic Blaine had a huge loss of revenue but with the hard work and sacrifice of City Council and city staff we balanced the budget, did not compromise service and did it without raising taxes, borrow money or laying employees off!

Working together locally with families, businesses, and community organizations for betterment of Blaine has helped achieve and will continue to achieve our goals in Blaine’s future. Blaine is a great town and I intend to work tirelessly every day to make it even better! So please vote Eric Davidson for Blaine City Council, thank you.

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City of Blaine - **Council At-Large Position 7** - Nonpartisan Office - short and full 4 year term



Mike Hill

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Blaine Chevron Gas Station Owner Operator, Real Estate Developer (Starbucks, Blaine Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center, & Bordertown Grill), Intalco, Commercial Fishing

Education: Lynden High School

Community Service: Blaine City Mowing & Clean Up Volunteer (10 years), Blaine Economic Development Committee Member

Statement: Mike Hill has made it his life's mission to continually push Blaine forward, creating a destination for locals and visitors, alike. Born and raised in Blaine, his love for his hometown runs deep. He's a second-generation local business owner; joining his family members, Dolph (father), Dennis (brother, and Mary Lee (sister) in leading successful Blaine businesses the last sixty years.

Hill possesses such passion to generate a safe, clean, and welcoming environment that is filled with energy. Actions and results matter to Mike! He's synergized with many stakeholders throughout the years to cultivate sustainable development and vibrant growth. This can be seen with Hill's own latest development in the Starbucks, Bordertown Mexican Grill, and Visitor Center/Chamber of Commerce buildings, along with the renovation of Hill's Chevron. He also continues to volunteer over forty hours a week to mow Blaine's city properties, maintaining the city's natural beauty.

Mike is so excited for Blaine's future and can't wait to capture this opportunity in leading the charge. Hill Yes!

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Sukhwant Gill

Elected Experience: Currently serving on Blaine City council.

Other Professional Experience: 25 years managing large budgets and economic development, operating several businesses with many employees in Blaine, and cross-border advertising. Previous 18 years

experience as paymaster for a municipal electricity department in a district serving a population bigger than Blaine and Birch Bay combined.

Education: College educated. Certified WA State Nursing Aid.

Community Service: Served on the Blaine Tourism and Advisory Committee. Active locally with Miracle Food Network and faith based groups providing food and clothes for people in need. During the pandemic, offered housing solutions and his store gave away free bread and milk for several months.

Statement: Who is the boss? You are.

We must find smart ways for Blaine's business, homes, and tourism to grow and develop as we transition past the covid-19 restrictions. The public's money must be budgeted effectively to ensure city services are running well plus great opportunities for recreation. Our historic landmarks, and recent growth in dining and specialty shops can draw visitors who will increase city revenue and jobs. With my knowhow and teamwork, I can help steer us the right direction.

But public service should not be about vanity. I will listen and respond to your concerns. You are the boss. I know to listen to stakeholders and experts, to make sure that we find solutions that will have the most benefit and the least harm to the businesses and citizens of Blaine.

Blaine is a beautiful place with many new possibilities. Let's work together.

For More Information:

<https://gillforblaine.com/>



City of Everson - **Mayor** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

John Perry

No information submitted

City of Everson - **Council Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Michelle Beck Fox

Elected Experience: No previous experience

Other Professional Experience: Co-Owner – Bricon Excavation, Construction and Design Coordinator for WECU (13 years), Administrative Assistant/HR Coordinator at Alcoa/Intalco (2 years – until curtailment),

currently Business Office Administrator for Larry Steele and Associates.

Education: Graduate of Mt. Vernon High School. Skagit Valley College.

Community Service: Board Member and Secretary for Lydia Place (3 years), WECU Committee Chair for the internal United Way Campaign (3 years), served Whatcom County community in numerous volunteer positions through WECU’s community outreach committees, as well as countless volunteer hours in public schools while my children were enrolled.

Statement: We not only have to be the change we want to see in the world, but we must also be the change we want to see in our City! Change is imperative and necessary – it is how we embrace it and mold it to the needs of our community that is important. Everson encompasses the values of our community members, businesses, and the future for the next generations to come. I am excited to represent citizens and business owners to ensure your voice is heard to guarantee a positive outcome for our town and the legacy of the eminent town of Everson.

For More Information:
No information submitted



Trevon Myhre

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Currently employed in operations at BP Cherry Point Refinery. Previously was a supervisor at Dariogold in Lynden, as well as time at Shell Puget Sound Refinery in Anacortes.

Education: 2012 Graduate of Nooksack Valley High School, AAS Degree in Process Technology from Bellingham Technical College

Community Service: Spent time as a volunteer firefighter for Fire District 1 supporting the communities of Everson and Nooksack.

Statement: As a lifelong resident of Everson with deep family roots of community involvement, I look forward to the opportunity to represent the people of this constantly evolving town. From those like me who have spent their lives

in the area, to the many newcomers now calling Everson home, I am excited about enhancing our town in reasonable ways while also maintaining the small town culture that so many of us enjoy and appreciate. As a husband and father to three beautiful children, I recognize the need for strong leadership in this quickly growing family oriented community. While expansion offers opportunity, I also find great value in the things that make Everson unique from its core and plan to protect the traditions that make our town such an attractive place to live. There is rapid growth bringing rapid change, and with that comes a need for leaders who hear the needs of the people and uphold them. I fully intend on providing that as an Everson City Council member and look forward to representing you and the needs of such an amazing community.

For More Information:
No information submitted

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 City of Everson - **Council Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Jennifer Lautenbach

Elected Experience: serving on the Everson City Council since 2006

Other Professional Experience: Manager of the Lynden Community/Senior Center, served as the school librarian for 5 years at Everson Elementary.

Education: 1993 Graduate of Nooksack Valley High School and attended Western Washington University

Community Service: President of the Nooksack Valley Middle School PTSA, co-chair of NVSD bond committee, past president and Summer Festival chair for the Everson-Nooksack Chamber of Commerce.

Statement: I am honored to have served the residents of Everson for sixteen years on the City Council. I am seeking re-

election. My passion for our city and our community has not wavered. I advocate for projects that make a difference in our community. I continue to push for a sidewalk on SR 544 from the bridge to Everson Elementary, connecting our downtown core with growth along the City's southwest boundaries as well as providing a safe path of travel for our children. I bring experience to this seat as a lifelong resident of the Everson/Nooksack area. I value thoughtful growth with an eye toward the long-term future.

I would be honored to continue to serve the residents of Everson for 4 more years. Thank you.

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Josh Ordos

No information submitted

Achieve Voting Victory! Here are a few tips:

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- View your voter registration details at VoteWA.gov. Make sure your registration status is Active and your address is current. If you are not registered, or your address is not current, follow the steps to register or update (online registrations due by October 25).
- Use blue or black ink to mark your ballot.
- Fill in the oval next to your choice.
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City of Everson - **Council Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Matthew Goering**

Elected Experience: I have spent the past 4 years on Everson City Council Position #3

Other Professional Experience: Co Owner - Herb Niemann's Steakhouse; Fred Meyer - Merchandising Assistant Store Manager

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I have lived in the Everson / Lynden area my entire life. I have a strong sense of community and strong ties to Everson. I have owned a business in Everson with my Wife for the past 5 years. I feel that properly managed growth for our town is necessary for the success of future generations. I love what our community has become and can't wait to help shape its future.

For More Information:
No information submitted

City of Ferndale - **Council Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Ryan O'Larey**

Elected Experience: Ferndale City Council - 2019 to 2021

Other Professional Experience: 15-year career at BP. My career has primarily focused on Environmental Engineering, Wastewater Engineering, and Compliance.

Education: BS Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering - University of Notre Dame, 2006

Community Service: Fundraising leader and volunteer for Ferndale Cub Scouts, Volunteer for the God Water charity, Presidential campaign volunteer and trainer, Volunteer for the BP employees' ReachOut charity, Volunteer at Eagleridge Elementary

Statement: My opponent this year is not another candidate, but the barriers that prevent you from easily participating in Ferndale decision-making. I would be honored to receive your vote and I hope that you take a minute to sign up for my Ferndale City Council surveys at OLarey.com. Please help me accurately represent the will of the people.

When I ran for City Council in 2019 I set a clear goal to make participation in City Council decisions easier. I committed to conducting surveys and using the results to help make the best possible decisions for Ferndale. When I was elected I immediately began conducting surveys and I added a "follow-up" email after each survey to make sure participants knew the survey results and how Council voted.

More than 6,000 survey responses have been submitted since I took office. I am encouraged that so many people are interested in participating, but I am always looking for ways to expand participation.

Your survey participation helps not just me, but also other Councilmembers since I share the results during Council deliberations. I am proud that I've been able to consistently vote in line with the will of the people.

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City of Ferndale - **Council Position 6** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Kate Bishop

Elected Experience: Four years on the Ferndale City Council, current Mayor pro-tem, and chair of the Finance and Administration Committee where I provide fierce oversight to ensure every penny the city collects is spent wisely. I also spearheaded the creation of the North Whatcom Poverty Task Force to

develop real solutions for protecting our most vulnerable.

Other Professional Experience: Social Services Professional with over 16 years of experience working with low-income residents.

Education: BA in Community Health

Community Service: Board member of the Ferndale Community Service Cooperative where I helped create the Ferndale Utilities Fund to help pay utility bills for residents impacted by COVID-19.

Statement: We have been through a lot the last couple of years. The pandemic, the rising cost of housing, and the brutal rhetoric that has divided us, have all taken their toll. Times have been tough, but I know the people of Ferndale are tougher.

My name is Kate Bishop (formerly Hansen)—I'm a social services professional, working mom, and for the last four years, your voice on the Council. It has been an honor to serve, to dig in and work for you.

We cannot leave behind the people who call Ferndale home as our town recovers and grows—we need real solutions for affordable housing now. Ground has broken on the Thornton Overpass and I'll keep pushing to improve our roads and sidewalks. Our businesses need support, resources, and the infrastructure of a modern city. Finally, we must fight for justice to ensure all voices are heard in the halls of power.

The next four years are going to be crucial. Ferndale faces big challenges, but together we can make a real difference. That is why I'm asking for your vote. *My name is Kate Bishop and I'm running for reelection because I will never stop fighting for you!*

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Robert J. Pinkley

Elected Experience: NA.

Other Professional Experience: Co-owner and founder of Leader Block Wine Co. & Italian Eatery in downtown Ferndale, employing 10-15 people after extensive work to rehab historic building. Previously worked with U.S. Department of Commerce, helping

manufacturers seeking to export products.

Education: Master of Arts degree in Political Economy, University of Pittsburgh; Bachelor of Arts degree, Pacific Lutheran University.

Community Service: Volunteer and mentor serving the homeless with Catholic Community Services; assistant scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America.

Statement: Ferndale has talked about creating a thriving and vibrant downtown for years. My Leader Block Wine Co. & Italian Eatery, which opened three years ago and survived a pandemic, shows that I know what it takes to make downtown

the attractive centerpiece of our community and know what government can do to assist downtown. The restaurant also has affordable housing above it as part of the building rehabilitation.

The Ferndale City Council needs the perspective of a small business owner who lives and works downtown, hears the concerns of local residents coming through my doors, and has employees depending on him. It seems our city government is a bit detached from downtown and not sensitive to its needs. When taxes, zoning and regulations are being considered, I can provide feedback on whether they will actually help or hurt not only downtown, but our entire community.

We should channel the competitive spirit of our amazing high school athletes, working hard to be the best Ferndale can be with our public safety, parks, environment and infrastructure. I want to be even more involved in our wonderful community and humbly ask you to vote for Robert Pinkley for Ferndale City Council.

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City of Ferndale - **Council Position 7** - Nonpartisan Office - short & full 4 year term**Jon Mutchler**

Elected Experience: Ferndale mayor, 2016-2019; Ferndale City Council, 2009-2015; Whatcom Charter Review Commission, 2015; Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG)

Other Professional Experience: Founding and lead pastor, Ferndale Alliance Church. Professional pianist and teacher. Active member, Ferndale Chamber of Commerce.

Education: Master's degree (Regent College, Vancouver, B.C.); Bachelor's degree (Western Washington University, Bellingham); Advanced Certificate in Municipal Leadership and guest lecturer (Association of Washington Cities).

Community Service: Commission on Sexual & Domestic Violence. Whatcom Self-help Homes board member (assisted 50+ families in building their first homes); Faculty, Blaine Summer Music Festival. Emergency Support Officer. Volunteer, Ferndale Schools. Trustee, Whatcom Old Settlers Association. Ferndale Schools Levy Committee. Ferndale Community Coalition.

Statement: Jon Mutchler has a solid record of results in Ferndale city government, unquestioned integrity, and a commitment to listening and being accessible to all citizens. As mayor, Jon Mutchler's administration successfully partnered with Whatcom

County, our state legislators, and Lummi Nation to secure over \$43 million in grants for projects including the Thornton Street over-crossing, Pioneer Park Pathways (ADA-compliant sidewalks), and our sewer plant upgrade.

City government experience is essential as we tackle major projects: A new high school is being built. We're upgrading an aging sewer plant. And the Thornton Street project is underway. Jon Mutchler's city experience is critical now and unmatched by any other candidate.

We have a dedicated, but relatively inexperienced council. Jon Mutchler has nearly as much elective experience (11 years) as the *cumulative* experience of our seven current council members. The institutional and practical knowledge he offers would be an asset to Ferndale.

Jon Mutchler's priorities for Ferndale include public safety for everyone, justice and respect for all, holding the line on escalating property tax increases, reducing the water/sewer utility tax, providing incentives to build affordable housing, and attracting desired businesses and services to Ferndale. *For more information, visit www.VoteForJon.com*

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**Maralise Fegan**

Elected Experience: City Council Member, Position 7 (January 2021-present)

Other Professional Experience: Paralegal and Office Manager, Boundary Bay Law; WCC Adjunct Faculty-Paralegal Studies; UFCW contract negotiating committee; Behavioral Engineer (parent).

Education: BA Cross-Cultural Awareness and Communication in the Mental Health Field, WWU Fairhaven College; Paralegal Studies Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Whatcom Community College; Licensed Amateur Radio Operator (K17KUN).

Community Service: Ferndale Planning Commissioner (2020), WCC Paralegal Studies Academic Advisory Committee, Whatcom Citizen Transportation Advisory Group, Ferndale School Bond Task Force, Support Ferndale Schools Committee Co-Chair, Ferndale Emergency Resource Network, Ferndale PD Auxiliary Communications Service, Whatcom Community Emergency Response Team, Ferndale Youth Emergency Services club coordinator.

Statement: As our community recovers and rebuilds from the crises of the last 18 months, we need responsible,

knowledgeable, and steady leaders to guide us through the process. I bring extensive professional experience collecting information, reviewing data, and working with others to build consensus to my work on the City Council. I know we can achieve great things when we work together.

Ferndale currently faces important decisions regarding our infrastructure and how we will grow. As the economy changes around us, we need to make sure our rapid growth improves life for all of us, and doesn't leave Ferndale residents behind. I am proud to ask the hard questions on your behalf, pushing past the status quo, and fighting for common sense sustainable solutions.

We can't keep using the ideas of the past and expecting different results. That's why I'm asking for your vote. I bring a perspective you won't find with a career politician.

Return me to Council and I will bring my experience and vision to keep fighting for safer streets, responsible planning as we grow, and bringing new jobs and opportunities to our community. Together we can build a future for Ferndale we will all be proud of.

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City of Lynden - **Mayor** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Scott Korthuis

Elected Experience: Mayor of Lynden (2010-present)

Other Professional Experience: Engineering/Agriculture Consultant; Product Manager, Oxbo International Corporation (1988-2019); Process Engineer, Georgia-Pacific, Bellingham (1982-1988)

Education: University of Washington, BS Chemical Engineering, BS Mechanical Engineering (1982); Professional Engineer, WA (1987)

Community Service: Trustee, Theresa Tromp Chess Tournament; Trustee, Jansen Art Center; Advisory Board Member, Bellingham Technical College; Trustee, Providence Christian College (Pasadena, CA). Board President for Lynden Christian School; church leadership.

Statement: With long-term vision, Mayor Korthuis has consistently focused on his promise to protect Lynden's unique character, promote a positive business climate, and prosper our community.

During his 12-year tenure of careful fiscal management, the city's general fund reserves have grown from \$200,000 to \$2 million during which Lynden also enjoyed impressive revitalization. Headline achievements include expansion of police, fire and emergency services; a \$32 million water treatment plant; creative solutions to securing critical water rights; a hotel and art center in the downtown core; significant commercial investments; approved plans for a medical clinic and support services; numerous street and infrastructure improvements; expansion of the trail system plus the addition of three park properties and other green spaces.

Korthuis has worked hard to build consensus, alliances, and momentum with local and regional leaders and stakeholders. He anticipates other civic improvements will be achieved during an additional term. Korthuis has legacy goals for Lynden and is optimistic for what can yet be accomplished under his leadership.

He will be grateful for your supportive vote.

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Email: elections@co.whatcom.wa.us





City of Lynden - **Council Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Nick H. Laninga

Elected Experience: Currently serving on the City Council and on the Parks and Finance Committees.

Other Professional Experience: Grocery store manager and owner. Bus driver and paraeducator of special needs students for Lynden School District.

Education: Lynden Christian School graduate. Earned the Association of Washington Cities certificate of Leadership. This training provided the knowledge to effectively operate within the law, plan for the future, secure and manage funds and foster community and staff relationships.

Community Service: Served six years Army Reserves. Was presented the Governor's Spirit of Community Award. Active supporter of Swan Graphics on the Yakama Nation Reservation providing vocational training for native young adults.

Statement: I would like to thank the community for your past support. It is my desire to represent you, the stakeholders of Lynden, for another term. These are exciting times in our city as we move forward with good planning. We have the Million Smiles playground, wonderful parks, trails and the newly expanded multi sports activity center at Bender fields. All this is thanks to you the citizens, the service clubs and the Regional Parks and Trail Commissioners. Are you aware that more than 200 cars per day visit Berthusen Park! With such high usage I support and look forward to the development of the Heusinkveld farm, the Dickinson park, the Glenning street property and an expanded trail system. I applaud our Police and Fire departments that keep us safe. Having said all this I encourage you to look at all those running for office and vote for the candidate of your choice. Thank you Nick.

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Khush Brar

Elected Experience: This would be my first public office position.

Other Professional Experience: Family businesses in farming and trucking. Led food safety audits, facilitated with tax forms, managed customs & freight brokerage, oversaw bookkeeping as well as navigated loans and grants. Fluent in

4 languages.

Education: Graduate Immaculate Conception Cathedral (Catholic Christian) High School; University Graduate B.S. Applied Mathematics Major in Actuarial Science

Community Service: Active in farm community. Buy Local! Long time recycler. Proud to be a Sikh in the service of humanity.

Statement: I would advocate for smart growth that preserves neighborhood character whilst sustaining agriculture, since it

is what makes Lynden great! I support additional trails more connectivity and passive recreational activities. As Lynden grows, we will need zoning and capacity updates to allow better services and retail that is convenient for recent and upcoming development.

I will work to build a bridge for equity and equality, to help balance needs of the community with existing means.

I stand for preservation of natural resources. That is owed to our future generations.

A proactive citizen, diligent daughter, dutiful wife and mother to two incredible tiny humans. I am blessed and forever thankful to be in a heaven-like place called Lynden. It shall be a humbling experience to serve the people of Lynden.

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City of Lynden - **Council Position 6** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Kyle Strengholt

Elected Experience: Lynden City Council

Other Professional Experience: Project Manager and Estimator at Strengholt Construction

Education: Calvin University; Lynden Christian High School

Community Service: Lynden Heritage Foundation Board Member, 2021. Lynden Wayfinding Committee Member, 2020. Whatcom County Surface Mining Advisory Committee Member, 2015. Lynden Planning Commissioner, 2015.

Statement: If I had only a few words to describe myself I would say, "I'm a God fearing husband and father." After that, I'm a proud 4th generation Lyndenite and love that this community

values its small-town atmosphere, agricultural roots, and Dutch Christian heritage. These values give Lynden its unique character and make a community my wife and I are excited to call home.

I enjoy meeting and listening to others who love this community, and I always strive to learn from them and those I get to work and serve with. Thus, I welcome anyone who loves this community to reach out and contact me.

My goal as an elected official is to use my experience and knowledge to serve this community to the best of my ability.

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City of Lynden - **Council Position 7** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Mark Wohlrab

No information submitted

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City of Nooksack - **Mayor** - Nonpartisan Office - short & full 4 year term**Marshall Judy**

Elected Experience: Nooksack City Council position #5-1999-2020, Mayor pro tem 2004-2020, appointed acting Mayor January 1, 2021. Served on the following Nooksack city committees: Planning Commission, Finance, Sewer, Safety, Parks and Beautification

Other Professional Experience: Sales Manager-Central Welding Supply 1981-present

Education: Burlington-Edison High School graduate, Business and Management classes

Community Service: Current advisor for Nooksack Valley High School FFA, past President Nooksack Valley Athletic Club, Everson-Nooksack Summer Festival, Chairman of the Bellingham Technical College's Welding Advisory Committee, orchestrated design and installation of the sign and bell for the Nooksack Elementary School.

Statement: Since first being elected to the Nooksack City Council in 1999, it has been a pleasure and privilege serving on the city council, as Mayor pro tem and currently the appointed

Mayor of Nooksack. It has been a great experience and I have worked hard alongside the great team at City Hall to help the city get where it is today. Nooksack is a stable, safe, and friendly small town.

As Mayor pro tem I have attended weekly City Mayors meetings, Whatcom County Health Department and Whatcom Unified Command meetings to keep our city informed of the rules and regulations, as well as the status of Covid-19 safety protocols. There were opportunities for government grants and loans for our businesses that we had to quickly get the information out to help our community and local businesses.

I love our city. My wife and I are proud to have raised our four children in Nooksack. I am a good listener and communicator. I am humbly asking for your vote for Mayor so I can continue to work hard in leading Nooksack in a caring, responsible, friendly, and financially stable direction for the city's future.

For More Information:

No information submitted

**Kevin W. Hester**

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: 30-year career in law enforcement with the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office. Currently the Chief Civil Deputy and in charge of the Investigations and Support Services Bureau. Commander of the Whatcom Gang and Drug Task Force,

Co-Commander of the LEMART Independent Investigations Team and Chief of the Major Crimes Unit. Previous active duty service in the United States Coast Guard.

Education: Attended Azusa Pacific University

Community Service: Past Director of Nooksack Youth Football, past board member/youth coach with Chuckanut Bay Rugby, board member of FOP Lodge #24, Nooksack community representative to the Law and Justice Commission (2000-2004)

Statement: I have lived in the City of Nooksack for the last 25 years. I raised my family here, and now they are raising their families here. It's a great place to live. The entire Nooksack

Valley area (Everson, Nooksack and Sumas) offer the small-town atmosphere that makes it such a wonderful place to raise a family.

I know many of you through activities in school, coaching your children or working in the area. As I retire from my career in law enforcement, I want to continue serving my community in other ways. I will do this as your mayor. I bring strong leadership qualities and the ability to listen to a every side of a problem before making a decision.

As Nooksack continues to grow, I believe it's important to maintain its local values and vibe while still providing the amenities and infrastructure that are needed. As your mayor, my goal would be to make sure this occurs with input from you, the residents of the city. I would work to attract new business to the commercial and industrial areas of Nooksack while preserving that small-town atmosphere that we all love.

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City of Nooksack - **Council Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Steve Neyens

No information submitted

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City of Nooksack - **Council Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Randy Relethford

No information submitted

Whatcom County Auditor's Office - Election Division

In-Person Voting Center for Election Services

October 13 - November 2

While Whatcom County is still working to slow the spread of COVID-19, you are encouraged to continue following all social distancing guidelines if you visit us In-Person. We are limiting the number of individuals in the office, and everyone is required to wear a face mask and maintain a 6 foot social distance.

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City of Nooksack - **Council Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Dave Finet

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: 1986-2016 worked at Opportunity Council helping people and families with lower income and other challenges stabilize their lives and where possible become more self-reliant; 2011–2015 collaborated with foothills residents

and Whatcom County to organize and establish the East Whatcom Community Council and East Whatcom Community Resource Center in Kendal; past member of the Housing Advisory Committee of Whatcom County; 2012 appointed to Washington State Governors Energy Advisory Committee

Education: Lifetime resident of Nooksack Valley, 1975 Graduate of Nooksack Valley High School; 2011 awarded NVHS Graduate of Distinction

Community Service: 2019 to present commissioner Housing Authority of Whatcom County

Statement: The City of Nooksack is a great place to live, work and raise a family. My primary goal as Nooksack city council member will be to retain what we love about our city while

managing and adapting to inevitable growth and change. Our city and region of Whatcom County is seeing exponential growth which can be positive but can have negative ramifications as well. With citizen input, thorough planning and solid leadership we can have growth and retain what is special about Nooksack.

Ensuring Nooksack’s livability, resident safety and rural charm are primary areas of focus for me. Our natural environment In the Nooksack Valley is special and we should work hard and collaboratively to retain it.

I believe my experience working with federal, state, county and city governments while advocating for policies that affect citizens and the local community in a positive way will be an asset to the city. The best local government is one that listens to residents concerns and needs while addressing them in a thoughtful way.

Having recently been annexed into the city of Nooksack I welcome the opportunity to help shape the city’s future for the benefit of all current and future citizens.

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Collin Hester

Elected Experience: No elected experience.

Other Professional Experience: Serving the community since 2014 as a Whatcom County Sheriff’s Deputy.

Education: Nooksack Valley Highschool graduate.

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I have grown up and lived in Nooksack since 2003. As a long time member of the community, and a parent, I want to continue making Nooksack a desirable place to live. I have no political experience, but would like to make a difference in our community.

For More Information:
No information submitted

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City of Nooksack - **Council Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 2 year term

No Photo
Submitted

Ryan Steward

Elected Experience: City Council position #4-2020 to current

Other Professional Experience: Store Manager- Les Schwab Tire Center Lynden

Education: Graduated from New Covenant Christian School

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: It brings great joy to be apart of a community that we live in & watch my kids grow up with the culture that I am apart of keeping here in Nooksack. I ask for your support so I can continue my efforts in this wonderful area that we call home.

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Jayson T. Loreen

No information submitted

City of Nooksack - **Council Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 2 year term

Michelle Barrett

No information submitted

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City of Sumas - **Mayor** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

No Photo
Submitted

Bruce Bosch

Elected Experience: I have been on council in Sumas position 1 for three terms

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: I was appointed to the Sumas planning commission in the early 2000's and remained until I became a councilman which then was appointed ex-officio to the planning commission.

Statement: I was raised in Custer Washington , moved to Sumas Washington in 1987 to establish a Customs Brokerage business. I have lived in Sumas for most of my life now, where my wife and I raised 7 Children and now have 13 Grandchildren with one on the way.

I have always believed and passed on the belief that hard work pays off and through perseverance and patience good things come to fruition.

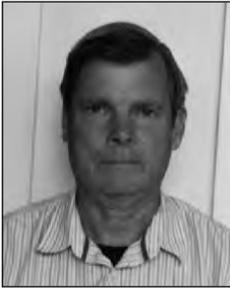
I believe that the current Mayor of Sumas has done a splendid job of putting together a good team of City employees that currently run this City and I want to continue to support them in any way I can to maintain that team spirit.

My vision for the City is unity, the great people that live here alongside the great employees that work here. Promoting the 'can do' despite what is going on in the political arena ,setting aside differences and coming together as one community. With this philosophy we can build a great City together that will have a lasting legacy for future generations.

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City of Sumas - **Council Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Steven J. Brock

Elected Experience: This will be my first time running for an elective office.

Other Professional Experience: Reforestation, EMT-1, Mental Health Counselor, Hospice Assistant, Psychiatric Assistant, MA

Education: Graduate of Mt.Vernon High School 1972, United States Air Force-Honorable Discharge, and the following colleges for certification,licensing, and Continuing Education for my work in healthcare. Skagit Valley College, Yavapai College-Prescott Az. , WCC in Bellingham Wa, and St.Josephs, Brentwood and Prescott VAMC,s continuing Education credits.

Community Service: Worked with members of our community to research proposed businesses and land use, and then present citizens educated concerns to the city council and mayor. Donate food from our garden and orchard to families.

Statement: I believe that for our representative government to work well we need clear and honest communication between citizens and the people who have been elected to speak for their concerns. The safety and well being of everyone in town as well as business interests should be considered. We are all in it together so lets be patient and try to make our growing community a truly pleasant place to raise a family , Thank you.

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Todd Daniels

No information submitted

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City of Sumas - **Council Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

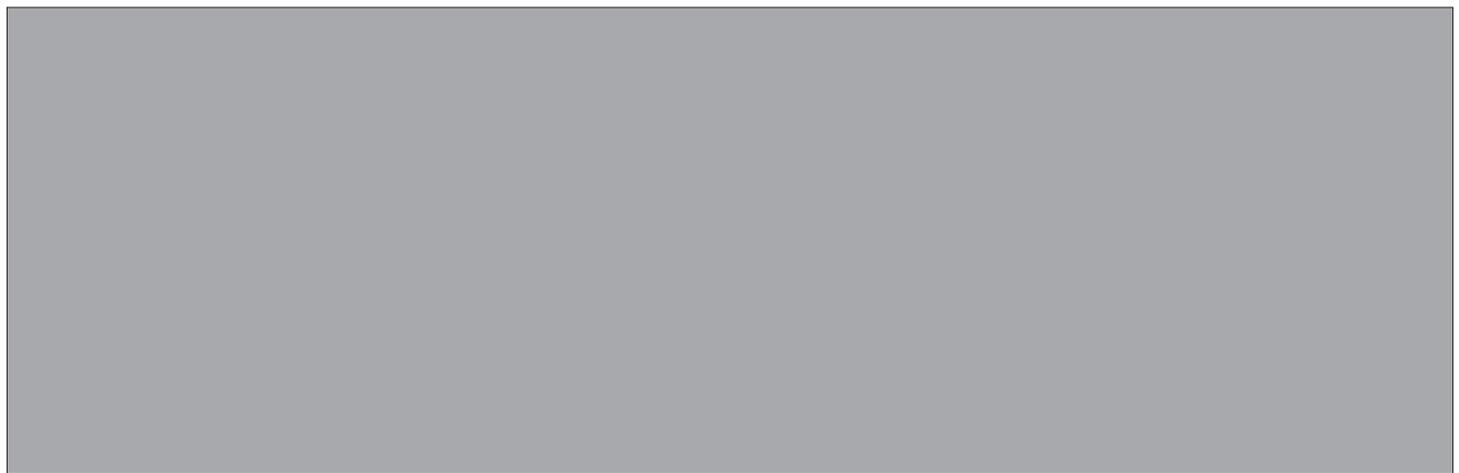
Richard D. Postma

No information submitted

City of Sumas - **Council Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Joshua Clawson

No information submitted



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 Bellingham School District 501 - **Director Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term


Jenn Mason

Elected Experience: Current Bellingham School Board President; Elected in 2017

Other Professional Experience: Worked for nearly a decade at Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County leading violence prevention workshops, working with victims, and coordinating fundraising. In 2018, I

founded WinkWink and have since become a certified sex educator.

Education: Master of Public Administration, Seattle University; Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Sociology, Western Washington University

Community Service: Served as a board/committee member or volunteer for many organizations, including: Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, Bellingham School District; Brigid Collins Family Support Center; Bellingham Farmers Market; Max Higbee Center; Power of Hope Youth Arts; Volunteer Chore Program

Statement: I've been honored to serve students, families, and staff as a Bellingham School District Director since 2017. I'm a lifelong Democrat who believes that public schools have the power to transform communities.

Since being elected, I've passed budgets with investments for mental health, equity, and support for students living in poverty. I helped create the Board's Race and Equity Policy and co-wrote the Student Safety Resolution demanding sensible gun legislation. I've supported the District's work to improve graduation and college attendance rates, while also expanding opportunities to earn industry certificates and take skills-based classes, like robotics and manufacturing.

I've spent my entire career working for our community's well-being—for nearly 10 years I provided education and trauma counseling in schools—deeply connecting me with student concerns. I'm now a certified sex educator and the owner of WinkWink, where I work to create a safe, inclusive space for people of all gender identities.

Today, my work also includes being a mom: my daughter has cerebral palsy and is part of Bellingham School District's Life Skills Program. Through her, I've witnessed firsthand the importance of acceptance, accessibility, and opportunity. With your support, I will continue being a voice for all students and families.

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Philip Stockton

Elected Experience: First time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: Philip Stockton successfully worked ten years in sales and marketing, for both small and large companies. After finishing college in 2018 to pursue his passion, Philip began working in community

organizing with hopes of making an impact in his community. Getting to know people and finding solutions to divisive issues is his greatest strength, he hopes to bring these skills to the School Board.

Education: B.A. in Western Government Legal Traditions; Teaching Certification, English as a Second Language

Community Service: New political candidate training; Salvation Army volunteer, 2 years; mentor for high school students interested in electoral process.

Statement: Philip is running for school board because he believes in putting our students first. With the issues facing our district we need a fresh perspective, solutions that will take

all concerns into account, and local control. He believes a top down system is harmful; curriculum and direction should be decided by the local community and not the state.

Philip understands the community's concerns and can empathize. With drug addiction in his family, he knows how to support and help the most vulnerable students. Also, his wife has a disability, causing constant pain and affecting her daily life. When elected, Philip will work to direct funding for programs and improvements for our handicapped and vulnerable students.

Finally, Philip will prioritize student programs advocating for the trades, ending discrimination, and fighting against teaching racist curriculum. With issues like these, Bellingham needs a Director that has solutions that won't ignore our most vulnerable students.

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Bellingham School District 501 - **Director Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Douglas W. Benjamin**

Elected Experience: Bellingham School Director Position 5 – Unanimously Appointed 2014, Elected 2015 and 2017.

Other Professional Experience: Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Healthcare Administration for over 30 years, currently in private practice.

Education: Masters of Science in Clinical and Counseling Psychology- Western Washington University. Bachelors in Psychology and Political Science- Seattle Pacific University.

Community Service: Chair, Whatcom County Public Health Advisory Board. Integration Task Force, Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access. Academic Advisory Board, Bellingham Technical College. Vice President, Washington Association of County Designated Mental Health Professionals. Vestryman, St. Paul's Episcopal Church. USYSF Licensed Youth Soccer Coach.

Statement: I've served 7 years on the Board with two terms as Board President, one during the pandemic. I'm running again to put this proven experience to work representing our children

and families. One of the Board's most important responsibilities is to provide you with a solid and effective superintendent. Ours was chosen *State Superintendent of the Year* in 2020. Along with District leadership we have completed an ambitious number of capital projects; new schools for Sehome and Happy Valley, new and upgraded bus facilities, athletic fields and safety improvements. We are also underway with new schools for Alderwood, Parkview and Sunnyland, improvements at the conservation site, and new District offices which will include a preschool. We delivered on your transportation and technology levies which prepared us well to meet the unexpected demands of the pandemic, and just passed renewal operations and technology levies, thanks to you the voters.

I remain wholeheartedly committed to seeing the District meets the high bar set by *The Bellingham Promise*, and that we create a school environment that serves *every* child, modeling equity and inclusion. Thank you for your past support and the opportunity to continue this important work for our kids.

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**Jeffrie Ford**

Elected Experience: This is my first experience running for public office. I have seen firsthand how the allocation of public budgets can impact buildings, students, and staff. I want to help make sure Bellingham School District has every resource possible to create and maintain safe buildings, well-

equipped faculty, and provide unobstructed access to learning opportunity.

Other Professional Experience: Over 10 years experience working for the largest cleaning chemical manufacturers and service providers in the US. Small business owner and operator with a passion for helping others.

Education: University of Washington

Community Service: New to the Bellingham area. I want to become more involved with the community. Suggestions welcomed!

Statement: I have had the privilege of working with school districts across Washington state. I have seen many sorts of inequities between those districts. When inequities exist, it's our students, staff, and buildings that suffer. I work with some districts that have seemingly unlimited resources, evident in school buildings, athletic facilities, buses, grounds equipment, etc. Other districts can barely get budget allocated to replace a leaking roof, a warped gym floor, or old asbestos tiles. I want to support the administration in delivering on the Bellingham Promise. I will ensure that administrators have every tool they need to take care of our students, staff, and buildings for years to come. I will build consensus to help create a safe, equitable, and inclusive community, and that starts in our classrooms. Thank you for your consideration!

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 Ferndale School District 502 - **Director District 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term


Lee Anne Riddle

Elected Experience: 15 years serving the children, families and community of the Ferndale School District as a Director on the Ferndale School Board; and 5 years representing Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Island and San Juan school districts and boards as their Representative for the Washington

State School Directors Association with a focus on equity as foundational to our work.

Other Professional Experience: 16 years working for Washington State University Extension SNAP-Ed supporting food access and healthy lifestyles on a budget with under-resourced families statewide.

Education: BA in Psychology and MEd in Adult Education from Western Washington University.

Community Service: 20 years as a full-time mom and school volunteer.

Statement: I am seeking a 5th term on the Ferndale School District School Board to share my experience, perspective, and history during a time of transition. Local School Boards provide

stability, vision, and oversight for their school district, with a focus on student achievement. The key to that work is the superintendent and the superintendent/board relationship. The Ferndale School District will conduct a search for a new superintendent in the 2021/22 school year, with the new superintendent starting in July 2022. Superintendent candidates research the board and the community before applying for a superintendent position. Our district has many things that will be appealing to the most qualified superintendent candidates. Maintaining a stable, experienced school board will affect who applies for and who, in the end, accepts the position. I am running to contribute to the superintendent search and decision-making process.

With a willingness to learn, the time to invest, and an open mind and heart, many people can be an effective school board member. I wish more people would step up to serve; however, in this moment the district needs experience on the board to see us into our public schools' next chapter of the Ferndale School District.

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Steve Childs

Elected Experience: Board member of Hemmi Road Water Association. Board member for Pioneer Storage Condo's.

Other Professional Experience: Currently employed by Boeing as a lead mechanic. Prior to that I worked at Kimberly Clark for 6 years and concluded the previous 17 years of my

career at Alcoa/Intalco as a Millwright, and then finishing out my last 4 years as a Planner/Scheduler in the Casthouse.

Education: Attended Meridian schools K-12 – Graduating in 1977; Western Washington University; Bellingham Technical College.

Community Service: I was an active member of the Meridian Booster Club and coached sports for many years through both the MYAA and Bellingham Boy's and Girl's Club.

Statement: My name is Steve Childs, I am a lifelong resident of Whatcom County. I am running for the position of School Board Director for District 4. As a future Board member, I look forward

to providing leadership as well as a common-sense approach in working alongside the administration on the challenges and opportunities our District faces as we move forward into the future. I believe I can make a difference working together with our community to secure quality Education for all students.

Every student deserves not only a quality education, but a positive educational experience.

My intention is to serve this community through active listening, open communication, and accountability. I will listen to and reflect the concerns of our community and work collaboratively with fellow board members to improve our schools. I believe together we can find creative solutions that will positively impact future outcomes enabling students and staff the security, resources, and opportunities they deserve. I humbly ask for your support to be part of the District Leadership team.

For More Information:
No information submitted

Ferndale School District 502 - **Director District 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Andrew McLaurin**

Elected Experience: Ferndale School Board for 11 years; the last 10 are consecutive; Board president for the last 2 years; currently Board liaison - Bond Oversight Committee.

Other Professional Experience: Speech and language pathologist – 10 years serving children with special needs;

Director, regional diagnostic and treatment facility – 5years.
Healthcare executive - 27 years.

Education: BA in Communications, MS in Speech and Language Pathology and MBA from the UNC system; year abroad Seville, Spain. Certified Medical Practice Executive; Eagle Scout.

Community Service: Former board member of two international service agencies and a family services organization; mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Mexico, former Scoutmaster.

Statement: I have lived in Ferndale for almost 20 years. My 5 children received their education in the District. I recognize the challenges we face as a parent and a seasoned Board

member. The education of our students is our most critical mission. I believe my 11 years of service can help continue the successes we are seeing in our schools. Critical changes are occurring in the Ferndale District over the next few years. The recruitment and selection process for hiring the new superintendent is underway. I was on the Board during the last superintendent search and am well versed in the selection process. Understanding the operations and goals of the district are of utmost importance in making the best choice. During the next year we will have an interim superintendent. I believe I will be a vital, supportive resource during this time. Additionally, the new high school project is entering the stage in which knowledge and oversight are critical. I have served as the Board liaison to the Bond Oversight Committee since its inception. Steady, experienced leadership is needed at this time. I look forward to continuing this work.

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**Peggy Uppiano**

Elected Experience: First time running for office; offering choice and a fresh perspective.

Other Professional Experience: On-site tutor (since 1980); online tutor (13 years, working with students of diverse ages and experiences); standardized test scorer (12 years); aide in WCC adult

ESL/citizenship class (1 year).

Education: Education: BA History/BS Mathematics, College of Idaho, 1982.

Community Service: Volunteer, Soldiers' Angels. Helped coordinate activities for BAIRS (Bellingham Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Society), an educational nonprofit supported by WWU computer science department. Volunteered with FHS Vet Science team. Active in homeschool debate club. During my kids' elementary years, I volunteered at school.

Statement: Parents are discovering that education alternatives exist which may better fit their goals, schedules, and values. However, I believe public schooling is a necessary option in the

array of choices. By focusing on its historic strengths, Ferndale School District can reverse the trend of declining enrollment.

Ferndale should rediscover its roots. It should exploit its excellent reputation for music, athletics, and support of agricultural and tech programs. These interests have broad appeal and will continue to act as a draw. Providing a solid foundation in core subjects to all students must be top priority. A new focus on inclusivity should elevate achievement without compromising standards. This is a concern voiced by many parents of school-aged children. Many also worry that the state controls too many decisions affecting their kids' education, and that we are losing local autonomy.

Although I am not yet a board member, I stay informed about issues involving our schools and education in general. I read district publications and talk with people about their experiences and challenges with the school system. I would like to act as a voice of balance in representing community members and students who may feel their views are not expressed.

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 Blaine School District 503 - **Director District 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term


Erika Creydt

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Psychologist and Clinical Director of TouchStone Health Clinics (Current), provided counseling to youth 17 years, conducted Psychological Assessments in Chicago Catholic Schools for special

needs, taught graduate classes at Adler University Vancouver, BC, Canada 2011-2014.

Education: Blaine School District K-12, Class of 1999, BA California Lutheran University, 2003, Thousand Oaks, CA (Philosophy and Psychology), MA Adler University, 2005, Chicago, IL (Couples and Family Therapy), PsyD Adler University, 2010, Chicago, IL (Doctorate in Clinical Psychology).

Community Service: Scout Mom, Den Leader and Committee Chair Blaine Cub Scouts, Healthy Youth Coalition Board, Volunteered at Chamber of Commerce and Community Events.

Statement: Erika Creydt wants a strong education for children in Blaine and to see the Blaine School District Thrive. Erika is third generation in Blaine, married and has 3 children (8), (11), (13). She has been involved in the Blaine School District since childhood first as a student (attended K-12), later as a parent, and also through meeting the Mental Health needs in our community over the years. She cares deeply about the future of the Blaine School District and about having it be a system that gives our children a solid foundation, where their gifts can be nurtured.

Hobbies: Gardening, Canning, Swimming, Yoga, and Cooking.

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Bob Feaster

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: I'm a married father of 5. I served 35 years in public education; School Psychologist, Special Education Director, Assistant Superintendent. University instructor teaching graduate courses in Psychology and Education. High school football

official 20 years. Licensed Educational Psychologist (private practice). Recess Supervisor at Blaine Elementary, temporary coordinator of our District's Family Service Center (serving low income and homeless) and substituted as a school counselor and special education classroom aide.

Education: Master of Arts Psychology, CSU Chico, Credentials in School Counseling and School Psychology.

Community Service: Community Assistance Program (CAP): Community Toy Store and Food Connections programs. Wildbird Charity: Weekend Food bags.

Statement: Educating our children is an important, difficult and complex process. If one didn't know that before the pandemic they likely do now. Add to this the challenge of

educating students who come to school who are poor, have social-emotional, health, learning difficulties and/or family problems and the process becomes almost daunting. For some of these students, survival is the goal. Add students who are highly capable, college bound and need vocational training and the need for extracurricular activities and task for schools is enormous.

Schools are often the conscience of the community. Public education is one place in our society where children of various backgrounds, circumstances and beliefs spend time together, learn academics and how to work together and to understand each other. Families are the lifeblood of education and schools need their support to achieve the best results for our children.

I have worked hard throughout my career to help create a fair system for all children. I have the time, energy and commitment to listen and help improve our school system. I will work hard to ensure that our students are ready for the next steps in their life's journey and that a variety of voices are heard.

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Blaine School District 503 - **Director District 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Laura L. McKinney**

Elected Experience: Blaine School Board Director 2017-2021.

Other Professional Experience: Laura McKinney is currently the Government Affairs and Public Relations Manager for Alcoa's Transformation Group. She has worked as the Executive Director for the American Chamber of Commerce

in Tallinn, Estonia, as the Executive Director of the SC Council on Competitiveness, and Director of Communications for Whatcom Business Alliance. Laura served as a U.S. diplomat in Tbilisi, Georgia; Vancouver, British Columbia; and Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Education: University of Virginia

Community Service: Committee Chair for YES Whatcom, an initiative focused on youth career exploration and job opportunities (2017-2021), Blaine School District Fiscal Committee (2015-2016, 2016-2017), Blaine Elementary School Volunteer (2002-2003).

Statement: My husband and I have 5 children who have

all attended the Blaine School District. As a parent, I want my children to be prepared for life with the ability to think independently, treat others as they would like to be treated, and to be lifelong learners. Our public education system is here to foster individual creativity and to assist students in developing the learning skills they need to be successful in life.

I am passionate about giving students the opportunity to reach their potential and preparing them for their future. I have worked with my fellow Board Members and our Superintendent over the last four years to ensure our children are leaving Blaine schools college, career and citizenship ready. The last year and a half presented unpredictable challenges. My focus throughout that time was the same as always - ensuring the best outcomes for our students while maintaining fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers of our community. I want all of our citizens to feel connected to the school, to our students, and to the value of our children's success. It takes our whole community to provide the tools students need to be successful in whatever future they choose.

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**Rocky Butler**

Elected Experience: I have not had the honor of serving my community in an elected capacity.

Other Professional Experience: I have experience with companies like Qwest, T-Mobile, Kam-Way, Solid Commerce, Keller Williams, and other call centers.

These positions range from direct

leadership of 25+ employees to being the average call center worker since 2005.

Education: I have attended College of Southern Nevada and Ashford University.

Community Service: My family has volunteered with Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association 2019 and Volunteer at Legion Post 86 serving breakfast and dinner 2020-present.

Statement: I am a fellow parent of some terrific Blaine students. I want to be there to advocate for your students as part of the school board. We live in a modern world and our education system needs to keep up with the needs of students and teachers. I am a firm believer in our teachers and making sure they have everything they need to help kids thrive in life. We are our children's first teachers but let's be honest, school teachers are amazing. They are even more amazing when they have resources and options to personalize to suit your child. I want every child to love learning. We learn so much about who we are as people and how to handle life hurdles during our K-12 years. So I want to work for you Blaine! Together we can make our tiny district a huge success in a modern world.

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 Lynden School District 504 - **Director Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term


Tonya Hickman

Elected Experience: First time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: I have worked as a registered nurse for 15 years and understand the value of an individual's life. My primary focus has been raising two amazing girls together with my husband of almost 20 years.

Education: The University of British Columbia, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Community Service: Healing Hearts Ministry; Counselor. Founding board member and former Co-Registrar for North County Alliance Soccer Club in Lynden, which currently serves 1000 kids. Served 3 years as a volunteer firefighter/EMT with the City of Lynden.

Statement: The 2020/21 school year *failed* Lynden students. We watched as our children were isolated and stripped of all normalcy. Mental health issues are on the rise, families are

struggling, and our kids' education has suffered greatly. Going into the 2021/22 school year we should be laser focused on education growth and healing for our students. However, our students face the implementation of divisive Critical Race Theory and state mandated K-12 sex education with its shallow view on personhood. I strongly oppose both. As a nurse, wife, and mother, my role has been that of an advocate. I have advocated for not only my own children but also for the needs of the patients I am privileged to care for. During my parenting journey, I have done whatever necessary to meet the individual needs of my own kids, through working with a partnership program, traditional homeschooling, online public education, or having them attend a brick-and-mortar school. I believe in small government and serving the needs of people locally. I vow to be a voice that fights for the values that have made Lynden Public Schools a source of pride in our community.

For More Information:

No information submitted



Steve Jilk

Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: Eleven years in at a private corporation in design drafting, computer programming and finance; 42 years working various government agencies, city administration, Port economic

development and marine services and as general manager for a public water and electric utility

Education: Bachelors degree in Business Administration, minors in computer science and economics

Community Service: Chair of Whatcom County Health Advisory Board. Board member of Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District

Statement: I have been privileged to be a member of the Lynden School District Board for the last 11 Years. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with many other board members, school District administrators and teachers to improve educational opportunities for and support to all students in our

Lynden School District. I have an interest in and a passion for supporting our kids in our education system.

The Lynden School District faces many challenges in the upcoming months and years; getting all of our students back in school fulltime, dealing with continued growth in student population, planning for additional elementary school, the replacement of our high school, staff increases, funding, changing needs for curriculum, building on our support for students of special needs, dealing with state mandates are just a few.

I believe the success of a School Board and its individual members are realized by listening, discussing and collaborative decision making. I believe I have shown that in my work on the Board.

I believe that stability in the leadership by the School Board is important. I would like to continue working with the other Board members in the next months and years to come.

For More Information:

No information submitted

Lynden School District 504 - **Director Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Kelli Kettels**

Elected Experience: I've had the privilege of being a part of the Lynden school board the past four years. I'm looking forward to serving my community for the next four. I've worked as a hairdresser at Creative design for about 20 years. I'm a graduate of Lynden High school class of '96. I've

been involved in coaching youth basketball, leading in AWANA, adventure club, volunteering in my kids activities and most recent the Lynden school board.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I am a mom to 7 fantastic kids, all who have attended and some who are still attending Lynden Schools. I have a wonderful husband who works for LTI and loves and supports our wild bunch. This past year has been a crazy one. I believe it's more important than ever to be a part of our great board as we continue to make big decisions for our kids, families and teachers. I feel I bring a voice of a mom, business women and life long resident. It's been my privilege and I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve the next four years. Go Lions!

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Meridian School District 505 - **Director District 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Jarrold Karuza**

Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: For the last 15 years I have worked as a Regional Sales Manager for DIS Corporation based in Bellingham, WA. DIS provides business systems to farm equipment, construction equipment

and material handling companies across North America.

Education: I graduated with the class of 2000 at Meridian High School and was part of the 1999 State Championship Football Team. I went on to earn a B.A., Business Administration from Western Washington University with a concentration in MIS. I also played 4 years of football for the WWU Vikings.

Community Service: Youth Basketball Coach

Statement: I have been part of the Laurel community since moving to the district in 3rd grade and I am excited about the opportunity my three kids will have to grow up in this special place that we call home. My business travels have brought me

to all 50 states, and personal travel has allowed me to visit 23 additional countries around the world. I have made some great memories and seen some amazing things but there is nothing that compares to the community we have here.

This world is changing rapidly and the educational experience and societal pressures that face our children's generation are ever changing. I want my daughter and two sons to grow up in a community that protects them, cares for them and I want to work on a school board that isn't afraid to make difficult decisions that are in the student's best interest.

We as parents are here to raise our kids the best we can and give them every opportunity to grow up as the future leaders of our community, state and country. I am excited to have the opportunity to serve my community and help these students in every way I can.

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 Meridian School District 505 - **Director District 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term


Emily Norton

Elected Experience: First time running for public office.

Other Professional Experience: Director of Rehabilitation/Physical Therapist, North Cascades Health and Rehabilitation Center 2010-2019

Education: Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Pacific University, 2003; B.S. Athletic Training, University of Nevada Las Vegas, 1998.

Community Service: Meridian School Board Director District #3 2020-present; Current Co-Chair Equity and Access Committee Meridian School District; Volunteer at Irene Reither Elementary; Panelist for Meridian High School Senior presentations 2021; Volunteer at Veterans of Foreign War post #1585; Junior VP Ladies Auxiliary VFW post #1585 2010-2012; Lifetime Member Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 1585; Board Member Elder Service Provides 2017-2019

Statement: As lifetime Whatcom County residents my husband, Thiessen, and I deliberately chose to live in the Meridian School district. Both of our children attend Irene

Reither Elementary and I have enjoyed volunteering in their classrooms and meeting students, teachers, staff and families. We are proud to be a part of this community.

In the Spring of 2020 I was appointed by the Meridian School Board to fill the vacancy in District #3. It has been a pleasure and honor to work with fellow board members to navigate the many unique challenges of the last school year. My goal as your representative is to make sure that all perspectives are considered and, as our community grows, that everyone has the opportunity to participate in the conversation.

I am a committed and passionate mom, who, above all, wants the best for our children, to empower and encourage them to do their best. I look forward to continuing the work of the school board, collaborating with teachers, parents and administrators to achieve the goals of the school district. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue serving your interests as the District #3 school board representative and respectfully ask for your vote. Thank You.

For More Information:
No information submitted



Steve Corwin

Elected Experience: I'm new to an elected position but am running for District Director 3 on the Meridian School Board. I am interested in representing the families of my district so that all the kids in our community get an exceptional education with many opportunities for growth.

Other Professional Experience: Small Business owner- Corwin Electrical Services LLC; I opened Corwin electrical 5 years ago with just me, now I have 7 employees and we are doing large commercial and industrial projects.

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Meridian flag football coach; Meridian youth basketball coach; Meridian youth T-ball coach

Statement: I'm Steve Corwin, I was born and raised in Bellingham. My wife and family are proud meridian Trojans, I'm proud to be in this District and proud to be a Trojan. I'm running for district 3 of the meridian school district for my children, and every other child in this district.

As a father of two young children that will be going through the meridian schools I'm running for this position so I can do my best to make sure our children are getting the very best education, focused on education and none of the outside influences.

I'm very excited for this opportunity to serve District 3 and represent the children and families of district 3

For More Information:
No information submitted



Nooksack School District 506 - **Director District 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Halli Kimball

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: NVHS class of 1996. BA in Elementary Education Eastern Washington University class of 2001.

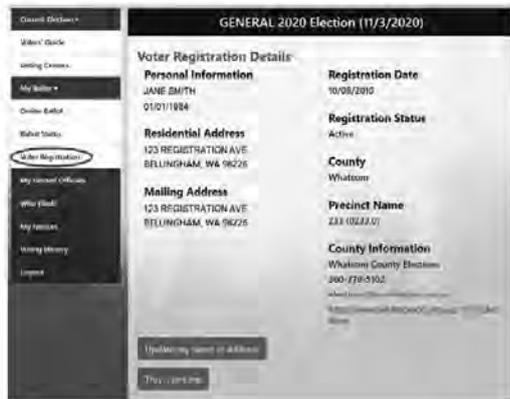
Community Service: Everson Elementary PTA president - 7 years; NVMS - PTSA president - 2 years; Nooksack Valley Scholarship Foundation - board member; Leadership on many youth activities boards; Multiple coaching positions in youth, Middle & High school sports

Statement: Born & raised in Everson, I graduated from NVHS in 1996. After 5 years of college at Eastern Washington University, my husband David & I decided we wanted to raise our kids in this amazing, unique little district. We have 2 kids, a son who is a Junior, and a freshman daughter. I have been very involved in our schools & in the district since our oldest was in Kindergarten. I believe NV is full of rich tradition & that our community is unlike any other. I feel I am very in-tune with the values & ideas of those who reside in my district and I will do my best to provide you a voice.

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No information submitted

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Nooksack School District 505 - **Director District 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Christopher O'Day

Elected Experience: First-time running for office.

Other Professional Experience: Student ASB in High School. NVHS Boys Golf Coach since 2014.

Education: Graduated from NVHS in 2006. Associates from WCC in 2008.

Community Service: Assist with Everson Days Basketball Tournament. Neighborhood Clean-up.

Statement: I want to get involved once again with the school that I went to high school at, the place I coach, and more importantly, where my kids will be going to school. The ability to have a voice and be a part of what is going on with future decisions relating to not just my children, but those in our community is important to me.

For More Information:
No information submitted



Stephen A. Jones

Elected Experience: Nooksack Valley School Board 1989 to present.

Other Professional Experience: High School History Teacher 1974 to 1976 and Commercial Banker 1976 to 2018.

Education: 1970 Graduate of Nooksack Valley High School and 1974 Graduate of Western Washington University with a BA in Education.

Community Service: City of Nooksack Planning Commission; Everson Nooksack Chamber of Commerce Member & Board Chair; Whatcom County Library Board Member & Chair; Arthritis Foundation Board Member & Co-Chair; United Way of Whatcom County Board Member; Nooksack Valley Scholarship Foundation Founding Board Member and Treasurer since 1997; Opportunity Council Board Member, Treasurer & Board Chair; Whatcom County Economic Development Investment Board Member

Statement: My wife Debra and I have been married for 48 years and both graduated from Nooksack Valley High School in 1970. My Mom, my seven Brothers and Sisters and Debra's five

Brothers and Sisters also graduated from Nooksack Valley High School. Our three children graduated from Nooksack Valley High School and now six of our nine Grandchildren are enrolled in the Nooksack Valley School District. With a background in education and long connection to the community I was thrilled to be appointed to the Nooksack Valley School Board in 1989. I have served as Board Chair for about half of those 32 years. Many of the fundamentals of education have not changed in that time. Good teaching and a supportive environment go a long ways in achieving student success. We have a great staff to accomplish student success. We have many visible signs of progress in our district - new and improved buildings and facilities, great athletic teams and accomplished music and drama programs. These are all important but I am most proud of our student achievement. Nooksack Valley students consistently outperform the county in literacy, math and science. Thank your for your trust and I appreciate your vote.

For More Information:
No information submitted

Mt Baker School District 507 - **Director District 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Brian Kelly**

Elected Experience: 2012 - 2021
Mount Baker School District Director
Area 1

Other Professional Experience: Small
business owner in Whatcom County
for over 20 years; Previous member
and Committee Chair of Bellingham
Technical College Automotive

Technology Advisory Committee for over 10 years

Education: 1983-1986 Mount Vernon High School; 1987-
1990 Western Washington University, Manufacturing and
Engineering Technology, Vehicle Research Institute

Community Service: Make A Wish project coordination;
First Robotics youth team Mentor; Vehicle refurbishing and
donations for deserving Veterans in partnership With KGMI
Radio; Volunteer work with the Automotive Service Association

Statement: I have lived with my wife in the Mount Baker

School district for over 20 years. Together we have raised 4
boys that have all attended our schools since kindergarten with
our youngest son now in high school.

Public Education brings many challenges, including
continually changing state and federal legislation, never ending
financial and budgetary issues, and most importantly ensuring
the best possible education and environment for the youth
of our community. I am committed to working in partnership
with our Superintendent and other school board members to
provide the best possible education, environment, and fiscally
sound management for our students, staff, and community.

I am honored to have served the community and students
in the Mount Baker School District for the last 8 years and look
forward to continuing that work.

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Mt Baker School District 507 - **Director District 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Brenna Reaugh**

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Front
House Manager at North Fork Brewery,
Pizzeria and Beer Shrine, Co-Owner of
On Tap Beer Services

Education: Associates Degree from
Whatcom Community College, Licensed

Practical Nursing Certificate from Bellingham Technical College,
most of a Bachelors Degree in Business Management from
Western Governor's University.

Community Service: Coached 5th and 6th grade girls'
basketball at Kendall Elementary, (Go Warriors!). Highway trash
pickup with the Mount Baker Foothills Chamber of Commerce,
Two years as Co-President of Kendall Elementary PTA.

Statement: I have lived in this community since 2004 and I
feel that it is time I give back in a new way. Being a voice for
students in the area is something I believe is important; every

student deserves to be heard. I look forward to being a part
of making decisions that will benefit all students within the
district with all different interests. I hope to find a balance
where students do not have to choose whether to be an artist
or an athlete but have the opportunity to explore all passions.
Watching my daughter grow up within the district has been
a joy. I have worked as a substitute in the schools and offices
of Mount Baker School District, and I have gotten to know
teachers, classified staff and students throughout the years and
it is clear to me that as a community we all care about the same
thing, more opportunities for all our students. My goal is to be
a part of the future growth of our district and I will work hard
to ensure that all students feel seen and heard.

For More Information:
No information submitted



Concrete School District No. 11 - **Director Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Hildi Parker

No information submitted

Concrete School District No. 11 - **Director District 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Janet Culver

No information submitted

Concrete School District No. 11 - **Director District 4, At-Large** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Ed Bradel

Elected Experience: No previous elected experience

Other Professional Experience: Lecturer in Zoology The Ohio State University; Professor of Biology University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College; Biology Department Head University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College

Education: BS in Biology Otterbein University; MS in Pathology The Ohio State University; PhD in Medical Physiology, The Ohio State University

Community Service: No previous relevant experience

Statement: Upon my retirement seven years ago as the head of the Biology department at the Blue Ash College (a 2 year regional campus) of the University of Cincinnati I moved to Birdsview Washington. I have not, however, lost my interest in education. I believe that every child in the Concrete School District deserves to have available to them a quality public education with a choice from a robust general, college preparatory, or vocational pathway.

I also believe in the inherent positive value of extracurricular activities including sports, music, and community service. I am opposed to the teaching of the New York Times Project 1619 reframing of American History; and Critical Race Theory.

With the Covid 19 pandemic appearing to be winding down as I write this statement I advocate reinstatement of full-time, in-person classes in the first term of 2021 without any requirement for Covid vaccination for students at any K-12 level until a vaccine is fully approved By the FDA.

I am in favor of the transfer of ownership of the Birdsview Grange Hall to the District 10 Fire Department in order to preserve this historic building and provide a community meeting facility for the upper Skagit Valley.

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Paul E Rogge

No information submitted



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Fire Protection District 1 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term**Matthew James Thompson**

Elected Experience: This is Matthew's first time running for an elected government office.

Other Professional Experience: Matthew is a dedicated public service professional with over a decade of experience in law enforcement, military operations, and multi agency emergency

response.

Education: High School graduate of the Fire Service Technology Sno-Ilse TECH Program, class of 2004. Skagit Valley Fire Protection Technology program 2005-2006. Washington State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Officer Enforcement Training Academy, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Land Management Police Academy. United States Coast Guard Leadership and Management School.

Community Service: Active church member and youth program volunteer.

Statement: If elected to Fire Commissioner for District 1, Matthew will put the needs of Everson, Nooksack, Deming, and the Nooksack Indian Tribe first. He is committed to supporting the fine men and women who put their lives on the line

everyday providing fire and medical services to our outstanding communities.

Matthew believes strongly in continuing the mission statement and legacy of Fire District 1, "To prevent or minimize the loss of life, damage to the environment and loss of property from the adverse affects of fire, medical emergencies and hazardous conditions."

As your Fire Commissioner, Matthew will work with district staff and fellow Commissioners to ensure the top firefighter candidates are hired, trained, and retained. He understands the absolute need for excellence in training, staffing, and emergency response equipment, and will make it his mission to ensure these basic needs are met. He also recognizes the importance of volunteers, which are the heartbeat of the fire service.

Matthew looks forward to using his community partnerships, training, and experience to serve the community and respectfully asks for your vote. Matthew is thankful to have the endorsements of the Whatcom County District 1 Firefighters Association and Everson City Mayor, John Perry.

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**Kurt Bruland**

Elected Experience: Seeking first term Fire Commissioner WCFD#1

Other Professional Experience: Current 23-year Firefighter/Paramedic City of Bellingham, Small Business owner Four Boys Embroidery.

Education: Graduate of Mt Baker High School 1990, AAS Fire Science Degree Spokane Community College 1993, AA Degree Paramedicine Bellingham Technical College 2002, Bellingham Fire Department Officer Academy

Community Service: Recently retired (Dec 2019) 30-year Volunteer Firefighter WCFD#1, Past involvement with Everson Boy Scout Troop 4027, Help Everson Lions Club with placing flags along Main Street on Holidays as time permits.

Statement: It is the job of the board of commissioners to represent their fire district, provide administrative oversight, and along with the chief, establish policy, and set/approve budgets.

As a current Firefighter Paramedic and recently retired 30-year volunteer firefighter, I have witnessed a lot of growth and change within WCFD#1. With this change and growth comes increased costs to the District for staff, both career and volunteer, equipment and facilities, and more demands on the career staff and volunteers with training, staffing needs, and overall time commitment.

As your elected commissioner, I will make it my duty to you, along with the other commissioners, to promote responsible spending of your tax dollars, ensure effective leadership, and make certain that the Fire District is providing effective Fire and EMS services. I would be honored to serve and ask for your support by trusting me with your vote.

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Fire Protection District 4 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Mark Lann

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Water District 7 - Board President and Chairman; Whatcom County Fire District 4 - Board President and Chairman

Other Professional Experience: 23 years public service (local law enforcement) in Whatcom County; 25 years trainer, educator, and mentor

(Whatcom Community College) in Whatcom County; Union Steward, Contract Negotiator, Labor / Management Relations

Education: Bachelor Degree - Political Science; Masters Degree - Public Administration

Community Service: Squalicum High School PTSA

Statement: Public service is an honor. I am committed to open, honest, transparent, ethical, and professional government. My commitment is to vigorously improve the way government provides services and continually find ways to become more efficient and save money.

For More Information:
No information submitted

Fire Protection District 4 - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 2 year term

Steven Cooley

No information submitted

Fire Protection District 5 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Virginia Lester

Elected Experience: I have served as a Fire Commissioner for 3 years fulfilling an unexpired term.

Other Professional Experience: I moved to Point Roberts in 2002 and opened the Point Roberts Clinic in 2003. I retired in 2012 but have continued to work part time and volunteered during

the COVID epidemic.

Education: I graduated from Needles High School and the University of Sothern California/Los Angeles County Hospital

School of Nursing in 1954. Graduated with BA in Psychology in 1958 and MSN, FNP from University of California, San Francisco in 1981.

Community Service: I have been an active volunteer in several organizations: PREP, HAM and Circle of Care.

Statement: I have enjoyed participating as a Fire Commissioner and wish to continue in that capacity.

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Fire Protection District 7 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Kendra Cristelli

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Fire District 7 Commissioner since 2018.

Other Professional Experience: Support Officer Community Care, Director; Regional Asset Protection Associate; Loss Prevention Specialist.

Education: Ferndale High School; Crime Victim Advocacy Certification, Crisis Response Certifications; Human Services Response for Communities Following Traumatic Events Certification.

Community Service: Ferndale School District Community Advisory Committee; Interfaith Coalition Severe Weather Shelter, Volunteer; Pass The Hat Appropriations, Board Member; Community activities and sporting events, Photographer.

Statement: As your Fire Commissioner, I am committed to our community and the men and women who serve Whatcom County Fire District 7 in Ferndale. I believe in, and will work diligently, to make our Mission Statement a reality: "providing trained personnel, apparatus, equipment and facilities to

meet the public's request for, emergency medical services, hazardous materials and disaster response, and to promote fire prevention, safety, medical education and enforcement of life safety codes."

I am a mother of four and Nana to three grandsons. I have lived in Whatcom County my entire life. My husband and I raised our family to understand the importance of community service.

As Director of Support Officer Community Care, I have built strong partnerships with our first responders, business owners, elected officials, local medical providers, patient advocates, and numerous other stakeholders in Ferndale and Whatcom County. These relationships ensure I am an effective voice for you, and an able aid to District 7 Staff as they strive 24/7 to meet and maintain their high standards of service to our community.

I am asking for your vote so I may continue to serve you and our community.

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Fire Protection District 8 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Robert Neher

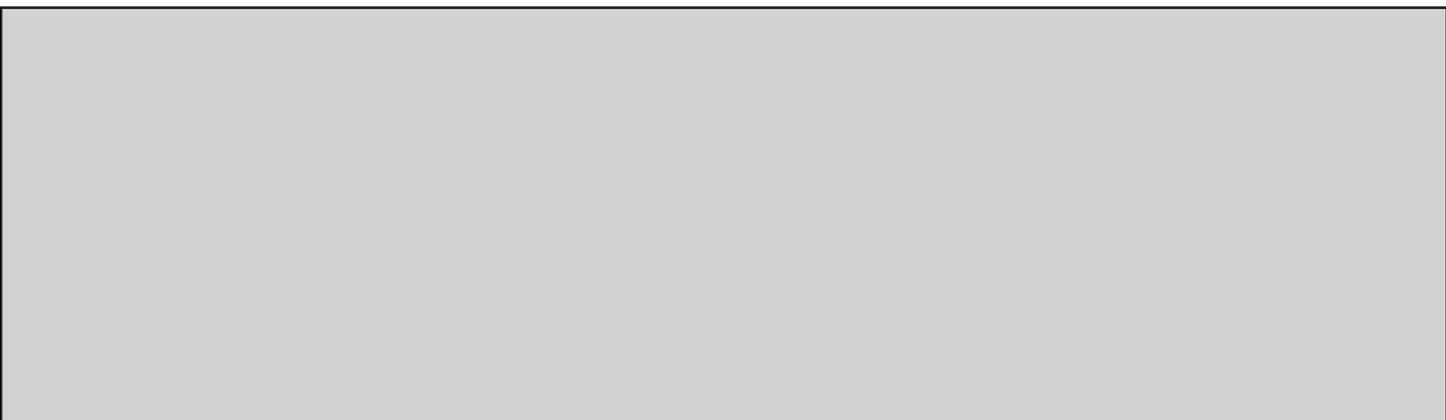
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Fire Protection District 8 - **Commissioner Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 2 year term

Keith Neher

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 Fire Protection District 11 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - short & full 6 year term

Leslie M. Dempsey

Elected Experience: Former Board Member of Lummi Island Scenic Estates Community Club (LISECC).

Other Professional Experience: 30+ year career in mortgage finance, 4 years as co-office manager for Lummi Island Heritage Trust.

Education: BA in Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude, University of Puget Sound, 1984.

Community Service: Current member of Lummi Island Fire Department Disaster Preparedness Division since 2019; current Map Your Neighborhood Group Lead for my immediate neighborhood; Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trained; completed 3 terms as Whatcom County Surface Mining Advisory Committee member; former President, Treasurer, and Finance Chair of LISECC Board; former Firewise Coordinator for LISECC; completed 4 terms as Lummi Island Grange Master.

Statement: I have a 20 plus year connection to Lummi Island and have had the privilege of living here fulltime for more than

10 years. I care deeply about my island community and have a life-long desire to be of service. All island institutions face common challenges including the recruitment and invigoration of a largely volunteer workforce as well as funding equipment, facilities, supplies and events. I believe that the Lummi Island Fire Department is the most important of these institutions given its focus and mission of providing fire prevention and suppression services, emergency medical services, and protection of life and property. Fire Commissioners provide critical support to the fire district through governance and management. I have a strong administrative background, which includes the creating and administering of budgets, policies and procedures; creation of job descriptions; hiring and supervision of employees; public speaking; negotiation with insurance companies; and research of grants and other funding sources. I have a deep respect and appreciation for past and current Lummi Island Fire Commissioners and would be honored to join their ranks in serving the island community.

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Dan Ohms

Elected Experience: Fire Commissioner, Whatcom County Fire District 2

Other Professional Experience: Forest Fire Fighter, Bellingham Firefighter and Captain, Nationally Registered Paramedic, Paramedic Captain Bellingham Fire Department, Whatcom

Medic One. Retired from Bellingham Fire Department in 2006. Adjunct Faculty Bellingham Technical College. Educator for Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support, instructor for EMT continuing education and First Aid/CPR.

Education: Clover Park High School, Tacoma Wa. BA Western Washington University

Community Service: Past president Whatcom County EMS Council. Past President Congregation Beth Israel. Volunteer Lummi Island Fire Department.

Statement: Lummi Island Fire District 11 strives to provide highly professional service to our community. Island life

presents specific challenges for the fire service. There are times when the department requires additional help from the mainland. The need to recruit, train and retain volunteers is critical.

The primary role of Fire Commissioner is to oversee the use of tax dollars. Clear policies and procedures outlining the processes to join, promote and maintain the Fire Department are critical. Respect for the dignity and privacy of our community members and volunteers is essential. Decisions regarding equipment expenditures must be based upon input from key stakeholders, including volunteer firefighters.

I support a hiring process for a new Fire Chief that includes a candidate search. I am very supportive of the upcoming countywide EMS Levy, which will fund an additional paramedic (ambulance) unit to help meet the needs of our community. I look forward to serving the inhabitants of this beautiful island.

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Fire Protection District 14 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Chris Moe

Elected Experience: 2017-Current Fire Commissioner, Whatcom County Fire District 14; 2004-2011 Fire Commissioner, Whatcom County Fire District 14

Other Professional Experience: Owner, Bayside Services; Foreman, ConocoPhillips (Retired)

Education: Nooksack Valley High School; Perry Technical Institute

Community Service: 1989-Current Firefighter, Whatcom County Fire District 14

Statement: As a member of the 6th generation of my family here in Whatcom County, I have been privileged to have been a volunteer firefighter for Whatcom County Fire District 14 for the past 30 years. For the past four years, and a previous term before that, I also served as one of the three fire commissioners for the District.

Our fire district has seen some significant changes in the past 30 years, and even more so in the past 6. To accommodate our growing call volume, a new training building and a crew quarters facility were constructed at the Kendall Station, giving our department the ability to house firefighters overnight for the first time. This helped to reduce response time to our community and provided much needed space for training our volunteer firefighters.

My experience with Whatcom County Fire District 14 gives me insight into the current challenges we face, the needs of almost 70 volunteer firefighters, and the pride it takes to be a part of the fire service. With your vote, I will continue serving our fire district with the same professionalism, responsibility, and dependability that has made our organization truly exceptional.

For More Information:
No information submitted

Fire Protection District 16 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

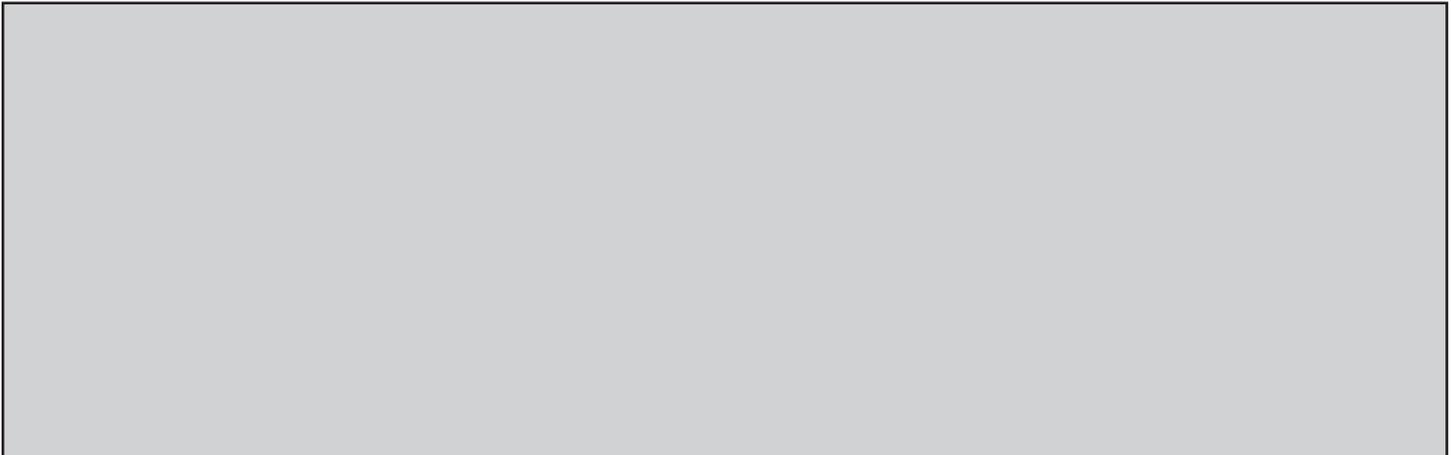
Tom Smith

No information submitted

Fire Protection District 17 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - short & full 6 year term

Bill Rinesmith

No information submitted



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Fire Protection District 18 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Steve Wolf

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Whatcom County Fire District: Fire Fighter/EMT, 2010 to

present.

Statement: My name is Steve Wolf. I am a 10 year volunteer member of our districts local fire department where I currently serve as a Fire Fighter and Emergency Medical Technician. I am

running for the Whatcom County Fire District 18 Commissioner position 1. I am committed to our fire districts mission goal which is "To provide the best possible emergency service to the community in a timely, professional, and cost effective manner for the preservation of life". I feel I am the right person to represent our community and help continue making this noble mission happen. I would very much appreciate your consideration and your vote. Thank you.

For More Information:

No information submitted

Glacier Fire and Rescue - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Erica Kennedy

No information submitted

Glacier Fire and Rescue - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 2 year term

Magenta Widner

No information submitted

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Fire Protection District 21 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term**John Crawford**

Elected Experience: Currently serving on: 911 Advisory Board Whatcom County; Whatcom County Fire Commissioner Assoc.; Washington State Fire Commissioner Assoc.; NWFR Commissioner (current)

Other Professional Experience: Retired Local 106 member; Retired Port of

Bellingham Airport Firefighter 30 years

Education: Meridian High School Laurel WA; United States Navy Damage Control "A" school San Diego; Fire Officer 1 and 2 Emmitsburg Maryland Fire Academy

Community Service: Former Volunteer Firefighter with Whatcom County Fire District #8 16 years. Former Softball coach Meridian Girls softball. Former Volunteer Whatcom Humane Society.

Statement: As Commission board member, I am asking the district voters to re-elect myself. I have seen the board of commissioners make significant strides in growing as a district, which has translated to improving the organization greatly. The District has experienced excellent financial audits. Currently the Commission is implementing a strategic plan so it can keep pace with the community's needs. I seriously take the burden of fiscal responsibility I have to the district taxpayers. I look for ways to streamline processes and seek out new and innovative ways to provide service. I will continue to work with staff, fellow commissioners, and community stakeholders to build relationships and meet the challenges of the future. I treat everyone with trust and respect including those with differing opinions.

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Fire Protection District 21 - **Commissioner Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 2 year term**Kimberly Calman-McMurray**

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: I am proud to have grown up in Whatcom County, attending Meridian School District K-12. Earned a Business Administration degree from Northwest Nazarene University. Worked for Seattle

Pacific University Athletic Department and then spent a few years working for a real estate/property management firm in Idaho. I was ecstatic to return to Lynden, where I have worked for my father's business for over 21 years. I have two children who also attended Meridian SD K-12. My husband is a retired firefighter and burn camp director. Our family enjoys all that the PNW has to offer of scenery and outdoor activities.

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: Why am I qualified to serve you? My answer is two-fold. First, you need to understand my past. As a senior in high

school I was in an explosion which left me with third degree burns over 65% of my body. I spent 95 days at Harborview Burn Center in Seattle. Without detailed explanation, severe burns have a long recovery process. I experienced caring/acceptance as well as mean/cruel people. While the insults were hurtful and shocking, it ignited a passion in me to help others. I have spent decades serving, speaking and volunteering for the American Burn Association, Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, Harborview Burn Center, burn camps and participating in burn research projects. Locally my family has volunteered feeding the homeless through Cornwall Church, Salvation Army and Lighthouse Mission.

The second part is as a recipient of first responders saving my life and a husband with fire department knowledge and experience, I bring compassion and understanding to the people of our district. I also bring business management capabilities. I appreciate that you work hard for your money. It is important to know your tax dollars are responsibly spent serving our community with the highest level of care and dedication.

For More Information:
No information submitted



South Whatcom Fire Authority - **Commissioner District 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Brian C. Martin

No information submitted

Water District 2 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Chuck Foster

Elected Experience: Water Commissioner District 2

Other Professional Experience: Labor Relations Consultant (Retired); High School Teacher

Education: University of San Francisco

Community Service: Bellingham City Club President & Board Member; Whatcom County Crises Services President; Whatcom County AAU Basketball President.

Statement: Chuck Foster has served as a commissioner in Water District 2 for 19 years. During that time he has led the district through a period of unprecedented financial stability, and helped maintain a professional culture dedicated to serving both its customers and the community. He has been honored to get to know so many of his neighbors while in office, and looks forward to serving you for another term.

For More Information:
No information submitted

Point Roberts Water District 4 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Madeleine Anderson

Elected Experience: First elected as Water Commissioner, 1999 continuously - present

Other Professional Experience: Volunteer Coordinator for the Point Roberts Seniors Association - 2017-Present; Asst. Mgr. of the Point Roberts Liquor Store - 1996-2006;

Employed by various architects in BC, Alberta & Free lance work 1974-present; U.B.C. Clinical Teaching Associate - 1987-1997

Education: Pratt Institute, B.A. Environmental Design, Minor in Photography, N.Y. -1974; University of Delaware - Art History, Engineering & Fine Art.

Community Service: 2008, - Present - Co-Founder of The End The Pain Project, Point Roberts & President, Amputee Coalition of BC. 1997-1999 - Point Roberts Taxpayers Assoc. Board; Various fund raising & volunteer events.

Statement: I strongly believe that everyone should have good quality water - and we do! The people of Point Roberts are

indeed among the more fortunate in the world, having some of the best water for drinking, cooking, gardening & plenty for our fire suppression - thereby keeping our homes & cottages safe.

We are in a unique situation, purchasing our water from the Greater Vancouver Water District. The 1987 agreement is unalterable! We have tried to re-negotiate a better arrangement several times with no success.

A Commissioner's job is to oversee the smooth running of our district on a monthly basis - including budget, management & reviews of any concerns from ratepayers & infrastructure items. Our staff is vigilant in the regular monitoring of our water quality ensuring that WA. State's standards are being met.

I am proud to represent our district at various public meetings, conferences and events both locally & state wide. I look forward to serving the interests of the Point Roberts community for another term. Thank you for your support.

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Water District 7 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - short & full 6 year term



Tessa Ebbesen

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Water District 7 Commissioner

Other Professional Experience: Partner, Whatcom CPA Group - I have been in public accounting for over 12 years with a focus on financial statements and tax planning and compliance.

Education: Squalicum High School graduate; Bachelor of Arts in Accounting with a Minor in Business Administration, Western Washington University; Masters of Professional Accounting, Western Washington University

Community Service: Participate in various community programs and events and volunteer at my children's elementary school.

Statement: As a paying customer of Whatcom County Water District 7 ("the District"), my priority is to ensure that the District resources are used appropriately. As commissioner, I am committed to reasonable rates and looking for ways to improve infrastructure and overall water efficiency. My current experience with the District is in honor of my dad who passed away in 2019. He was a commissioner of the District for over 2 decades and did some incredible things during his many years of service. My commitment is two fold - to serve our customers to the best of my abilities and to carry on the legacy of my dad, Tom Rhone. With my background in public accounting, I'm very focused on the financials and specifically costs of the District to ensure we're being fiscally responsible. Thank you for your vote!

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Birch Bay Water and Sewer District - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Jeff Benner

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Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District - **Commissioner District 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Laura Abele

No information submitted

Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District - **Commissioner District 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Leslie McRoberts

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Water District 13 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Robert Vandenhaak

Elected Experience: Our Water District 13 has many challenges ahead with the new growth that has been coming to our area, this has been putting more of a demand on our system. I would like to keep working with my fellow commissioners to continue the same quality of service for our current and

future customers of Water District 13.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: No information submitted

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Water District 13 - **Commissioner Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - short & full 6 year term



Anthony Au

Elected Experience: Current Commissioner for Whatcom Water District 13, past commissioner and executive board members for Tacoma CVB, past board members for Pierce County Fife Projects Work Task Force, Tri-City Washington CVB Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience: Asia Pacific Regions Directors for a French International Trading firm, Regional President for a Multi-chains hotels corporation.

Education: MBA, CHA, CFBA.

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: Please allow me to introduce myself in brief, during my careers I utilized my experiences and skills volunteer my services and devotions in major community services helping and assist several major city local agency such as Tacoma CVB

as executive board members and treasurers, Pierce County Fife city Projects Work Task Force and I also served 2 full terms with Tri-City Washington CVB as commissioners to enhance good working relationships between the local business and the travel industry statewide enable the community business operators increased revenues achieved good local economy impacts. It's my honor that currently on board as a commissioner with Whatcom Water District 13 and my priority is to focus on serving my local community members ensuring all members receiving effective and good service from the local water districts. I am a good listener and like to help and assist my local members solving any problems or concerns may arise in the community and work hand in hand with the district operations to benefits both way. I appreciate all your supports by giving me this opportunity continue to serve you in the future and I thank you for your valuable support.

For More Information:
No information submitted



Columbia Valley Water District - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Richard Banel

Elected Experience: Appointed to vacant Commissioner position at Columbia Valley Water District in 2007 to serve remainder of two-year term, and served two consecutive six-year terms as Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience: Attorney in private practice in Whatcom

County since 2005 and member of Washington State Bar Association for more than 25 years.

Education: Diploma, Lake Washington High School, Kirkland. B.A., double major, Journalism, Sociology University of Washington, Seattle. Juris Doctor, University of Puget Sound Law School, Tacoma. Gold-level award from the Washington Association of Water and Sewer Districts for continuing education about water utilities.

Community Service: Donated numerous hours of need-based pro-bono legal services to individuals and organizations.

Statement: Since first becoming your Commissioner, my number one goal has always been safe and reliable drinking water at the lowest possible cost. And over the many years that

I have served as your Commissioner, there has never been a major service disruption other than occasional brief outages due to maintenance or emergency repairs. During my tenure, CVWD has continued to pay down its debt, without incurring new debt, while maintaining our water system to the highest quality standards. CVWD has made many smart investments that are already paying off. Case in point: CVWD has purchased new state-of-the-art equipment and hired skilled staff and is now able to perform 100% of the emergency repairs and maintenance projects in-house, thus avoiding the high cost and potential delay from relying on outside contractors. Serving as your Commissioner has given me the experience to identify and avoid issues that may adversely affect CVWD. Finally, I'm proud of the solid and respectful working relationships between myself and the other two Commissioners. I humbly and respectfully ask for your vote, so that I can continue helping ensure that Columbia Valley Water District delivers reliable and affordable water, and together, we will continue to strive for excellence!

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Cemetery District 1 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

John F. LaMonte

No information submitted

Cemetery District 3 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Scott Robertson

No information submitted

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Cemetery District 4 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

John L. Groom

No information submitted

Cemetery District 4 - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 2 year term

Jay Roelof

No information submitted

Cemetery District 5 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Mary Boice

No information submitted

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Cemetery District 6 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Julie A. Hughes

No information submitted

Cemetery District 7 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Leonard A. Sund

No information submitted

Cemetery District 8 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - short & full 6 year term



Stephen Falk

Elected Experience: I am currently an appointed commission of the Cemetery District. After about 7 years, I am reaching the end of my time as a Park District commissioner. I am a Hospital District commissioner. I did one 2-year term on the Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee.

Other Professional Experience: I practiced law in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for over 20 years, specializing in intellectual property law.

Education: B.S. in Biology from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. J.D. from Temple University School of Law

Community Service: In addition to my elected offices, I am Vice President of Friends of the Point Roberts Library, Secretary of the Point Roberts Beekeepers Association, and President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of British Columbia.

Statement: I would like to continue to serve the community in the role of commissioner of the local Cemetery District.

For More Information:
No information submitted



Jean Barrington

Elected Experience: I have no previous election experience.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: I am the product of the Washington state public education system from first grade through my BA

degree earned from The Evergreen State College in Olympia. My graduate degree is from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH and my post-graduate degree from Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

Community Service: I have volunteered at food banks and homeless shelters throughout my working life. In Point Roberts

I contributed what I could to the planning and fund raising efforts for the library and the church parish hall.

Statement: I first came to Point Roberts 24 years ago and have called it home ever since. I have been looking for a way to be involved in community service where I can share my gifts. The cemetery board seems to be a place I could help as my previous work experience brought me in contact with families of the deceased, funeral directors and needs of the community in this area. I would be happy to serve the community by serving on the cemetery board.

For More Information:
No information submitted



Cemetery District 9 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Tom Jones

No information submitted

Cemetery District 9 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 4 year term



Eric Dawson

Elected Experience: No elected experience.

Other Professional Experience: Participated as a candidate in three elections for the ASWWU Senate, Lobbied in the Washington State capitol several times.

Education: Graduated from Nooksack Valley High School, Current Western Washington University student.

Community Service: Lobbied at state capitol several times, participated in Black Lives Matter protests, raised donations for the Humane Society, helped run youth recreation events such as foam swordplay and tabletop games before Covid-19 pandemic.

Statement: With increased financial strain from lockdowns and the 15.9% increase in death rate nationwide, it is important to ensure that everybody can get the dignified burial they deserve, even those with no money to pay for a burial.

There is also a problem with accountability. Some cemeteries like Mountain View Cemetery in Centralia have no license and still operate. These cemeteries tend to have unkempt grounds and degrading graves. As far as I am aware there are no problematic cemeteries in District 9 like the ones elsewhere in the state that I am describing and I would like to keep it that way.

As Cemetery District 9 Commissioner I will work towards ensuring that everybody can get the dignified burial they deserve. I will do this by working towards affordability for those hit hardest by the pandemic as well as ensuring cemeteries in District 9 continue to stay licensed and well maintained.

To do this I plan to pursue options such as decreasing plot costs or subsidies for those who would otherwise be unable to buried their loved ones as well as seeking harsher punishments for cemeteries that are unlicensed or unmaintained.

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Cemetery District 10 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Richard Decima

No information submitted

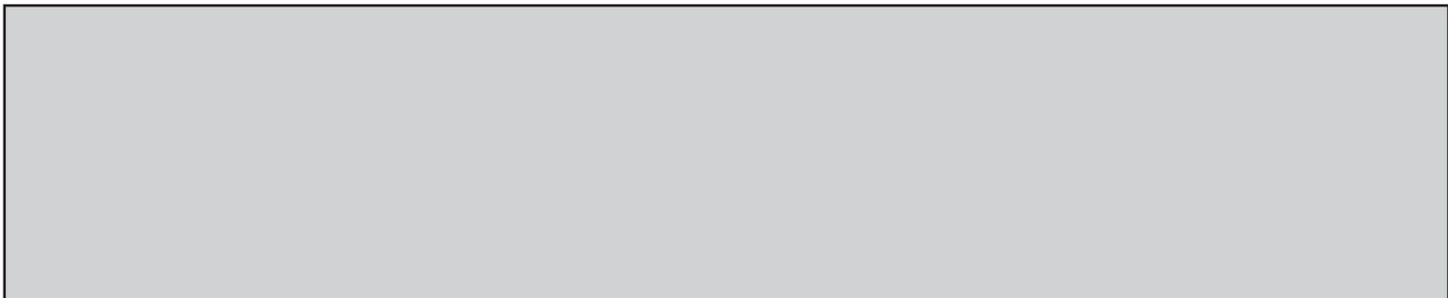
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Cemetery District 10 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 4 year term

Jim DeGroot

No information submitted

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 Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Matt Wang

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Worked for American Airlines and US Bank since 1995 as IT manager. Experienced leader in IT industry.

Education: Master of Science,

University of Wisconsin

Community Service: 5 years of volunteer experience for North Texas Food Bank.

Statement: In the summer of 2020, I had the opportunity to work with all commissioners of Point Roberts Park District to successfully create the community Kayak program. I am looking forward to get more actively involved in the Park District as an elected official.

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 Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1 - **Commissioner Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 2 year term

Michael Cressy

Elected Experience: No previous elected experience

Other Professional Experience: Commercial Airline Pilot (33 years)

Education: Selkirk Aviation Technology

Community Service: None

Statement: My goal in putting my

name forward as a Park Commissioner is to take a more active role in my community. As a Park Commissioner I intend to take a nonpartisan and inclusive approach to all Park initiatives. I hope to build upon our current activities as well as introduce new park services which will enhance our community, not only for our residents, but also for our guests.

For More Information:
No information submitted



Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 2 year term



Jesse Creydt

Elected Experience: Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2 Commissioner Position 1.

Other Professional Experience: Executive Director TouchStone Health Clinic.

Education: BA California Lutheran

University, 2003.

Community Service: Healthy Youth Coalition President, Teach One to Lead One (T1L1) Board Member, Blaine Economic Development Committee, Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee, Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce Director and Member, Blaine Chamber of Commerce Member and Volunteer. Jesse helps serve at many community service projects and clean up efforts.

Statement: "Let's go to the park!" Commissioner Jesse Creydt is working hard to make local healthy recreational opportunities accessible to all. Jesse would like you to experience the joy our local parks and recreation have brought to him and his family.

Jesse believes every park in our community should be a safe and inviting place for our residents. Parks should be usable and highlight our beautiful landscapes. Improving access to parks means connecting them via awesome trails. An energetic stroll through our parks and on our trails helps to bring our friends and families together.

Access to ongoing activities and special events are important in our lives. Using the gyms, birdwatching, taking a dance class, playing pickleball and everything in between can bring great joy. Jesse will continue to work hard to sustain current and create new recreational opportunities we all can say yes to!

Our leaders need your input and Jesse will help ensure your voice is heard. Jesse wants you to be able to create special memories at our parks. Jesse has demonstrated commitment to help create more opportunities for us to enjoy locally. Jesse Creydt is working hard to help our community and is honored to represent you.

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David Halme

Elected Experience: President, Lake Cowichan Teachers Association; President, BC Teachers Professional Development Committee.

Other Professional Experience: BC Teachers Federation Assistant Communications Director, Athletic Instructor; Coaching and officiating

community and high school sports

Education: Bachelor of Science, Notre Dame University, Nelson, BC 1972; Masters Education, Gonzaga University, 1978

Community Service: Member of the Whatcom County Literacy Board which provides oversight of the literacy program to provide tutors for Whatcom County residents to learn to speak

English and improve their literacy skills; Contributor to Family Promise Program to support homeless families through the Zion Lutheran Church; Blaine Birch Bay Recreation volunteer supporting youth activities and community projects

Statement: I have supported and enjoyed the public recreation opportunities available in the Blaine Birch Bay area. These programs and facilities without a doubt add to the value and a sense of community. I am willing to commit the time and energy to work towards maintaining and increasing the access to public recreational opportunities for all residents.

For More Information:

No information submitted


 Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2 - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Sheli Moore

Elected Experience: I am currently serving my 2nd term as a Commissioner with the Blaine-Birch Bay Park & Recreation District 2.

Other Professional Experience: I currently work as a bookkeeper for a local company.

Education: Graduate of Blaine High School and Edmonds Community College

Community Service: I am involved with my Neighborhood Association and it's annual plant sale. I've organized multiple fundraisers for sports teams and am currently knitting hats as a fundraiser for the restoration of the NN59 sailboat by Drayton Harbor Maritime. I have participated in multiple volunteer activities for BBBPRD2, most recently the blackberry removal at the California Creek Park property kayak launch area.

Statement: I am a lifelong resident of Blaine. I have been married 31 years and have 3 adult children. I would be honored to have your vote.

I have had a great time serving as a Commissioner for the last 7 years, and Treasurer for 2 years. Our focus over the past 8 years has been to provide our community residents and visitors a wide variety of activities and classes. Our staff has succeeded, especially in these challenging times. We have also been pursuing the creation of a safe route between Blaine and Birch Bay for non-motorized traffic.

I prepared a grant last fall to plan and prioritize improvements along Blaine Road from Dakota Creek Bridge to Grandview Road within the Parks District boundaries. We recently received news we have been awarded the grant contingent upon the state's approval of the budget and federal appropriations. This is a much needed step to get future capital funding to make the planned improvements a reality for our community.

As we have grown as a District our bookkeeping system needed to be updated and I was tasked with converting the District from our prior system to QuickBooks. That was completed about a year ago.

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 Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2 - **Commissioner Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Billy Brown

Elected Experience: Current Blain Birch Bay Parks an Recreation Commissioner District 2. Past President Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce, Vice president Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce

Other Professional Experience: Self Employed Real Estate Broker for 32 years

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce events, Birch Bay Beach Park Advisory Committee, School for Birch Bay Advisory Committee, Bay to Bay trail volunteer, Toys for Tots, Cub scouts, Many Blaine and Birch Bay Park and Rec. Dist. events, community meals program, Windermere Community service Day at Boys and Girls Club, Lions Club Horizon Park, Lidia Place.

Statement: Thank you Blaine and Birch Bay for electing me to my first term as a parks commissioner. I live in Birch Bay with

my family. I am a father of two children and a grandfather of three. Birch Bay and Blaine have been my home since 1987. It is my belief that Blaine and Birch Bay communities should work together in all respects for the betterment of our community. Our Parks and Recreation Dist. has a huge responsibility to provide recreation, maintain our parks facilities and trails with the tax dollars provided by our citizens. Problem solving and working within a limited budget is a challenge, which I am good at. I have learned these traits through years of working with the Chamber of Commerce and my Real Estate career. The planning and construction of the Bay-to trail is a priority to me. Working together with other Parks Dist. volunteers, we have secured the easements and properties needed to make the trail a reality someday. Maintaining our Park facilities and supporting recreation programs for our citizens, young and old, is my main focus and will continue if you decide to support me for another term.

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Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Rick Lair**

Elected Experience: I am currently your Park and Rec District commissioner. I have held this position for the previous 4 Years, I additionally have held various Offices in the Bellingham Jaycees organization. Also I currently serve the community on the Lynden Youth Sports Board.

Other Professional Experience: Quality Control Manager Matrix Service Inc. Quality Control Supervisor, Quality Control Inspector, Planner, Foreman, Maintenance Mechanic, Welder, Fitter. Department of Ecology.

Education: Graduate of Bellingham Technical College, AWS Certified Inspector, API Certified Tank Inspector, Certified Welder, START Safety, Leadership Development, Code Of Conduct and Ethics.

Community Service: 40+Years of Community Service, LYS Coordinator, Board Member, Softball, Basketball, Baseball & Football Coach.

Statement: I am seeking re-election for this office. My goal will be to help complete projects that are part of our Park and

Rec District Master plan. 4 Years ago my goal was to listen to the voters of this great community and that I did.. Also another personal goal was to work with various local organizations to accomplish Park and Rec District projects. Our Rec District participated in a Rotary sponsored project to make Capital improvements to Bender field, this was a huge success. Thank You to the Rotary and the many local supporters of that project. Funding is a major issue when it comes to Park and Rec district improvements. We had a very tough ask and surverved the community in regards to vote for or against a very much needed Bond proposal. The voters approved the Bond, we now have Dickinson Park, Glenning Park, Benson Park with projects begining at each. I will again serve the community and will bring your voice to the district commisioners as well as to our local government.

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Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3 - **Commissioner Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Bob Johnson**

Elected Experience: Elected as County Commissioner for Ingham, Michigan from 1995-1996, serving on all 4 standing committees; Chaired the Township Board of Review in Bath, Michigan, which resolved citizen complaints about property tax assessments, from 1998 to 2001;

Served on the Capital Area Substance Abuse Commission in 1996; Represented the County with the Municipal Employees Retirement System in 1996

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Commissioner for the Lynden Regional Parks & Recreation Board 2018-current began 2021 as Chairman
Commissioner for the Lynden Regional Parks & Recreation Board 2018-current began 2021 as Chairman;
Married to Debbie Johnson (nee deBoer), with three daughters.

Statement: When we moved to Lynden in 2005 we quickly came to appreciate the wholesome, family-friendly community spirit here, and I promise you I would work hard to preserve it.

I work with 4 other outstanding commissioners (also some who have left the board like Hank Roorda & Terry DeValois) to produce a 3 million dollar ballot proposal. To our delight you all approved it!

Now we are in the planning & engineering mode and next year there will be a lot of dirt moving and hopefully some ribbon cutting on parks and trails in and around Lynden!

Many thanks goes out to Vern Meenderinck and Mayor Korthuis and city council members along with the city parks board members for working with our board on these mutually beneficial projects for the betterment of the recreation of our citizens in the greater Lynden Area! I hope to have opportunity to use my talents and experience for Lynden for 4 more years.

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Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 2 year term



Richard Whitson

Elected Experience: I have served 6 years as a Park Commissioner and look forward to another term to advance projects which will benefit the community.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: AA

Community Service: Water & Sewer District Commissioner - 13 yrs; Peaceful Valley HOA Board Member - 9 yrs; Community Garden Project - 6 yrs

Statement: I have served this community for 15 years and I want to continue serving.

For More Information:
No information submitted

Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 2 year term



Cindy Johnson

Elected Experience: This is my first time running for office.

Other Professional Experience: I am currently a stay at home mom, homeschooling my two daughters.

Education: B.S. Environmental Science from WWU, 2003.

Community Service: Kendall PTA President 2020-21, Kendall PTA secretary 2019-20, Mt. Baker Co-op Preschool President 2019-20, Mt. Baker Co-op Preschool VP 2018-19.

Statement: Since putting down roots in Columbia Valley in 2005, I have developed a strong interest in seeing our community grow safer and more connected. Kendall can be a challenging place to meet neighbors and enjoy our limited common spaces. I believe parks are important in creating opportunities for connections within ones community. I see parks as a great tool for increasing the wellness of our community. A vote for me is a vote for the future of Kendall and helping the area live up to its names, Peaceful and Paradise.

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Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District - **Commissioner Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Melonie Ancheta

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Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District - **Commissioner Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Jessica Bee

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Chuckanut Community Forest Park District - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

John Hymas

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Hospital District 304 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Debra Lancaster

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Higher Education: 15 years with Skagit Valley College and 10 years with Washington State University Extension. Nonprofit: 10 years as Executive Director of United Way of Skagit County.

Education: Bachelor's in Communications and Master's in Education-Leadership Policy, both from the University of Washington. Graduate of Leadership Skagit Class of 2004

Community Service: 25 years - Mount Vernon Soroptimist (President & Treasurer); 17 years - Leadership Skagit board/ alumni; 7 years - Skagit Population Health Trust; 2 years - EDASC Foundation Board. One year with Helping Hands Food Bank; SW Chamber; and Help Me Grow Engagement team.

Statement: Debra is passionate about ensuring access to life-long learning and wellness in our communities. She brings decades of experience connecting people to knowledge and

resources that can help them enhance their personal and professional lives. Debra has partnered with District 304 over the past 10 years on several programs aimed at improving the lives of children including coordination of the Children's Council of Skagit County and Varsity in Volunteering at Sedro-Woolley, Concrete and Burlington-Edison high schools. She has a strong network of relationships with current District 304 partners such as Skagit Valley College, EDASC, Skagit County, School Districts, and many businesses. These are the efforts that support kids, families, and seniors. She understands the diverse nature of District 304, since she and her husband, Doug, have lived both in Concrete for 9 years and for the last 27 years in Sedro Woolley. Debra has extensive experience with public organization budgeting: not just how to be a good steward of the money but how to invest those dollars to their highest use in our community. She would be honored to have your vote.

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Greg Thramer

Elected Experience: Burlington-Edison Kiwanis - Past President / Treasurer ; Fir-Conway Lutheran Church - Finance Committee / Treasurer; Padilla Bay Foundation - Treasurer; Kabalo Heights Homeowners Association - President / Treasurer

Other Professional Experience: WA State Certified Public Accountant; Director of Finance, Port of Skagit; Director of Finance, Burlington-Edison School District; Director of Finance, City of Burlington and other local governments

Education: Burlington-Edison High School; Western Washington University; BA in Accounting

Community Service: Burlington-Edison Kiwanis; Fir-Conway Lutheran Church; Skagit County Search and Rescue; Boys and Girls Club; Padilla Bay Foundation

Statement: The objective of a hospital district is to improve the

health and well-being of its constituents. Strong families are the backbone of a vibrant local community and early wellness initiatives, nutritional resources and community access for all assist to achieve that goal. Substance Abuse, Obesity and Senior Wellness programs will help to lower overall healthcare costs to our society. Healthcare should be proactive and include educational resources while providing opportunities for physical fitness and mental wellbeing.

Hospital districts should be well run with appropriate fiscal oversight to ensure stewardship of our assets.

As a lifelong member of this community, I have been blessed to grow up here and raise a family. Together we can work to ensure that the Skagit Valley continues to be a healthy place to live and grow, while providing opportunities for lifelong wellness.

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Hospital District 304 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - unexpired 4 year term

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 Point Roberts Public Hospital District - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term


Sara Oggel

Elected Experience: None.

Other Professional Experience:

Hospital Admissions/Ward Clerk
1973 - 1976. Travel Counsellor 1979 -
1996. Ricoh Copier Sales 1996 - 1997.
Pharmaceutical Sales 1997 - 2018.

Education: Graduate Avon High School,
Avon, IL, 1969. Drake University, Biology Major, 1972

Community Service: Habitat for Humanity. Moore County,
NC Humane Society. Multiple Sclerosis 150 Bike Ride. North
Carolina MG Car Club Car Show. Point Roberts Emergency
Preparedness (PREP) Board member and Shelter Manager.
Participated as a volunteer in the administration of Covid-19
vaccinations.

Statement: I grew up in a small midwest farming community.
My father was the physician/general surgeon for the
community and surrounding area. Growing up in a medical

environment influenced my school and career choices.
Volunteering to support our community is something my family
has always done. Thru the years, I've carried on with this
tradition and continue to do so today.

Four years ago I bought property in Point Roberts and
moved to this wonderful community two years ago. My dogs
and I enjoy exploring all the parks and beaches. I am on the
Point Roberts Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Board, and I am
the Shelter Manager.

An opening on the hospital board provides an opportunity
to share my medical management knowledge. Therefore, I am
pleased to run for this vacant hospital district position.

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William H. Meursing

Elected Experience: *I served with
pleasure and complete dedication on
our Fire District in Point Roberts. I was
instrumental in hiring Christopher
Carlton as our chief, and initiated
a number of necessary policies and
projects.*

Other Professional Experience: Airline

pilot, restaurateur, excavation contractor and real-estate
developer.

Education: *Formal schooling in the Netherlands and airline
transport pilot training in the Netherlands and Canada.*

Community Service: Volunteer fire fighter, water district board
member and home owners association board member.

Statement: *In my professional and volunteer services I have
given it my full dedication. I'm especially proud of my 15 year
association as a board member with the Point Roberts Fire
District.*

*It is my objective to provide complete transparency to you,
the citizens of Point Roberts.*

*Please remember as your commissioner I work for you. I
will be there on your behalf so all issues, questions and concerns
will be addressed. I will work to earn your trust and confidence
in this important position.*

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ELECTIONS IN 2020

87.9%

General Election
Voter Turnout

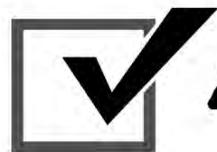


370,198

Ballots Accepted In
2020

8,377

New Whatcom
County Voters



46,000

Voter Registration
Updates

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What is a Ballot Measure?

Measures are anything on a ballot that is not a race between candidates. Measures include initiatives, referenda, Constitutional or Charter amendments, levies, district formations, etc.

- Initiatives are laws proposed (“initiated”) by citizens. State Initiatives may be sent to the Legislature for adoption (in which case they are called Initiatives to the Legislature, or ITLs), or may be sent directly to the ballot for a vote of the people. An ITL that is not adopted by the Legislature is automatically sent to the ballot for a vote of the people.
- Referenda “refer to the people,” for approval or rejection, laws passed by the Legislature. The legislation might have originated as a bill or as an Initiative to the Legislature.
- Constitutional amendments, in Washington, may be initiated only by the Legislature. Even though the initiative process is well known and often used in Washington, it cannot be used to amend the Constitution.
- Advisory Votes are a uniquely Washington measure which give voters the chance to vote on whether the Legislature should have passed a law they already passed. However, unlike referenda, advisory votes have no effect and do not change the law that has passed.

What voter information is available to the public, per RCW 29A.08.710?

The following information IS public record:

- Name
- Address
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Elections in which a voter participated
- Date of registration

The following information is NOT public record:

- Social Security Number
- Driver's License number
- Phone number/email address
- Party affiliation (which is not collected by Washington State)
- Where and how a person registered
- Voter's signature

Write-In Voting

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Candidacy to have votes tallied for a race. Write-in candidates have until 8:00 pm on Election Day to file their Declaration.

To cast a vote for a declared write-in candidate, fill in the oval next to the write-in line on the ballot and write the name of the qualified candidate on the line provided.

Write-in votes are not permitted for the office of Precinct Committee Officer.

Please do not write in fake or fictitious names, the ballots take extra time and waste taxpayers money to process.



Whatcom County
 Proposition 2021-13
 Percentage of Necessary Signatures for Initiative/Mini-Initiative

Language on the Ballot:

On May 4, 2021, the Whatcom County Council passed Ordinance 2021-032, which proposed to amend Charter sections 5.40 and 5.41—the percentage of signatures necessary for initiatives and mini-initiatives—subject to a vote of the people. If passed, these amendments would change the number of signatures required for an initiative from at least 8% of Whatcom County votes cast in the last election for governor to at least 8% of votes cast in the last regular county executive election. For a mini-initiative, the number of signatures required would change from at least 3% of Whatcom County votes cast in the last election for governor to 3% of votes cast in the last regular county executive election. Should these amendments be approved?

Yes/No

Explanatory Statement:

If passed, these amendments would change the number of signatures required for an initiative from at least eight percent of Whatcom County votes cast in the last election for governor to at least eight percent of votes cast in the last regular county executive election. For a mini-initiative, the number of signatures required would change from at least three percent of Whatcom County votes cast in the last election for governor to three percent of votes cast in the last regular county executive election.

Statement For:

The County Charter provides for legislation by initiative petition. Initiatives strengthen democracy by increasing voter turnout and letting voters act directly on issues they care about. They enable breakthroughs that can otherwise be difficult to adopt legislatively. These benefits are out of reach if the signature bar is set too high, or requires for-profit signature gatherers. In the past 20 years *no county initiatives* have made it to the ballot.

Whatcom County departs from the statewide norm, requiring a higher-than-usual number of signatures to even qualify for the ballot. It uses the high turnout of *gubernatorial elections in presidential election years* as the yardstick for county elections that are *always held in lower-turnout odd-numbered years*.

This proposed Charter amendment would make it easier for initiatives to *qualify for the ballot*, by changing the signature requirement from 8% of votes cast in the last *gubernatorial* election to 8% of votes cast in the last *county executive* election, putting Whatcom County in line with other charter counties (King, Pierce) with county executives.

Any initiatives that qualify for the ballot will still require a majority vote for adoption into law. The League of Women Voters recommends approval.

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

No statement submitted

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

Andrew Reding and Cindy Madigan

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

No committee formed

The complete text for this ballot measure can be found on the next page.





Whatcom County
 Proposition 2021-13
 Percentage of Necessary Signatures for Initiative/Mini-Initiative

Complete Text:

PROPOSED BY: BROWNE, DONOVAN, BUCHANAN
INTRODUCTION DATE: May 4, 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-032

**SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF WHATCOM
 COUNTY A PROPOSAL TO AMEND WHATCOM COUNTY
 CHARTER SECTIONS 5.40 AND 5.41 TO ALIGN SIGNATURE
 REQUIREMENTS FOR CITIZEN INITIATIVES WITH WASHINGTON
 STATE NORMS**

WHEREAS, Washington State secures the right of citizens to make and remake their laws, to petition to place laws directly on the ballot for other voters; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A. 72.160 states that persons proposing any initiative measure must obtain signatures of legal voters equal to or exceeding eight percent of the votes cast for the office of governor at the last regular gubernatorial election; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Charter Section 5.40, Initiatives Procedure, states that "Any legal voter or organization of legal voters of Whatcom County may file an initiative proposal with the County Auditor ... The petitioner then has one hundred and twenty (120) days to collect the signatures of the registered voters in the county equal in number to not less than eight (8) percent of the vote cast in the county in the last regular gubernatorial election"; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Charter Section 5.41, Mini-Initiative, states that "Any ordinance or amendment to an existing ordinance may be proposed to the County Council by registering with the Auditor initiative petitions bearing the signatures of qualified voters equal in number to not less than three (3) percent of the number of votes cast in the county in the last gubernatorial election"; and

WHEREAS, the norm in Washington State is to use the percentage of votes cast for the highest executive office of the entity to which the initiative petition is addressed. For statewide initiatives that means the latest gubernatorial race, for county initiatives the latest county executive race, for city initiatives, the latest mayoral race; and

WHEREAS, all First-Class Cities in Washington State (including Bellingham) use the percentage of votes cast in the most recent mayoral race, as do all other cities where initiatives are permitted; and

WHEREAS, of the four counties with county executive-

council charters the largest two (King and Pierce) use percentage of votes cast in the most recent county executive race, leaving Snohomish as the only other county using the gubernatorial vote; and

WHEREAS, gubernatorial and county elections are held in different years, with far higher turnout in gubernatorial elections (137,935 votes cast for governor in 2020, vs. 80,734 votes cast for county executive in 2019), making gubernatorial turnout a vastly disproportionate standard for county initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Charter sets a higher bar than other local governments in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council supports the right of citizens to make and remake their laws and to petition to place initiatives directly on the ballot for other voters to consider; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council does not wish to unduly burden citizens who wish to exercise their rights to propose initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the County Auditor place on the November 2021 general election ballot a charter amendment that persons proposing an initiative must "collect the signatures of the registered voters in the county equal in number to not less than eight (8) percent of the vote cast in the county in the last regular county executive election," and the requirement for a mini-initiative be "the signatures of qualified voters equal in number to not less than three (3) percent of the number of votes cast in the county in the last county executive election." The changes would amend Section 5.40 and Section 5.41 of the County Charter as shown in Exhibit A.

ADOPTED this 1st day of June 2021 .

Whatcom County Council Chair; Barry Buchanan, and Whatcom County Executive, Satpal Sidhu

ATTEST: Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Karen Frakes, Civil Deputy Prosecutor

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Whatcom County
Proposition 2021-13
Percentage of Necessary Signatures for Initiative/Mini-Initiative

Complete Text (continued):

EXHIBIT A

Section 5.40 Initiative Procedures.

Any legal voter or organization of legal voters of Whatcom County may file an initiative proposal with the County Auditor, who within five (5) days, excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays, shall confer with the petitioner to review the proposal as to form and style. The Auditor shall give the proposed initiative a number, which shall thereafter be the identifying number for the measure. The Auditor shall then transmit a copy of the proposal to the Prosecuting Attorney, who within ten (10) days after receipt thereof, in consultation with the petitioner shall formulate the ballot title which shall consist of: (a) a statement of the subject of the measure; (b) a concise description of the measure; and (c) a question: "Shall this be enacted into law?" The statement of the subject of the measure must be proposed as a positive statement, be sufficiently broad to reflect the subject, and be sufficiently precise to give notice of the measure's subject matter, and not exceed ten words. The concise description must contain no more than thirty words, be a true and impartial description of the measure's essential contents, clearly identify the proposition to be voted on, and not, to the extent reasonably possible, create prejudice either for or against the measure. Such concise statement will be the ballot title. The petitioner then has one hundred and twenty (120) days to collect the signatures of the registered voters in the county equal in number to not less than eight (8) percent of the vote cast in the county in the last regular gubernatorial county executive election. The one hundred and twenty (120) day period shall begin upon receipt of official notification to petitioner(s) by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office either by certified mail or messenger. If the last day for collecting signatures falls on a weekend or legal holiday, then the one hundred and twenty (120) day period shall extend to the end of the next business day.

Each petition shall contain the full text of the proposed measure, ordinance or amendment to an ordinance and the ballot title. The Auditor shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition and, if it is validated, submit the proposal to the people at the next general election that is not less than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the registering of the petition, unless the County Council enacts the proposal without change or amendment. If the County Council does not adopt the proposed measure and adopts a substitute measure concerning the same subject matter, the substitute proposal shall be placed on the same ballot with the initiative proposal; and the voters shall be given the choice of accepting either or rejecting both and shall then be given the choice of

accepting one and rejecting the other. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for accepting either, then the measure receiving the majority of the votes cast on the second issue shall be deemed approved. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for rejecting both, then neither measure shall be approved regardless of the vote on the second issue. (Amended by referendum 1986; Amended by Ord. 93-046 (part); Amended by referendum 1995; Amended by referendum 2015).

Section 5.41 Mini-Initiative.

Any ordinance or amendment to an existing ordinance may be proposed to the County Council by registering with the Auditor initiative petitions bearing the signatures of qualified voters equal in number to not less than three (3) percent of the number of votes cast in the county in the last gubernatorial county executive election. Upon verifying the sufficiency of the signatures, the Auditor shall transmit the initiative petition to the Council which shall hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance and enact or reject the ordinance within sixty (60) days.



City of Bellingham
Proposition 2021-16
Reducing Signatures Required to Amend Charter

Language on the Ballot:

City of Bellingham Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2021-01 would reduce the number of signatures required to amend the Charter. This amendment would change the method for calculating the number of signatures required to amend the Charter by the petition method. Currently, petitioners must obtain signatures from at least 15% of the total number of votes cast in the last preceding general state election. This amendment would require petitioners to obtain signatures from 15% of the total number of votes cast in the last preceding municipal election. It would substantially reduce the signatures required to propose Charter amendments. Should this amendment be enacted into law? Yes/No

Explanatory Statement:

The citizens of the City of Bellingham have adopted a Charter which establishes the form of the City, and the manner and mode in which the City exercises its powers, functions, and duties. The Charter may be amended using the petition method under State law on a petition signed by 15% of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general state election. This proposed amendment would reduce the number of signatures required to propose a Charter amendment by the petition method to 15% of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general municipal election.

Statement For:

Bellingham's City Charter is like the Constitution for the city. The Charter itself allows for charter amendments to come from the public, but this has only happened once, 40 years ago.

Bellingham departs from the statewide norm by requiring a higher-than-usual number of signatures to even qualify for the ballot. Bellingham is one of six Mayor-Council First Class Cities in Washington. *The other five use percentage of the last mayoral election as the standard for charter amendments.* Bellingham instead applies the higher yardstick set in big-turnout years *when the governor and president are on the ballot.*

This proposal would change the signature requirement for charter amendments to qualify for the ballot from 15% of votes cast in the last *gubernatorial* election to 15% of votes cast in the last *mayoral* election. This would bring Bellingham in line with similar cities statewide. Any proposal would still need a majority vote to become part of the City Charter.

The League of Women Voters recommends approval.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

Michael Lilliquist, Andrew Reding, and Cindy Madigan

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

No committee formed

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 ballot measure can be found
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City of Bellingham
Proposition 2021-16
Reducing Signatures Required to Amend Charter

Complete Text:RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15**A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 2 OF THE CITY'S CHARTER TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO PROPOSE A CHARTER AMENDMENT BY THE PETITION METHOD**

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Bellingham provides for amendments proposed by petition; and

WHEREAS, the Charter currently defers to RCW 35.22. 120, which states "On petition of a number (equal to fifteen percent of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general state election) of qualified voters of any municipality having adopted a charter under the laws of this state, asking the adoption of a specified charter amendment, providing for any matter within the realm of local affairs, or municipal business, the said amendment shall be submitted to the voters at the next regular municipal election, occurring thirty days or more after said petition is filed, and if approved by a majority of the local electors of the municipality voting upon it, such amendment shall become a part of the charter organic law governing such municipality"; and

WHEREAS, using the number of votes cast at the last preceding general state election is inconsistent with Article X, Section 2 of the City Charter, which uses a percentage of "the total number of votes cast for the office of Mayor at the last preceding municipal general election" rather than the last state election for proposing initiatives; and

WHEREAS, municipal and state elections occur in different years with vastly different turnouts (voter turnout for the 2019 mayoral election was 30,937; voter turnout for the 2020 statewide general election was 55,260); and

WHEREAS, using the most recent turnout in a state election rather than the most recent turnout in a municipal election is disproportionate, setting too high a bar for signature gathering for a City Charter amendment; and

WHEREAS, Bellingham is one of six First Class Cities in Washington State with a mayor-council form of government. Seattle, Spokane, Everett, and Aberdeen all require a percentage of votes cast in the most recent municipal or mayoral election, usually 15 percent; only Bremerton defers to the RCW; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

Section 1. Article XIII, Section 2 of the Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

This Charter may be amended by the petition method as provided by the laws of the State of Washington.

The registered electors of the City may propose specific amendments to this Charter, on petition of a number of qualified voters equal to not less than 15% of the total number of votes cast for the office of Mayor at the last preceding municipal general election. Every petition proposing a specific Charter amendment shall be filed with the Finance Director, who shall promptly transmit the petition to the Whatcom County Auditor to verify the sufficiency of the signatures to the petition.

If the Auditor verifies the sufficiency of the signatures to the petition, then the proposed Charter amendment shall be submitted to the voters at the next regular municipal election, occurring thirty days or more after said petition is filed, and if approved by a majority of the local electors of the municipality voting upon it, such amendment shall become a part of this Charter, and be in full force and effect, and be published in the City official newspaper within 10 days after the official canvass of the ballots pursuant to law.

If more than one Charter amendment be submitted at the same municipal election, they shall be submitted to the voters in such manner that each proposed amendment may be voted on separately without prejudice to others.

Section 2. The Finance Director shall submit a copy of this resolution to the Whatcom County Auditor's office for submission to the qualified electors for approval or rejection at the next general municipal election.

PASSED by the Council this 12th day of July, 2021 .

Hannah Stone, Council President

APPROVED by me this 19 day of July, 2021

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor

ATTEST: Andy Asbjornsen, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James Erb

Office of the City Attorney



City of Bellingham
Proposition 2021-17
Reducing Signatures Required to Propose an Initiative

Language on the Ballot:

City of Bellingham Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2021-02 would reduce the number of signatures required to propose an initiative. This amendment would reduce the number of signatures required to propose an initiative. Currently, petitioners must obtain signatures from at least 20% of the total number of votes cast for mayor in the last preceding municipal election. This amendment would require petitioners to obtain signatures from just 10% of the total number of votes cast for mayor in the last preceding municipal election. The amendment would also eliminate the two-week grace period for obtaining additional signatures. Should this amendment be enacted into law? Yes/No

Explanatory Statement:

The Charter of the City of Bellingham establishes the form of the City, and the manner and mode in which the City exercises its powers, functions, and duties, including the power to direct legislation by initiative. Currently, an initiative may be exercised on petition of a number of qualified voters equal to not less than 20% of the total number of votes cast for Mayor at the last preceding election. This proposed amendment would reduce the signature requirement to propose an initiative from 20% of the total number of votes cast for Mayor at the last preceding election to 10%.

Statement For:

Bellingham’s city charter provides for initiatives. However, until this year, only three Bellingham initiatives have made it onto the ballot in the past 30 years, and this year’s initiatives qualified only through the use of paid signature gatherers.

Initiatives strengthen democracy by increasing voter turnout and letting voters act directly on issues they care about. They enable breakthroughs that can otherwise be difficult to adopt legislatively. These benefits may be out of reach if the number of signatures required is set too high to realistically achieve without paying for signature gatherers.

This Charter amendment would make it easier for initiatives to qualify for the ballot, by cutting the number of valid signatures required in half, from 20% to 10% of votes cast in the last mayoral election. This would put Bellingham in line with cities such as Seattle and Tacoma. It would still be twice the 5% minimum required in Spokane and Everett, striking a reasonable balance between making initiatives too difficult or too easy to place on the ballot.

The City Charter wisely excludes any initiatives relating to taxes, budgets, wages, and salaries, limiting potential for abuse. The League of Women Voters recommends approval.

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

The opposing statement has things upside down. The current signature requirement is so high it leads to reliance on paid signature gatherers and favors moneyed interests. This measure empowers residents to propose legislation directly, without paid signature gatherers, helping reduce the role of money in local elections. Citizens have the final say *by majority vote*. Direct democracy can improve how government works for all of us.

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

Michael Lilliquist, Andrew Reding, and Cindy Madigan

Statement Against:

Representing the feelings of many citizens:

With the current trend continuing of a small elitist minority manipulating and gaming the system from the inside to effectively extend the rule of big tech, big education, and big government masquerading as democratic grass-roots initiatives. Vote against this measure which enables the ruling class to continue to hamstring the middle-class wage-earners of Bellingham from having the opportunity to liberty and prosperity.

The complete text for this ballot measure can be found on the next page.



Rebuttal of Statement For:

Only three initiatives in the last 30 years does not necessarily mean we have a problem: gridlock is a feature of the system, not a malfunction. The opposing party wrote "They enable breakthroughs that can otherwise be difficult to adopt legislatively." We don't want governmental change through means other than legislature, which is designed to be the voice of the people. A small elite shoving changes through the system is detrimental, taking away our liberties.

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

Jeremiah Ramsey



City of Bellingham
Proposition 2021-17
Reducing Signatures Required to Propose an Initiative

Complete Text:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 2 OF THE CITY'S CHARTER TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO PROPOSE AN INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Bellingham provides for direct legislation by initiative petition; and

WHEREAS, initiatives strengthen democracy through increasing voter turnout and letting voters act directly on the issues they care about; and

WHEREAS, in the past 20 years, there have been 60 statewide initiatives, but only two City of Bellingham initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of signatures required for ballot initiatives in both Whatcom County and the State of Washington is 8%; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Auditor has recommended that the 20-day grace period for gathering additional signatures be removed because of the practical impossibility of verifying signatures on initiative petitions after Primary Day; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

Section 1. Article X, Section 2 of the Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

The first power reserved by the people is the initiative. The registered electors of the City may propose any ordinance, or amendments to any existing ordinance, relating to matters within the legislative, as distinguished from administrative, powers of the City as a corporate entity. Notwithstanding the above classification, no ordinance shall be initialed relating to the annual budget or capital expense budget, making or repealing any appropriation, fixing the salaries or wages of officers or employees, or authorizing or repealing the levy of taxes.

An initiative may be exercised on petition of a number of qualified voters equal to not less than ~~20%~~ 10% of the total number of votes cast for the office of Mayor at the last preceding municipal general election, proposing the enactment, as an ordinance, of a bill, the full text of which shall be included in the petition.

Every initiative petition shall be filed with the Finance Director, who shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures to the petition, and transmit it, together with a report thereon, to the City Council at a regular meeting not more than 20 days after the filing of the petition, and such transmission shall be the introduction of the initiative bill in the City Council. ff

~~the Finance Director shall find any petition to be insufficient in signatures, the Finance Director shall notify the principal petitioners, and an additional 20 days shall be allowed them in which to obtain the required percentage.~~

Consideration of initiatives shall take precedence over all other business before the City Council, except appropriation bills and emergency bills necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety.

Section 2. The Finance Director shall submit a copy of this resolution to the Whatcom County Auditor's office for submission to the qualified electors for approval or rejection at the next general municipal election.

PASSED by the Council this 12th day of July, 2021 .

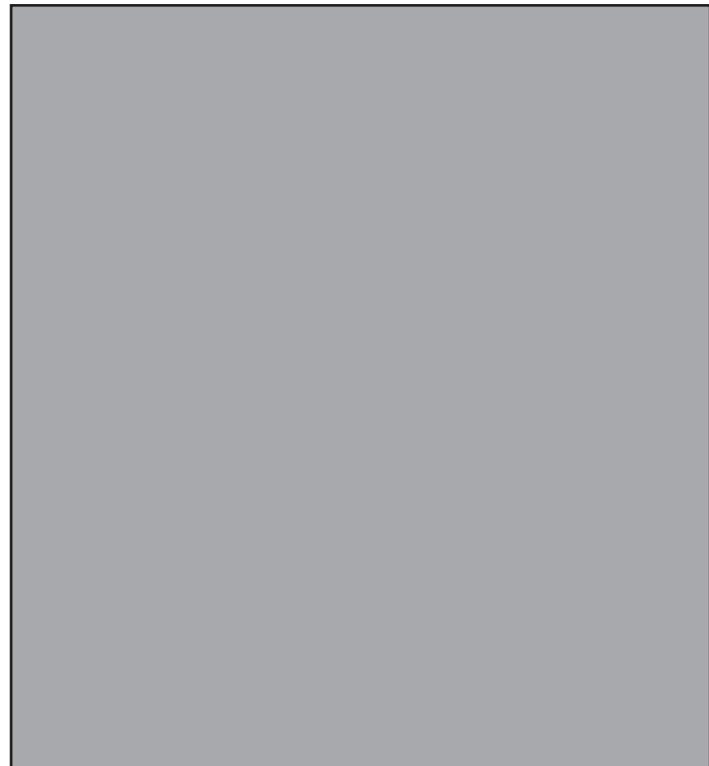
Hannah Stone, Council President

APPROVED by me this 19 day of July, 2021

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor

ATTEST: Andy Asbjornsen, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
James Erb
Office of the City Attorney





City of Bellingham
Initiative No. 2021-01
Expanding Tenants Rights to Include Rental Relocation Assistance

Language on the Ballot:

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2021-01 expands tenant rights to include rental relocation assistance. This measure would require landlords to provide written notice 90 days before terminating a rental agreement without cause or increasing rent by more than 5% in a rolling 12-month period; require landlords to pay rental relocation assistance equal to three months of the current fair market rent in the Bellingham area when terminating a rental agreement without cause or increasing rent more than 8%, if requested by tenant, with limited exceptions; and authorize private party civil enforcement actions. Should this measure be enacted into law?
Yes/No

Statement For:

We need to protect the 54% of Bellingham residents that call a rental unit home. Amid a nationwide housing crisis, Bellingham is one of the country's least affordable cities. More than half of Bellingham households pay over 30% of their income for housing. Initiative 1 was written by renters for renters, based on a piece of legislation passed by Portland City Council in 2017 (Renter Relocation Assistance) that has significantly lowered the average rent increase.

We are already seeing reports of up to 33% rent increases in Bellingham as the eviction moratorium lifts. Unplanned moves are financially burdensome, displacing families and community members from their neighborhoods and schools. Eviction without relocation assistance forces families into insecure or unsafe living situations. Renter relocation protects families and supports renters priced out of their homes.

Providing renters with more notice for rent increases and requiring rental relocation will help keep more of our community housed. *Together, we can create a Bellingham where renters can ask for repairs without fear of retaliatory eviction, and enjoy a city where economic evictions are less common.*

To find out more, visit peoplefirstbellingham.org. Housing is a human right: Vote yes on Initiative 1!

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

The claim that relocation assistance is rent control simply isn't true. While rent control is illegal in Washington, several cities in our state have implemented relocation assistance. Initiative 1 doesn't force landlords to do anything – it's their choice. If they choose to displace renters without cause, financial consequences should fall on landlords, not the government. Displaced renters often need housing assistance and other subsidies, which puts a burden on workers, families, and our community.

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

People First Bellingham; Sage Jones, Eve Smason-Marcus and Seth Mangold

Explanatory Statement:

The Washington State Legislature has adopted the residential landlord-tenant act which outlines the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants. State law authorizes municipalities, including the City of Bellingham, to adopt legislation that would require property owners and the municipality to provide up to \$2,000 in rental relocation assistance to low-income tenants in limited circumstances. This measure would create a new rental relocation assistance program in Bellingham requiring landlords to provide three months of rental relocation assistance to all tenants regardless of their income level if the landlord terminates the lease without cause or increases rent by more than 8%.

Statement Against:

Initiative 2021-01 creates more problems than it solves.

For Renters: As a form of rent control, this initiative motivates landlords to establish policies damaging to our community. Landlords will increase application standards, making housing less accessible for average people. Despite efforts to stabilize rent prices, rent control has historically raised rents. In fact, the most expensive cities in the country use rent control polices. And the initiative has no plan to solve the main problem, a housing shortage. Rent control has even been proven to lower housing supply. Initiative 2021-01 has good intentions but the policy only worsens what it claims to fix.

For Retirees and Minorities: Retirees and ethnic minorities are statistically more likely than others to own small rental properties. This initiative hurts the ability of entrepreneurial people who use rentals to meet their financial needs. And it unfairly targets groups in our community.

For Homeowners: A substantial body of research proves rent control hurts home values. This policy not only increases our rents but reduces home prices. Decreases in property values harm our schools and other vital civic resources depending on property taxes. Please vote *No* on Initiative 2021-01.

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Regulation on rent prices is 'rent control.' This initiative was borrowed from a recent program in Portland. Yet Portland's housing market is out of control with some rent averages rising 13% this year alone as new leases start higher to cover relocation fees and because of increased demand. Every city that has rent control has scarce rental supply and enormous demand. Rent control has been bad for Portland and it would be bad for Bellingham.

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

Jon Neville, Bret Beaupain and Jim Henderson



City of Bellingham
Initiative No. 2021-01
Expanding Tenants Rights to Include Rental Relocation Assistance

Complete Text:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-18

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING INITIATIVE BILL 2021-01 WHICH
WOULD EXPAND TENANT RIGHTS TO INCLUDE RENTAL
RELOCATION ASSISTANCE**

WHEREAS, a sufficient number of qualified electors of the City of Bellingham have proposed an Initiative Bill, previously assigned number 2021-01, which would expand tenant rights to include rental relocation assistance;

WHEREAS, Initiative Bill 2021-01 would require landlords to provide written notice 90 days before terminating a rental agreement without cause or increasing rent by more than 5% in a rolling 12-month period; require landlords to pay rental relocation assistance equal to three months of the current fair market rent in the Bellingham area when terminating a rental agreement without cause or increasing rent more than 8%, if requested by tenant, with limited exceptions; and authorize private party civil enforcement actions;

WHEREAS, the City Charter and BMC 1.02.070 provide that the City Council may choose to enact the bill, reject the bill, reject the bill and propose another bill dealing with the same subject, defer the bill to the voters, or take no action on the bill;

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.04.330 requires that the City Council pass a resolution on or before August 3, 2021 to allow an initiative to be placed on the general election ballot in November 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

The City Council hereby defers Initiative Bill 2021-01 to the voters. The Finance Director is instructed to deliver the Initiative Bill to the Whatcom County Auditor for submission to the qualified electors for approval or rejection on the November 2, 2021, ballot pursuant to the City Charter and the Bellingham Municipal Code as well as all paperwork required to ensure that the measure is placed on the ballot in November.

The City Council designates the following community members to serve on the committee "For" the initiative bill to prepare a statement advocating that voters approve the measure:

Sage Jones, Eve Smason-Marcus, and Seth Mangold.

The City Council designates the following community members to serve on the committee "Against" the initiative bill to prepare a statement advocating that voters reject the measure:

Jim Henderson, Bret Beaupain, and Jon Neville.

PASSED by the Council this 2nd day of August, 2021.

Hannah Stone, Council President

APPROVED by me this 2 day of August, 2021

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor

ATTEST: Andy Asbjornsen, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James Erb

Office of the City Attorney





City of Bellingham
Initiative No. 2021-02
Concerning Use of Facial Recognition Technology

Language on the Ballot:

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2021-02 concerns the use of facial recognition technology and predictive policing technology. This measure would prohibit the City from acquiring or using facial recognition technology, prohibit the City from contracting with a third party to use facial recognition technology on its behalf, prohibit the use of predictive policing technology, prohibit the retention of unlawfully acquired data, prohibit the use of data, information, or evidence derived from the use of facial recognition technology or predictive policing technology in any legal proceeding, and authorize private civil enforcement actions. Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes/No

Statement For:

Predictive policing and facial recognition software *claim* to increase safety, but civil and constitutional rights groups – the ACLU, NAACP, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Brennan Center for Justice, Freedom of the Press Foundation, Electronic Frontier Foundation, Color of Change, Mijente, and the Movement for Black Lives – have all disagreed. Currently, 19 cities have enacted bans, and one state and one city instituted moratoriums.

Invasive policing tools are already used – and our faces picked up by surveillance cameras and scanned – without our consent. Having scraped over 3 billion images off the web, Clearview AI is now banned in Canada, and faces multiple lawsuits in the U.S. When used alongside law enforcement databases, social media monitoring, drone surveillance, stingray devices, license plate scanners, and more; the potential for egregious abuse of power *and* biased targeting is *enormous*.

Developers are working on accuracy problems, *but that doesn't solve human/systemic inequity and bias, or address privacy problems*. Rights experts cite lack of transparency, accountability, and deeply ingrained bias against BIPOC and targeted communities – both in third-party software development processes, and within law enforcement.

ACLU-Washington strongly endorses initiative 2: Vote *yes* to ban these invasive policing technologies in Bellingham.

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

The opposing argument misrepresents these technologies as non-threatening, *yet research shows they obscure bias and sidestep accountability* – putting people and communities at risk. According to Bellingham Police Department statistics, 79% of police calls are “non-reportable” or for “service.” People are better served by time-tested community engagement – *not* biased algorithms. Predictive policing technology is more adept at illuminating biased policing patterns than preventing crime. Let's ban government use of these invasive technologies.

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by: People First Bellingham; Cleveland Harris II, Jessmaya Morales and Josh Cerretti

Explanatory Statement:

This measure concerns the use of facial recognition technology and predictive policing technology. This measure would prohibit the City of Bellingham, including the Bellingham Police Department, from acquiring or using facial recognition technology or predictive policing technology. It would also prohibit the City from contracting with third parties to use these types of technologies on behalf of the City. It would also prohibit the retention and the use of any data generated using these technologies. While the Bellingham Police Department is not currently using any facial recognition technology, the Department has used predicative policing technology.

Statement Against:

Policing technology must indeed be predictable, reliable, and prejudice free.

As written, this initiative bundles *face recognition* and *predictive technology* in to one ‘yes’ or ‘no’. Bellingham Police have already rejected use of facial recognition technology and experimental forms of predictive policing. They also agree that technology must be reliable, free of prejudice, and respect *Due Process* rights.

This initiative was written so broadly that it prohibits even *standard and proven methods of tracking and crime* prevention. “Predictive policing technology” is defined in the initiative as “software that is used to predict information or trends about crime or criminality in the past, present or future, including ... the locations or frequency of crime.” For example, if police records show that a certain part of town was being hit by burglaries, the police would be prohibited from looking at data collected by or calculated by technology. This initiative would remove time-tested tools, thereby needlessly putting the public at risk when preventative measures might have been taken.

In short, this initiative appears to risk unintended interpretations. Still, we can all support skeptical and responsible approaches to new police technology that are free from bias and prejudice; therefore, voters should reject this initiative.

Rebuttal of Statement For:

This initiative is an outright ban and would severely hinder future law enforcement. Policing practices should be based on the science and what works best. Imagine where we would be today if an initiative was passed banning development and use of fingerprint and DNA technology tools, which have been effectively used to arrest and convict, but also exonerate. Police technologies are proven tools that save time, money, help prevent crime, and reduce wrongful arrests.

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by: Phyllis McKee, David Charleston and Sean Brogan



City of Bellingham
Initiative No. 2021-02
Concerning Use of Facial Recognition Technology

Complete Text:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-19

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING INITIATIVE BILL 2021-02
WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT THE USE OF FACIAL RECOGNITION
TECHNOLOGY AND PREDICTIVE POLICING TECHNOLOGY**

WHEREAS, a sufficient number of qualified electors of the City of Bellingham have proposed an Initiative Bill, previously assigned 2021-02, which would prohibit the use of facial recognition technology and predictive policing technology;

WHEREAS, Initiative Bill 2021-02 would prohibit the City from acquiring or using facial recognition technology, prohibit the City from contracting with a third party to use facial recognition technology on its behalf, prohibit the use of predictive policing technology, prohibit the retention of unlawfully acquired data, prohibit the use of data, information, or evidence derived from the use of facial recognition technology or predictive policing technology in any legal proceeding, and authorize private civil enforcement actions;

WHEREAS, the City Charter and BMC 1.02.070 provide that the City Council may choose to enact the bill, reject the bill, reject the bill and propose another bill dealing with the same subject, defer the bill to the voters, or take no action on the bill;

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.04.330 requires that the City Council pass a resolution on or before August 3, 2021 to allow an initiative to be placed on the general election ballot in November 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

The City Council hereby defers Initiative Bill 2021-02 to the voters. The Finance Director is instructed to deliver the Initiative Bill to the Whatcom County Auditor for submission to the qualified electors for approval or rejection on the November 2, 2021 , ballot pursuant to the City Charter and the Bellingham Municipal Code, as well as all paperwork required to ensure that the measure is placed on the ballot in November.

The City Council designates the following community members to serve on the committee "For" the initiative bill to prepare a statement advocating that voters approve the measure:

Cleveland Harris 11, Jessmaya Morales, and Josh Cerretti.

The City Council designates the following community members to serve on the committee "Against" the initiative bill to prepare a statement advocating that voters reject the measure:

Phyllis McKee, David Charleston, and Sean Brogan.

PASSED by the Council this 2nd day of August, 2021.

Hannah Stone, Council President

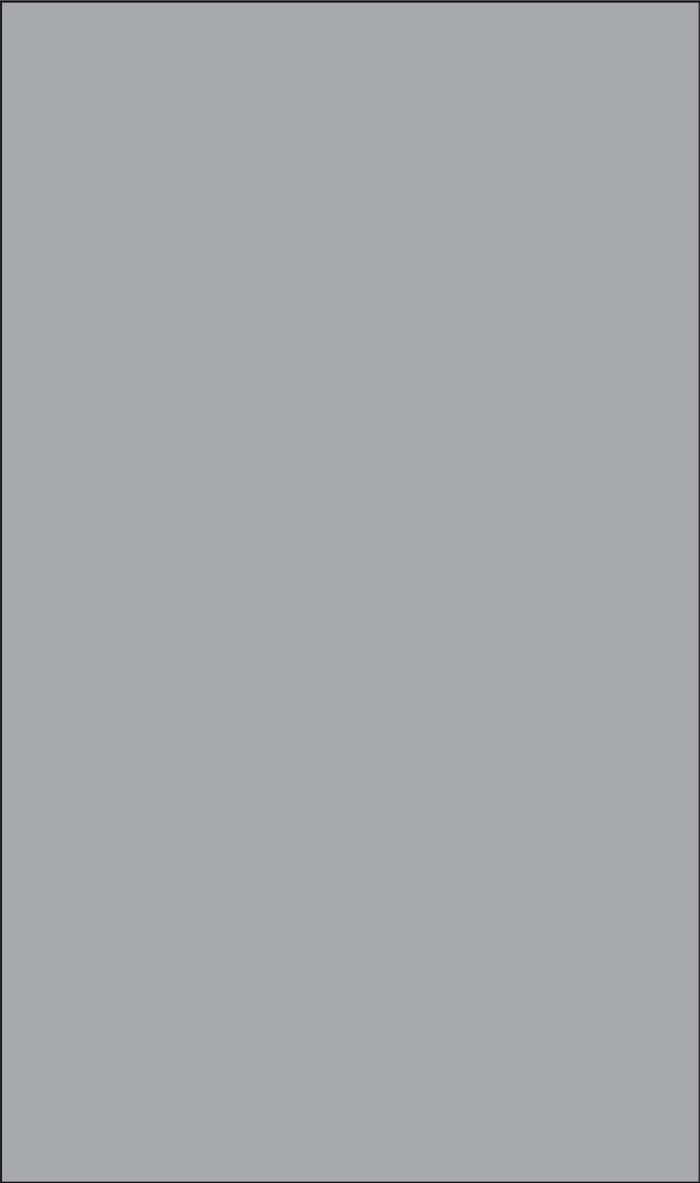
APPROVED by me this 2 day of August, 2021

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor

ATTEST: Andy Asbjornsen, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James Erb
Office of the City Attorney





City of Bellingham
Initiative No. 2021-03
Prohibits Using City Funds to Discourage Unionization Efforts

Language on the Ballot:

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2021-03 concerns recipients using City funds to discourage unionization efforts. This measure would prohibit any person who receives City funds from using those funds to discourage unionization efforts by that person's employees or any other employees, require recipients of City funds to segregate those funds, provide a safe harbor for non-managerial staff to engage in union protected activities, provide for administrative investigations of complaints, establish private enforcement actions, change the City's contracting process, and allow the City to terminate contracts for violations of the prohibition. Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes/No

Explanatory Statement:

This measure concerns recipients using City funds to discourage unionization efforts. This measure would prohibit any person who receives City funds from using those funds to discourage unionization efforts by that person's employees or any other employees, require recipients of City funds to segregate those funds, provide a safe harbor for non-managerial staff to engage in union protected activities, provide for administrative investigations of complaints, establish private enforcement actions, change the City's contracting process, and allow the City to terminate contracts for violations of the prohibition.

Statement For:

A strong labor movement is essential to reducing inequality and maintaining a healthy democracy. Despite this, the City of Bellingham currently places no limitation on the use of city funds to discourage unionization. By preventing individuals or businesses who contract with the city from using public money in anti-union campaigns, this initiative puts people over profit.

During the Great Depression, Congress recognized the inequality of bargaining power between workers and their employers and created a process for union recognition. As unionization rates rose, workers' wages increased and inequality fell dramatically. Since the 1970s, however, employers have developed anti-union tactics to discourage workers from organizing. Such "union-busting" activities have increased corporate profits at the expense of workers' wages, deepening inequality across our society.

When companies who contract with the city use public money in anti-union campaigns, we are funding this inequality. This Initiative prevents these outcomes by requiring recipients of city funding to separate public money from funds used to engage in anti-union activities and to account for how city funding is spent.

With this initiative, voters can support workers in Bellingham and reduce inequality. Vote Yes on Initiative 3.

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

Workers create good union jobs when they organize. Initiative 3 stops employers from using city money to pay for anti-union practices like coercive email communications, union-busting consultants, and mandatory anti-union meetings. It imposes *no administrative requirements* on bosses who don't union bust. These safeguards will help ensure that workers can more effectively organize to improve their lives, the services available to our city's most marginalized, and our community as a whole.

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

People First Bellingham; Peter Pihos, Hannah Fishman, and Betsy Pernotto

Statement Against:

Unions are the backbone of the American labor force, and the right to organize is enshrined in Federal law. Although the basic idea of encouraging unionization is sound, this initiative creates no new union jobs, and is written so poorly that it may cause a broad array of unintended consequences for any entity that uses money, goods, or services from the City.

For example, a school district may be sued if it sends an email to its employees that references their union, Section 3(2)(1). A non-profit childcare center may face a lawsuit if it hires a consultant to help navigate the Federal Labor laws, Section 3(2)(2). An affordable housing provider may be sued if it has a meeting where unionization is discussed, Section 3(2)(3). A public library may be sued if a manager attends a meeting about unionization, Section 3(2)(4).

In addition, this Initiative imposes significant new administrative burdens which disproportionately affect our city's smallest non-profits, who use a high proportion of City money and have the least capacity to absorb the increased overhead. Some of these burdens include physically and financially segregating all money and activities, and hiring lawyers and accountants to avoid lawsuits.

Vote no on initiative 2021-03.

Rebuttal of Statement For:

"Union-busting" rarely occurs at the library, but that is one of many local institutions that will have to spend time and money complying with this initiative (see Section 2(1), definitions). Large corporations that have a history of violating the NLRA will not be affected by this initiative, both because they accept little if any City money, and because they have a plethora of lawyers and accountants to comply with the burdens of this initiative.

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

Dan Dunne and Dave Onkles



City of Bellingham
Initiative No. 2021-03
Prohibits Using City Funds to Discourage Unionization Efforts

Complete Text:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-20

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING INITIATIVE BILL 2021-03 WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT RECIPIENTS FROM USING CITY FUNDS TO DISCOURAGE UNIONIZATION EFFORTS

WHEREAS, a sufficient number of qualified electors of the City of Bellingham have proposed an Initiative Bill, previously assigned 2021-03, which would prohibit recipients from using city funds to discourage unionization efforts;

WHEREAS, Initiative Bill 2021-03 would prohibit any person who receives City funds from using those funds to discourage unionization efforts by that person's employees or any other employees, require recipients of City funds to segregate those funds, provide a safe harbor for non-managerial staff to engage in union protected activities, provide for administrative investigations of complaints, establish private enforcement actions, change the City's contracting process, and allow the City to terminate contracts for violations of the prohibition;

WHEREAS, the City Charter and BMC 1.02.070 provide that the City Council may choose to enact the bill, reject the bill, reject the bill and propose another bill dealing with the same subject, defer the bill to the voters, or take no action on the bill;

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.04.330 requires that the City Council pass a resolution on or before August 3, 2021 to allow an initiative to be placed on the general election ballot in November 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

The City Council hereby defers Initiative Bill 2021-03 to the voters. The Finance Director is instructed to deliver the Initiative Bill to the Whatcom County Auditor for submission to the qualified electors for approval or rejection on the November 2, 2021, ballot pursuant to the City Charter and the Bellingham Municipal Code, as well as all paperwork required to ensure that the measure is placed on the ballot in November.

The City Council designates the following community members to serve on the committee "For" the initiative bill to prepare a statement advocating that voters approve the measure:

Peter Pihos, Hannah Fishman, and Betsy Pernotto.

The City Council designates the following community members to serve on the committee "Against" the initiative bill to prepare a statement advocating that voters reject the measure:

Dan Dunne, Dave Onkels, and TBD.

PASSED by the Council this 2nd day of August, 2021.

Hannah Stone, Council President

APPROVED by me this 2 day of August, 2021

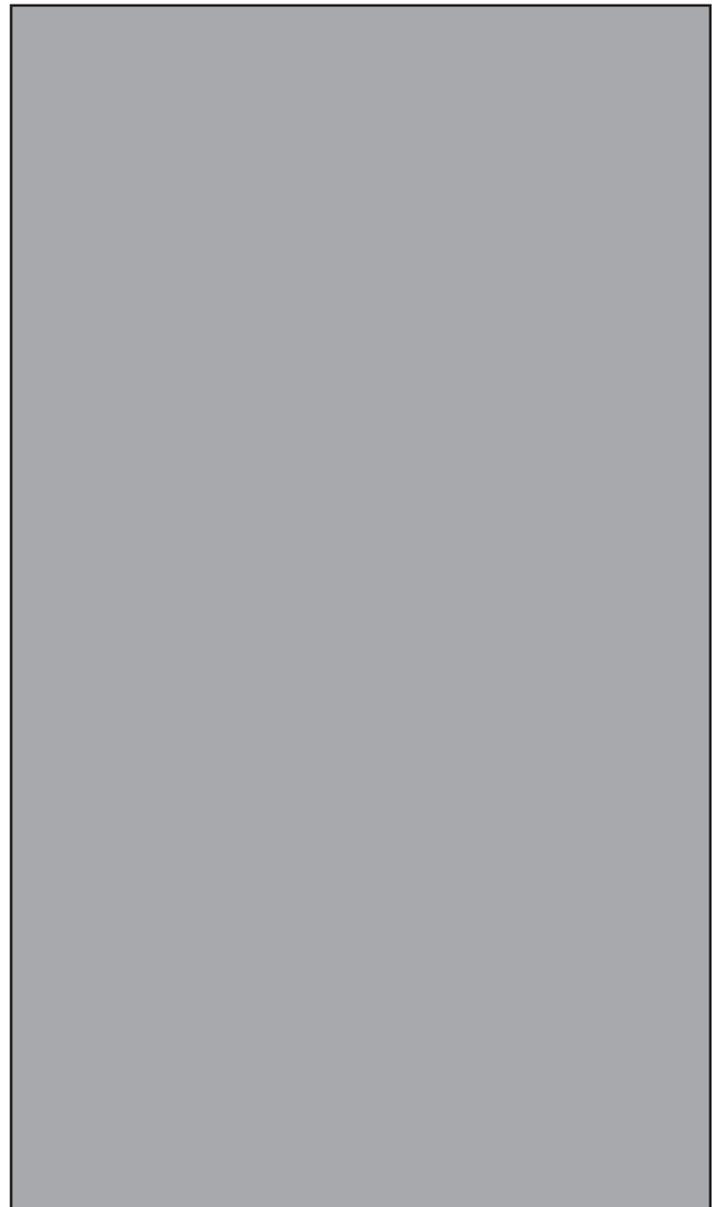
Seth Fleetwood, Mayor

ATTEST: Andy Asbjornsen, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James Erb

Office of the City Attorney





City of Bellingham
Initiative No. 2021-04
Employee Rights for Hourly-Wage Employees and Gig Workers

Language on the Ballot:

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2021-04 concerns employee rights for hourly-wage employees and gig workers. This measure would require certain employers to pay their employees a hazard pay supplement of \$4 per hour during a declared State of Emergency, require employers to provide good faith estimates of weekly hours to new employees upon hire, require employers to provide work schedules to hourly-wage employees two-weeks in advance, require advance notice of any schedule changes, require employers to compensate employees for changing their work schedules without sufficient notice, and prohibit adverse actions by employers. Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes/No

Statement For:

Hourly workers often receive their schedules on short notice and can have their hours changed or canceled at the last minute. Unpredictable scheduling is a public health issue, associated with higher levels of stress and poor health outcomes in adults. With increased time to plan their schedules, workers can meet needs like child and elder care, healthcare appointments, and civic involvement – like voting and volunteering – with ease. Secure scheduling creates better working conditions and will make Bellingham more livable, as it has in Seattle. A 2021 review of Seattle’s Secure Scheduling Ordinance found that workers’ job satisfaction and economic security increased with at least 2 weeks scheduling notice. Fair treatment for Bellingham workers will benefit both employees and citywide economic prosperity.

Throughout the pandemic, companies have prioritized profit over employee safety. All frontline workers deserve compensation for the risk of working during a state of emergency. Hazard pay will ensure that workers are properly compensated as the pandemic continues and climate change worsens. The Bellingham City Council recently passed a hazard pay ordinance for large grocery stores. Let’s extend this limited support to all frontline workers.

Support hourly workers and their families. Vote yes on #4.

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

Workers in front-line jobs know that a state of emergency isn’t a “road problem” or brief “utility outage”. Over the last 19 months, we’ve all experienced what an *actual* state of emergency is. Labor laws – like break times, overtime pay, safety standards, minimum wage – all exist because workers fought for them. Fair scheduling and hazard pay are no different. Employers will argue that it’s inconvenient, but ultimately, workers’ needs are paramount to profit.

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

People First Bellingham; Sam Wambold, Stephanie Oppellar and Tyler Occhiogrosso

Statements For, Statements Against, and Rebuttals are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any government agency.

Explanatory Statement:

This measure establishes a right to regular scheduling for hourly-wage employees. It would require employers to provide good faith estimates of work schedules, allow employees meaningful input into their schedules, provide mandatory rest periods between work shifts, and require advance notice of schedule changes. It would require employers to provide additional compensation to employees when the employer changes work schedules. Finally, this measure would require all employers in the City to pay \$4 per hour in hazard pay to on-site workers when a State of Emergency is declared in any jurisdiction that includes the City of Bellingham.

Statement Against:

Vote No on Initiative 4 – This flawed initiative locks in rigid 14-day work schedules penalizing changes when workers most need flexibility. Government should not take this away. Scheduling decisions should be between workers and employers, without the city in the middle. It hurts workers and local job recovery.

Initiative 4 expands hazard pay to *any* state of emergency, even if there’s no danger to workers. *All* industries will have significant increased costs passed on to consumers; government services, daycares, housing, construction, charities, schools, first responders, hospitals, and restaurants are all impacted.

Employers in Bellingham cannot anticipate road problems, utility outages, or incidents requiring an emergency response, accidents or disasters. Shops, galleries, and cafes can’t predict weather or community emergencies. It takes money away from our libraries, parks, and the things we love about Bellingham. It will harm non-profits who help our neighbors in need. It will make health care and first responder services more expensive.

Experience shows scheduling requirements lead to fewer part time jobs, jobs for students, and limits flexibility for workers and their families. *Vote No on Initiative 4 – it will harm our workers, our community, and our economy.*

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Your local restaurants, shops, and small businesses struggled 18 months to stay open and serve our community. Recovery remains uncertain with evolving pandemic. Expensive new penalties for voluntary schedule changes, placing the city between employer and worker relationships and hazard pay unconnected to actual worker risk for *all employers of all sizes*, including non-profits and schools. Unintended consequences of this untested far-reaching initiative will harm workers and consumers, increasing challenges to Bellingham’s recovery. Vote No.

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

Chelsie Acton, Kerri Lonergan-Dreke and Sarah Rotherbuhler



City of Bellingham
 Initiative No. 2021-04
 Employee Rights for Hourly-Wage Employees and Gig Workers

Complete Text:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-21

Hannah Stone, Council President

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING INITIATIVE BILL 2021-04 WHICH CONCERNS EMPLOYEE RIGHTS FOR HOURLY-WAGE EMPLOYEES AND GIG WORKERS

APPROVED by me this 2 day of August, 2021

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor

ATTEST: Andy Asbjornsen, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James Erb
Office of the City Attorney

WHEREAS, a sufficient number of qualified electors of the City of Bellingham have proposed an Initiative Bill, previously assigned number 2021-04, which concerns employee rights for hourly-wage employees and gig workers;

WHEREAS, Initiative Bill 2021-04 would require certain employers to pay their employees a hazard pay supplement of \$4 per hour during a declared State of Emergency, require employers to provide good faith estimates of weekly hours to new employees upon hire, require employers to provide work schedules to hourly-wage employees two-weeks in advance, require advance notice of any schedule changes, require employers to compensate employees for changing their work schedules without sufficient notice, and prohibit adverse actions by employers;

WHEREAS, the City Charter and BMC 1.02.070 provide that the City Council may choose to enact the bill, reject the bill, reject the bill and propose another bill dealing with the same subject, defer the bill to the voters, or take no action on the bill;

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.04.330 requires that the City Council pass a resolution on or before August 3, 2021 to allow an initiative to be placed on the general election ballot in November 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

The City Council hereby defers Initiative Bill 2021-04 to the voters. The Finance Director is instructed to deliver the Initiative Bill to the Whatcom County Auditor for submission to the qualified electors for approval or rejection on the November 2, 2021, ballot pursuant to the City Charter and the Bellingham Municipal Code, as well as all paperwork required to ensure that the measure is placed on the ballot in November.

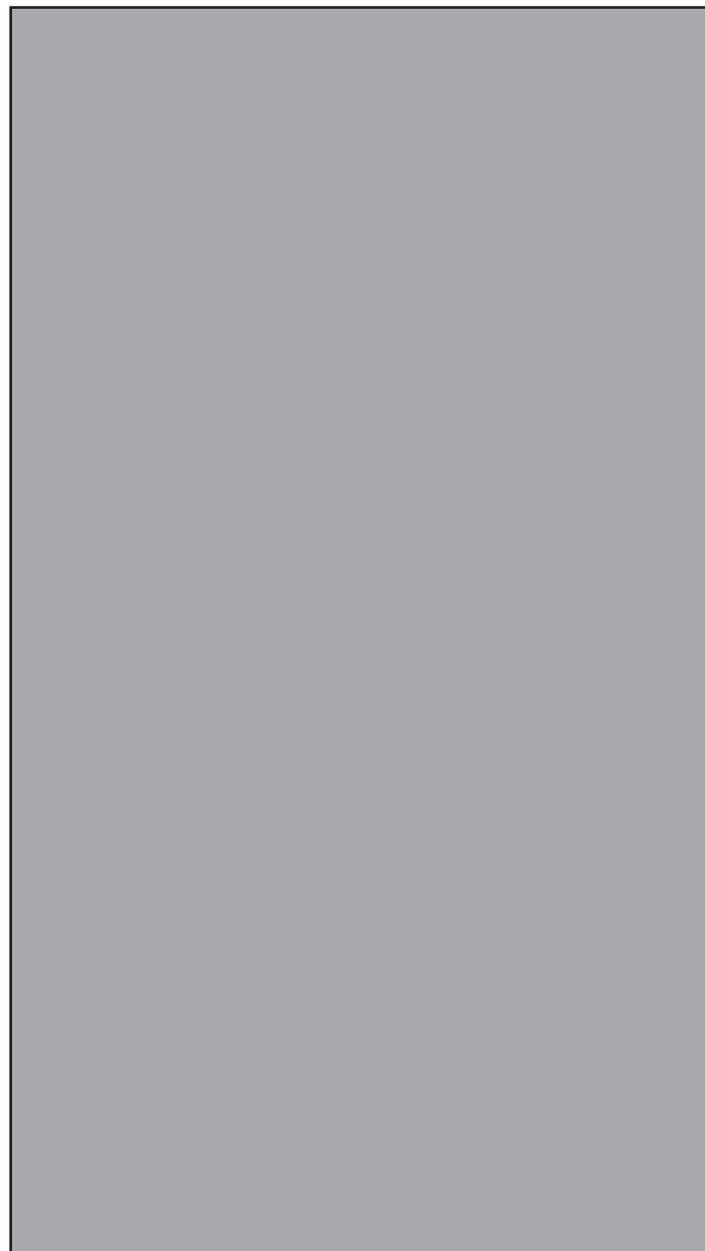
The City Council designates the following community members to serve on the committee "For" the initiative bill to prepare a statement advocating that voters approve the measure:

Sam Wambold, Stephanie Oppelaar, and Tyler Occhiogrosso.

The City Council designates the following community members to serve on the committee "Against" the initiative bill to prepare a statement advocating that voters reject the measure:

Chelsea Acton, Kerri Lonergan-Drake, and Sarah Rothenbuhler.

PASSED by the Council this 2nd day of August, 2021.





City of Ferndale
Proposition 2021-6
Renewal of Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements

Language on the Ballot:

The Council of the City of Ferndale Washington, acting as the Board of the Ferndale Transportation Benefit District, Ferndale, Washington, adopted Resolution #21-06-07-A, concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.2%) to be collected from all taxable retail sales within the District in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for a term of ten years for the purpose of paying or financing costs of the transportation improvement projects identified in the City of Ferndale Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Should this proposition be approved?

Yes/No

Explanatory Statement:

In 2012, by a measure of 62.7%, Ferndale voters approved a ballot proposition increasing the sales and use tax two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) to fund transportation improvements. This tax was authorized for a ten-year period, expiring in 2022. Ferndale voters are asked to renew the sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) for an additional ten-year period for the purpose of providing funds to finance transportation improvements identified in the City's six-year Transportation Improvement Program.

Statement For:

Ten years ago, the citizens of Ferndale passed the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) 0.2% sales tax with bipartisan support. Its tremendous success can be observed in improvements on Church, Washington, Thornton, Main, Vista and many other roads. The TBD is used exclusively for essential transportation infrastructure that supports our town including roads, sidewalks, and safe crosswalks.

The TBD is the fiscally responsible choice for our small town that runs a lean budget. Ferndale undeniably has transportation infrastructure needs. The TBD helps pay for those needs with the smallest impact possible on our citizens. Every dollar raised is multiplied by obtaining matching State and Federal funding. Without the TBD, Ferndale would have to foot the entire bill. Lynden, Blaine, and Bellingham all have TBDs and will be applying for the same matching funding. Ferndale needs to reauthorize our TBD to stay competitive and fiscally responsible.

Ferndale's 60+ miles of roads and other transportation infrastructure are vital to our economy and wellbeing. Whether it's small businesses, large industries, or children walking to school, our roads carry our livelihoods. *A yes vote continues this successful program at the same rate, improves the health of our economy, and helps ensure we meet future needs.*

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

No statement submitted

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

The Fiscally Responsible Transportation Funding Committee;
 Ryan O'Larey, Matt Hansen, and Daniel Dahlquist

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

No committee formed

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 ballot measure can be found
 on the next page.*





City of Ferndale
Proposition 2021-6
Renewal of Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements

Complete Text:

**FERNDALE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT
 RESOLUTION #21-06-07-A**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FERNDALE, WASHINGTON, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE FERNDALE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, FERNDALE, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021 TO RENEW AND CONTINUE TO IMPOSE A TWO-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.2%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS TO FUND A PORTION OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE CITY'S TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Ferndale (the "City") approved Ordinance No. 1686 on November 21, 2011, establishing the Ferndale Transportation Benefit District ("District") pursuant to RCW 36.73; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2011, the City conducted a public hearing in accordance with RCW 36.73.050, after giving proper notice describing the TBD Projects to be funded by the District; and

WHEREAS, the District adopted Resolution No. 2011-01 providing for a ballot proposition to be placed on the February 14, 2012 ballot imposing a two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) sales and use tax within the District for a period of ten years; and

WHEREAS, the ballot measure to impose the tax was approved by the voters and the District has been collecting that tax since 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program identifies projects that constitute transportation improvements that may be funded by the District; and

WHEREAS, with voter approval, the District may renew and continue to impose a sales and use tax upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the boundaries of the District to fund transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the governing board of the TBD (the "Board") now desires to fund and implement the TBD Projects, through the imposition by the District of a two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) sales and use tax in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455, and consistent with RCW 36.73, upon voter approval thereof; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF THE FERNDALE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, FERNDALE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings; Description of the TBD Projects.

The Board hereby finds that the best interests of the inhabitants of the District require the District to renew and continue to impose a sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) pursuant to RCW 36.73.040(3)(a) and RCW 82.14.0455 for the purpose of providing funds necessary to finance TBD Projects.

The City's Six-Year (2022-2027) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) identifies projects that constitute transportation improvements that may be funded by the District, including a project entitled "Thornton -Vista to Malloy", a Project entitled "Main Street -Barrett Road to East City Limits", a project entitled "Douglas Road (750-ft east of S Church to Imhoff Road)", a project entitled "Ferndale Terrace Improvement Project", and a Project entitled "Pavement Rehabilitation Program."

The cost of all necessary design, engineering, financial, legal and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses and other costs incurred in connection with the foregoing TBD Projects shall be deemed a part of the cost of the TBD Projects.

The Board shall determine the application of moneys available for the TBD Projects so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, feasible all the TBD Projects. In the event that the proceeds of sales and use taxes authorized herein, plus any other money of the District legally available therefore, are insufficient to accomplish all of the TBD Projects, the Board shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those portions of the TBD Projects deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of the District.

The Board shall determine the exact locations and specifications for the elements of the TBD Projects as well as the timing, order and manner of implementing or completing the TBD Projects. The Board may alter, make substitutions to and amend the TBD Project descriptions as it determines is in the best interests of the District consistent with the general descriptions provided above and in accordance with the material change policy adopted by the Board and the notice, hearing and other procedures described in RCW 36.73, including RCW 36.73.050(2)(b), in each case as the same may be amended from time to time.

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City of Ferndale
Proposition 2021-6
Renewal of Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements

Complete Text (continued):

If the Board shall determine that it has become impractical to acquire, construct, or implement all or any portion of the TBD Projects by reason of changed conditions, incompatible development, costs substantially in excess of the amount of sales and use tax proceeds estimated to be available, or acquisition by a superior governmental authority, the Board shall not be required to acquire, construct, or implement such portions. If all of the TBD Projects have been acquired, constructed, implemented or duly provided for, or found to be impractical, the Board may apply the sales and use tax proceeds (including earnings thereon) or any portion thereof to other transportation improvements then identified in the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program in accordance with the material change policy adopted by the Board and the notice, hearing and other procedures described in RCW 36. 73, including RCW 36. 73.050(2)(b), in each case as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 2. Proposition.

It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District the proposition of whether the District shall renew and continue to impose a sales and use tax within the limitations established in RCW 82.14.0455 for their ratification or rejection at an election to be held on November 2, 2021. For the purpose of providing funds necessary to pay or finance costs of the TBD Projects, the Whatcom County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections in Whatcom County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct such election to be held within the District on such day and to submit to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, a proposition to renew and continue to impose a sales and use tax in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of the use tax. The tax is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under RCW 82.08 and 82.12 upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the boundaries of the TBD, for a period of ten years.

Upon approval of the voters of the proposition hereinafter set forth, the TBD may use proceeds of such sales and use tax for the purpose of paying or financing costs of the TBD Projects in accordance with the requirements of RCW 36. 73. The City Clerk, serving as the Secretary of the Board, is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to said official in the following form:

CITY OF FERNDALE, WASHINGTON
CONTINUATION AND EXTENSION OF SALES AND USE TAX FOR
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

The Council of the City of Ferndale Washington, acting as the Board of the Ferndale Transportation Benefit District, Ferndale, Washington, adopted Resolution #21-06-07-A, concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize the renewal and continuation of a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.2%) to be collected from all taxable retail sales within the District in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for a term of ten years for the purpose of paying or financing costs of the transportation improvement projects identified in the City of Ferndale Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes?

No?

Section 3. Corrections.

The City Clerk, serving as the Secretary of the District is authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's or clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. Severability.

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.

PASSED by the Board of the Ferndale Transportation Benefit District, Ferndale, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof held this 7th day of June, 2021.

FERNDALE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT
 FERNDALE, WA

Greg Hansen, Chair

ATTEST:

Susan Duncan, MMC, Secretary

Approved as to form Dannon Traxler, City Attorney



**Fire Protection District 4
Proposition 2021-12
Authorizing Increase of Property Tax Levy**

Language on the Ballot:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 4 adopted Resolution No. 2021-03, concerning a proposition to exceed the limitation on increasing property taxes. This proposition would authorize the District to levy and collect taxes at the rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2022. The 2022 levy dollar amount shall be used for computing limitations for subsequent levies, as authorized in Resolution No. 2021-03. Should this proposition be:

Approved/Rejected

Explanatory Statement:

Fire District 4 (the District) is placing a one year lid lift on the November ballot. State law limits annual growth of the tax levy to 1%. This has caused the tax rate to fall to \$0.82 per thousand, as property values increased. Approval would raise the rate to \$1.45 for 2022. The dollar amount of the 2022 levy would be used to calculate future 1% increases. If approved, property worth \$400,000.00 could anticipate an increase of approximately \$21.00 monthly. This will provide sustainable funding comparable to neighboring districts. In 2022, District 4 will have no EMS levy.

Statement For:

Dear community, this increase in the levy is much needed. Fire District 4 has not had a lift in the levy in 27 years. With every year of inflation, the district has increasingly struggled to collect enough revenue to provide adequate emergency services. For more than 10 years, Fire District 4 has contracted firefighters from Fire District 21. This contract has guaranteed full-time emergency services for residents and businesses. Before the contract with Fire District 21, staffing was not guaranteed for Fire District 4 from 6pm until 6am, leaving the district vulnerable at night time.

The proposed levy lift would allow Fire District 4 to continue to contract with Fire District 21 to guarantee 24/7 staffing, which is of top priority to me and my family. It would also allow the district to replace aging fire vehicles and equipment to serve the rural community. The first out fire engine and first out water tender are technically too old to be first out apparatus in emergencies- they need to be replaced as soon as possible.

Please vote to approve this levy! Our safety depends on it.

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

No statement submitted

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

Blake Townsend

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

No committee formed

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Fire Protection District 4
Proposition 2021-12
Authorizing Increase of Property Tax Levy

Complete Text:

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD THEREIN ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, A PROPOSITION WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE FIRE DISTRICT LEVY RATE OF \$1.45 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD, AND PROVIDING THAT THE LEVY DOLLAR AMOUNT IN 2022 SHALL SERVE AS THE BASE FOR COMPUTING THE LIMITATIONS ON FUTURE YEARS' LEVIES.

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 (the "District"), it is essential for the protection of the public health, safety, life, and property of the citizens and residents of the District that minimum service levels of fire and emergency medical services be maintained; and

WHEREAS, a regular property tax rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, applicable to all taxable property located in the district, may be lawfully levied with voter approval, as allowed by RCW 84.55 as amended, which otherwise limits annual property tax increases to 1% over and above the previous year's tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 authorizes the 1% limit on annual increases to be exceeded with voter approval, commonly referred to as a "lid lift" election, and

WHEREAS, a 1% limitation would restrict the District from levying a property tax of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, potentially necessitating a reduction in the level of services in the District, through longer response times, inadequate resources dispatched to alarms, increased reliance on mutual aid, reducing special services such as hazardous materials and rescue teams, and similar cutbacks; and

WHEREAS, the electorate should be given the opportunity to decide whether the service levels should be reduced or instead, whether the rate of up to \$1.45 per \$1,000 should be levied and maintained, waiving the 1% limit of RCW 84.55, commonly referred to as "lifting the lid";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A regular property tax rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, applicable to all taxable property located in the district, is necessary and appropriate to levy, notwithstanding the 1% annual increase limitation of RCW 84.55.010 et seq., as amended. RCW 84.55 places a 1% limitation on the increase of tax revenue collected by the District annually. If this increase is not approved by the voters, a reduction in services as enumerated in the fourth recital above may be needed, restricting the ability of the District to provide for the growing demand for service. This resolution and the resultant election would give the voters the opportunity to choose to continue a robust level of service pursuant to the levy rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, adopted pursuant to RCW 52.16.160, waiving the 1% limit of RCW 84.55 (commonly referred to as a "lid lift".)

Section 2. The proposal set forth below, if authorized by the qualified electors of the District, will allow a levy rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for a one (1) year period There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District, for their ratification or rejection, at an election on November 2, 2021, a proposition to exceed the 1% limitation (and "lift the lid") of RCW 84.55.010 et seq. and levy taxes at the rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for a one (1) year period; provided that the dollar amount of the levy in 2022 shall be used as the base for computing the limitations on future years' levies.

Section 3. The Board hereby requests the Manager of Records and Elections of Whatcom County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections, to call and conduct such special election to be held within the District on November 2, 2021 in conjunction with the general election, and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition in substantially the following form:

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Fire Protection District 4
Proposition 2021-12
Authorizing Increase of Property Tax Levy

Complete Text (continued):

PROPOSITION NO. 1

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4

AUTHORIZING INCREASE OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 adopted Resolution No. 2021-03, concerning a proposition to exceed the limitation on increasing property taxes. This proposition would authorize the District to levy and collect taxes at the rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2022. The 2022 levy dollar amount shall be used for computing limitations for subsequent levies, as authorized in Resolution No. 2021-03.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 on July 16, 2021.

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4

Mark Lann
Chairman

Harry Andrews
Commissioner

Attest:

Kris Parks
District Secretary

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

Should this proposition be:

APPROVED

REJECTED

Section 4. A notice of special election shall be published at least once, which publication shall take place not more than ten (10) days nor less than three (3) days prior to the date of said election. Said publication shall be in a newspaper of general circulation within the District.

Section 5. Approval of the proposition described in Section 3 above shall be construed and interpreted as qualified elector approval of a tax increase in compliance with RCW 84.55 as amended.

Section 6. The Secretary to the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Manager of Records and Elections of Whatcom County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections for the District.

Section 7. With respect to this election, the District shall participate in the publication of information in the Local Voters' Pamphlet, including but not limited to an explanatory statement reviewed and approved by the District's attorney, a Statement For, and a Statement Against, pursuant to Chapter 29A.32 of the Revised Code of Washington.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.





Fire Protection District 11
Proposition 2021-7
Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection Services

Language on the Ballot:

The Board of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 11 adopted Resolution No. 2021-263 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations. This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.49 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2021 and collected in 2022. The funds will maintain and improve fire protection, emergency medical services and facilities, replace apparatus and equipment, and provide for firefighter safety. The maximum allowable levy in 2021 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by RCW 84.55. Should this proposition be: Approved/Rejected

Statement For:

Please vote Yes on this critically important levy. Without it our Fire Department/EMS cannot continue current levels of service because this levy also helps fund continuous EMS service deficits. Alternatives would rely solely on availability and response time of off-island Fire Districts.

This isn't a new levy. A Yes vote restores an existing, permanent levy to the rate approved by Island voters in 2014. The District Fire Commissioners' 2021 Financial Plan presentation (see www.lummiislandfire.com) estimates a tax increase of about \$10/month (based on a \$300,000 tax-assessed property), generating almost \$500,000 next year. The \$1.49 levy per \$1,000 assessed value, while low in contribution, pays high dividends in all services rendered.

LIFD expenses have risen at a faster pace than levy income, creating an anticipated \$50,000 budget shortfall in 2021. Without restoring the Fire Levy to the original \$1.49 rate, the budget projects that the levy rate will shrink to \$1.07 and cause an anticipated \$135,436 budget shortfall in 2022.

Our Fire Department cannot continue to operate at a deficit. It erodes existing emergency reserves. The projected 2022 deficit would have devastating consequences. We must protect the viability of LIFD by approving this Fire Levy.

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

No Statement submitted

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

Mike McKenzie and Leslie Dempsey

Explanatory Statement:

Whatcom County Fire Protection District 11 (Lummi Island Fire Department) 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 property tax levy rate to \$1.49 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2021 for collection in 2022. The District's Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain the current level of services. Approval of the measure will allow for the continued funding of safe and effective fire and rescue services, firefighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of rising costs.

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

No committee formed

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Fire Protection District 11
Proposition 2021-7
Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection Services

Complete Text:

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 11
LUMMI ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

3809 LEGOE BAY ROAD * P.O. BOX 130 * LUMMI ISLAND, WA 98262
PHONE: (360) 758-2411 FAX: (360) 758-2041

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-263

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY
GENERAL ELECTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.49 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

Background: WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that the fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for improved fire protection operations, replacing apparatus and equipment, firefighter recruitment and training and maintaining emergency medical service levels in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$1.17 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation, not to exceed 1% maximum increase per year.

WHEREAS, The District has previously levied at the full \$1.49 rate in 2014.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable levy authorized by this Resolution serve as the levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11, Whatcom County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to meet increased call volumes, maintain the level of fire protection, prevention, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency

fire and medical service vehicles and improve station and other capital facilities and to retain properly trained firefighters equipped with proper firefighting and emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the services described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation and improvement of such services the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010, and levy in 2021 and collect in 2022; pursuant to RCW 52.16.130, RCW 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.49 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. The amount levied in 2021 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on November 2, 2021, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be restored to \$1.49 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Whatcom County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, to call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

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Fire Protection District 11
Proposition 2021-7
Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection Services

Complete Text (continued):

Name of Jurisdiction: Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11
 Proposition#: Proposition No. 1
 Short Title: Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection Services.

Ballot Title:

The Board of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 adopted Resolution No. 2021-263 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.49 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2021 and collected in 2022. The funds will maintain and improve fire protection, emergency medical services and facilities, replace apparatus and equipment, and provide for firefighter safety. The maximum allowable levy in 2021 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Section 5. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(1), the measure requires a simple majority vote to be approved.

Section 6. The Board of Commissioners finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the District to have information regarding the ballot measure included in the local voters' pamphlet. Furthermore, that the appropriate costs thereof shall be paid for by the District. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to provide such information to the County Elections department for inclusion and to take other actions as necessary to that end.

Section 7. The Board hereby assigns to the Fire Chief or designee the task of appointing members to a committee to advocate voters' approval of the proposition and to a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the proposition.

Section 8. For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the

Board hereby designates the Fire Chief as the individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 9. The Chief is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution, including modifying the text of the ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution.

Section 10. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than August 3, 2021, to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the proper District officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters at the November 2, 2021 election.

Section 11. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 12. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 13. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 at an open public meeting of such Board on the 13th day of July 2021, the following Commissioners being present and voting:

By: Bill Lee, Chairperson

By: Steve Kopanos, Commissioner

By: Wendell Terry, Commissioner

Attested: Lisa R Lish, Board Secretary



Fire Protection District 11
Proposition 2021-8
Property Tax Levy for Emergency Medical Services

Language on the Ballot:

The Board of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 11 adopted Resolution No. 2021-264 concerning a proposition to maintain funding for EMS operations. Whatcom County Fire District 11 proposes to continue funding emergency medical services for its citizens by continuing a regular property tax levy of \$.28 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2022. Should this proposition be: Approved/Rejected

Explanatory Statement:

If approved by the voters this measure will authorize continuation of a six year emergency medical services (EMS) property tax levy at a rate not to exceed \$0.28 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. Approval of the levy will allow the District to maintain and improve the level of emergency medical services provided to the citizens of the District. The District must use the revenue from this levy exclusively for emergency medical services. If approved, the EMS tax on a \$200,000 assessed valuation residence would not exceed \$56.00 each year or approximately \$4.67 per month for the emergency medical services.

Statement For:

The Lummi Island Fire Department keeps our community safe by providing quick and reliable responses to medical emergencies, fires, and accidents. They also provide services most fire departments don't – traffic barriers and control, windfall clearing, and more. The logistical challenges of an island require additional time, training, and expertise. Your dedicated firefighters/EMTs are mostly volunteers. We can count on these committed neighbors and friends to answer our calls for help. Last year they answered over 80 alarms (over 50 were medical emergencies), with more calls expected in 2021. They do not charge for their EMS services.

Now it's our turn to answer the call. The ambulance requires maintenance, and medical supplies and lifesaving equipment must be replaced. Ongoing training is an expense needed to ensure responders maintain EMS certifications. The island fire department needs your support to re-establish a 6 year property tax levy of \$.28 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Beginning in 2022 this will bring in a projected \$95,000 annually to support EMS services (\$112 annually for a \$400,000 home).

Support this pillar of our island community and Vote Yes for the EMS Levy!

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

No statement submitted

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

Patricia Dunn and Joan Moye

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

No committee formed

The complete text for this ballot measure can be found on the next page.





Fire Protection District 11
Proposition 2021-8
Property Tax Levy for Emergency Medical Services

Complete Text:**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 11****LUMMI ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

3809 LEGOE BAY ROAD * P.O. BOX 130 * LUMMI ISLAND, WA
 98262

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 264**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN EMS LEVY****GENERAL ELECTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$.28 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, FOR A PERIOD OF SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2021 AND ENDING IN 2026 AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR (2022-2027) TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Background: WHEREAS, the District currently has a six-year EMS levy that was approved by the voters in 2015 and expires at the end of this year. Approval of this measure will continue the current six-year EMS levy and establish the levy rate at \$.28 to be levied in 2021 for collection in 2022 and such levy would continue until the 2026 levy to be collected in 2027.

It is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that emergency medical services be provided by the District and that the EMS levy be established at \$.28 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax levy;

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide emergency medical services, it is necessary that the District perform the following functions:

1.1 Obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical vehicles and facilities staffed by properly trained emergency medical technicians and other medically trained personnel.

1.2 Obtain consumable medical supplies and medical appliances to equip such vehicles and facilities.

1.3 Continue to provide the level of service as deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall continue its EMS levy by levying each year for a period of six consecutive years beginning in 2021 and collect each year for a period of six consecutive years, beginning in 2022, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed \$.28 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of such property.

Section 3. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069 the funds raised by such levy shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, service contract costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 4. The District electors previously approved a six year EMS Levy in 2015 at the rate of \$.39 per thousand of assessed valuation the collection of which expires at the end of 2021. This measure, if approved by the voters, would continue the EMS levy for an additional six years beginning in 2021 for collection in 2022.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the general election on November 2, 2021, the question of whether or not such levy for emergency medical services shall be made each year for a period of six consecutive years, to be levied beginning in 2021, with the first levy to be collected in 2022. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Whatcom County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections to call such election and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Name of Jurisdiction:	Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11
Proposition #:	Proposition No. 2
Short Title:	Property Tax Levy for Emergency Medical Services.



Fire Protection District 11
Proposition 2021-8
Property Tax Levy for Emergency Medical Services

Complete Text (continued):

Ballot Title:

The Board of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 adopted Resolution No. 2021-264 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund EMS operations. Will Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 be authorized to continue funding emergency medical services for its citizens by continuing a regular property tax levy of \$.28 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2022?

Yes

No

Section 6. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069(2), the ballot measure is for a subsequent approval of an expiring EMS Levy and shall require a simple majority vote.

Section 7. The Board of Commissioners finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the District to have information regarding the ballot measure included in the local voters' pamphlet. Furthermore, that the appropriate costs thereof shall be paid for by the District. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to provide such information to the County Elections department for inclusion and to take other actions as necessary to that end.

Section 8. For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the Fire Chief as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 9. The Chief, or designee, is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution, including modifying the text of the ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution

Section 10. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than August 3, 2021 to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the proper District officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters at the November 2, 2021 election.

Section 11. If the County publishes a voter's guide, the Board hereby assigns to the Fire Chief or designee the task of appointing members to a committee to advocate voters' approval of the proposition and to a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the proposition.

Section 12. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 13. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 14. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

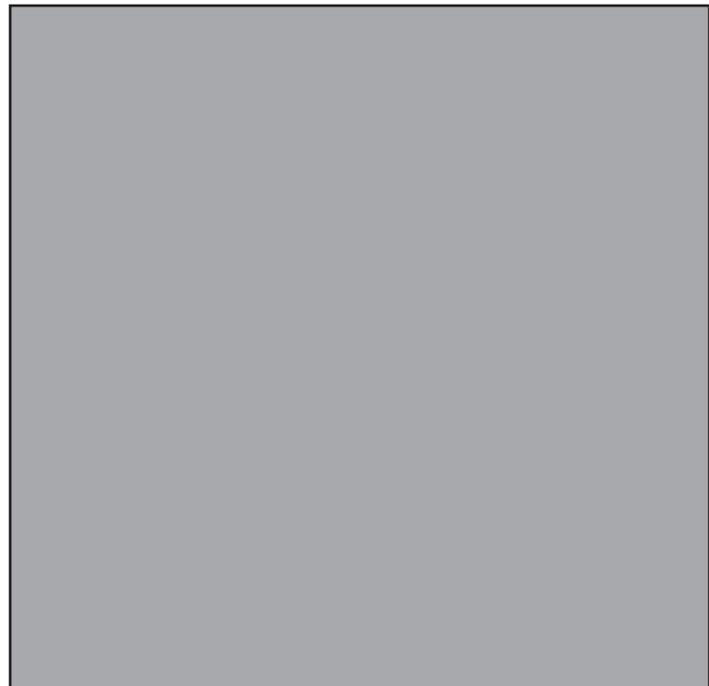
Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 at an open public meeting of such Board on the 13th day of July 2021, the following Board Members being present and voting:

By: Bill Lee, Chairperson

By: Steve Kopanos, Commissioner

By: Wendell Terry, Commissioner

Attested: Lisa R Lish, Board Secretary





Fire Protection District 14
Proposition 2021-15
Proposition Authorizing Increase of Previous Property Tax Levies

Language on the Ballot:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District 14, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2021-03 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.30 per \$1,000.00. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.30 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for 2021 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes/No

Explanatory Statement:

Whatcom County Fire Protection District 14 (the "District") seeks voter approval to authorize an increase of its regular property tax levy to \$1.30 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (with collection beginning in 2022), which is an increase of approximately \$0.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. This levy is the primary funding source for fire and emergency medical services provided by the District. Voter approval of Proposition 2021-15 will help maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the District.

Statement For:

As the pastor of Kendall Chapel, retired Whatcom County Support Officer and community resident, I am deeply concerned about the safety not only for my church members, but also for all of the residents in the growing Whatcom County Fire District 14, which covers all the residents from Sumas, Kendall/ Columbia Valley and the Welcome community. I am in full support of the commissioner's of District 14 desire to increase the tax levy in order to expand services in a growing district.

Eleven years ago, I was given lifesaving CPR and electric shock after suffering a cardiac arrest. I owe my life to the quick response of both EMT units from District 14 and Medic One from Bellingham. Therefore, I have a special place in my heart for the work of the First Responders of District 14. Their service is well worth our tax support.

Our area needs this levy increase in order to provide expanded services to an ever-expanding area as new houses are being built in both the Sumas and Kendall areas. East Whatcom County is a growing area and a properly financed EMT and Fire protection service is essential.

I encourage you to support this levy increase.

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

No Statement submitted

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

Pastor Vern Yadon

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

No committee formed

The complete text for this ballot measure can be found on the next page.





**Fire Protection District 14
Proposition 2021-15
Proposition Authorizing Increase of Previous Property Tax Levies**

Complete Text:

Resolution No. 2021 -03

INCREASE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIREPROTECTION DISTRICT NO.14, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVYOFA PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.30 PER \$1,000 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICATION STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditures of revenues for station construction, maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$1.05 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the one percent limit factor established by RCW 84.55.01 0 will not be sufficient to provide for the expected cost increases required to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 14, as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical services vehicles and to construct and remodel station facilities to be staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with proper firefighting and emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation in regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and levy beginning in 2021 and collect beginning in 2022, pursuant to RCW 52.76.130, RCW, 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general

tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. The amount levied in 2021 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the general election on November 2, 2021 the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be increased to \$1.30 per \$1,000 of true and assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Auditor of Whatcom County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Proposition 1

Whatcom County Fire Protection District 14 -Board of Commissioners -Proposition Authorizing Increase of Previous Property Tax Levies.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 14, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2021-03 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.30 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2021 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

YES

NO

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire District No. 14 at a regular open public meeting of such board on July 13, 2021 with the following Commissioners being present and voting

Leonard Bjornstad, Commissioner

Chris Moe, Commissioner

Jo Olson, District Administrator



**Glacier Fire and Rescue
Proposition 2021-11
Authorizing Increase of Property Tax Levy**

Language on the Ballot:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Glacier Fire and Rescue, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 248 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.10 per \$1,000.00. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for 2021 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved? Yes/No

Explanatory Statement:

Whatcom County Fire Protection District 19 d/b/a Glacier Fire and Rescue (the "District") seeks voter approval to authorize an increase of its regular property tax levy to \$1.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (with collection beginning in 2022), which is an increase of approximately \$0.36 per \$1,000.00 increase of assessed value. This levy is the primary funding source for fire and emergency medical services provided by the District. Voter approval of Proposition 2021-11 will help maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the District.

Statement For:

Glacier Fire Department has provided EMS & Fire service to the community and its visitors for 45 years. Our fire & EMS volunteers are also primary responders for 911 calls along the 25 miles of SR 542 that lay outside of the district's defined boundaries.

Our service area is the largest in the county, but our budget is the smallest. Our commissioners and chief have been good stewards of the tax dollars given them and have successfully managed the department with a tax rate of less than half that of other fire districts in Whatcom County. As proud as we are of our fiscal responsibility, we must ask to raise our levy from \$.74 cents per thousand to \$1.10 per thousand which will still be lower than many other fire districts in the county.

This funding will allow us to update aging apparatus and equipment, and continue to recruit, equip and train volunteers. Our community and its visitors deserve the peace of mind provided by a well equipped department and ensuring volunteers are trained to safely and properly use tools and equipment is our most basic responsibility. Supporting our fire department is supporting our community.

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

No statement submitted

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

Joelle Adams, Josh Evans, and Magenta Widner

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

No committee formed

The complete text for this ballot measure can be found on the next page.





**Glacier Fire and Rescue
Proposition 2021-11
Authorizing Increase of Property Tax Levy**

Complete Text:

RESOLUTION NO. 248

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
GLACIER FIRE AND RESCUE, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
INCREASE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GLACIER FIRE AND RESCUE (#19), PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.10 PER \$1,000 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICATION STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditures of revenues for station maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$0.74 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the one percent limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 will not be sufficient to provide for the expected cost increases required to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Glacier Fire and Rescue (#19), as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical services vehicles and to maintain station facilities to be staffed by properly trained personnel and equipment with proper firefighting and emergency medical equipment and to train and retain volunteers.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation in regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and levy beginning in 2021 and collect beginning in 2022 pursuant to RCW 52.76.130, RCW 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District as a rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable

statutory limits.

Section 3. The amount levied in 2021 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a general election on November 2, 2021, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be increased to \$1.10 per \$1,000 of the true and assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Auditor of Whatcom County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call such election, and to submit the following proposition as such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 19
Proposition No. 1
Authorizing Increase of Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 19, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 248 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.10 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2021 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes _____

No _____

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Glacier Fire and Rescue, Whatcom County, Washington, on the 6th day of July, 2021 of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

- GLACIER FIRE AND RESCUE
- Steve Siekkinen
Commissioner
- Tim Coralline
Commissioner
- Magenta Widner
Commissioner



Fire Protection District 21
Proposition 2021-9
Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy

Language on the Ballot:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 21 (the "District"), adopted Resolution No. 2021-04 concerning a proposition to authorize the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would thereafter be subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved? Yes/No

Explanatory Statement:

Whatcom County Fire Protection District 21 ("District") seeks voter approval to authorize an increase of its regular property tax levy to \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (with collection beginning in 2022). This levy is the primary funding source for fire and emergency medical services provided by the District. Voter approval of Proposition 2021-9 will provide funding to maintain current service levels, add four battalion chiefs and four firefighters for peak time transports to hospitals; and replace aging fire engines and other fire vehicles.

Statement For:

North Whatcom Fire has not had a levy lid increase in 12 years. Levy increases are limited by law to 1% annually plus the value of new construction, regardless of changes in property values unless the voters approve a levy lid increase. North Whatcom's levy rate has fallen from \$1.50 to \$1.15 per thousand of assessed value. To maintain emergency services, firefighters suspended cost of living raises to avoid layoffs and to continue uninterrupted service to the community. Vehicle replacement has been delayed and station maintenance and upgrades minimalized.

Over the past 12 years, costs for specialized equipment, vehicles and maintenance have outpaced the 1% annual increase, which has not kept up with inflation. Emergency service calls have increased over 50%, with simultaneous calls happening over 35% of the time.

Without increased funding, North Whatcom has come to the point where it can no longer stretch the tax revenue it receives and personnel may not be available to respond timely to our emergencies.

North Whatcom has always responded to your calls for help. We need the support of the voters to reset our levy to \$1.45 to continue a reliable level of service. Please vote yes on November 2nd.

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

No statement submitted

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

Kathy Berg, Scott Brown and Doralee Booth

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

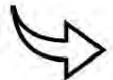
Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

No committee formed

The complete text for this ballot measure can be found on the next page.





Fire Protection District 21
Proposition 2021-9
Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy

Complete Text:

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #21

Resolution 2021-04

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21 (the "District"), providing for the submission to the voters of the District at the general election to be held therein on November 2, 2021, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000 for 2021. This proposition would authorize the District to impose a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2021 pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and would be subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations, all as more particularly set forth herein.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that the fire and emergency services enumerated in this resolution be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, and equipment;

WHEREAS, the District has determined it will not be able to maintain its present service levels to its citizens without the approval of a levy lid lift;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for improved capital facilities, additional staffing, apparatus maintenance and operations in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$1.14671 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation; and

WHEREAS, the funds generated by this levy will not supplant existing funds used for the delivery of fire and emergency services in the Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21 community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the District shall provide fire and emergency services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles, and structures needed for the provision of fire and emergency services.

SECTION 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the services described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation and improvement of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes

imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and levy beginning in 2021 and collect beginning in 2022, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.140 general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

SECTION 3. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection at an election on November 2, 2021, the question of whether or not such levy for maintenance and operations shall be made.

SECTION 4. The District's attorney is authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as deemed appropriate or as may be recommended by the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney's Office or the Whatcom County Auditor and its Supervisor of Elections, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and 84.52.069 and 29A.36.071, the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21
AUTHORIZING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21 (the "District"), adopted Resolution No. 2021-04 concerning a proposition to authorize the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would thereafter be subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

YES

NO

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on the next page.*





Fire Protection District 21
Proposition 2021-9
Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy

Complete Text (continued):

SECTION 6. The Secretary of the District is directed to (a) certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 2021-04 showing its adoption by the Board by August 3, 2021; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the District at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether such tax levy shall be made.

SECTION 7. The Fire Chief of the District is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

SECTION 8. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

SECTION 9. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be severable from the remaining provisions of this resolution, and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution.

ADOPTED by the Governing Board of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21, at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof this 17th day of June 2021, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

ATTEST:

Bruce Ansell, Chairman

Rich Bosman, Vice-Chairman

John Crawford, Commissioner

Scott Fischer, Commissioner

Kimberly McMurray, Commissioner

Jason Van der Veen, Fire Chief

Jennie Sand, Board Secretary



Whatcom County Rural Library District
Proposition 2021-14
Establishing the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area

Language on the Ballot:

The Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-049 concerning a proposition to establish the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area to finance a new library facility in Birch Bay. If approved, this proposition would establish the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area with boundaries as described in County Council Ordinance No. 2021-04 authorizing it to acquire, construct, furnish and equip a new library in Birch Bay, incur indebtedness to finance such improvements through the issuance of up to \$4,500,000 in general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years, and levy annual excess property taxes to repay such bonds. Shall this proposition be approved? Yes/No

Explanatory Statement:

If approved, this proposition would create the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area with boundaries as described in County Council Ordinance No. 2021-049. This proposition would authorize acquisition, constructing, furnishing and equipping a new library in Birch Bay. To pay for the library, the proposition allows the Capital Facility Area to incur debt to finance it by issuing up to \$4,500,000 in general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years, and to levy annual excess property taxes to repay these bonds.

Statement For:

Vote Yes on Proposition 14 to join your neighbors in building a public library for Birch Bay.

Whatcom County Library System currently serves Birch Bay with a weekly bookmobile stop and WiFi. Our growing community – over 8,500 people year-round including more than 1,800 children – needs more. A library will address Birch Bay’s lack of indoor public spaces and educational resources. More than 80% of respondents to a community survey endorsed the project.

Supporters have secured donations and a \$2 million state appropriation to lower project costs. We must not let this opportunity pass. Let’s build a library – open and accessible to all. Property owners will pay approximately \$3.20 a month in property taxes (\$0.11/\$1,000 assessed value; median assessed value \$350,000).

Our library will be a community gathering place with meeting rooms, an extensive library collection and informative programming. For younger people, libraries help boost test scores. For all, libraries are vital community infrastructure, connecting us with educational materials and programs, technology, employment assistance, entertainment and more. Our library will support everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, now and in the future. Visit yeswhatcomlibraries.org to see how. Libraries build community. Let’s work together to build our Birch Bay library.

Rebuttal of Statment Against:

No statement submitted

Statement For & Rebuttal prepared by:

Yes! Whatcom Libraries; Keith Alesse, Doralee Booth, and Ruth Higgins.

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

The complete text for this ballot measure can be found on the next page.



Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Statement Against and Rebuttal prepared by:

No committee formed



Whatcom County Rural Library District
Proposition 2021-14
Establishing the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area

Complete Text:

PROPOSED BY: WHATCOM COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
INTRODUCTION DATE: JULY 13, 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-049

**REQUESTING THAT THE WHATCOM COUNTY AUDITOR
 INCLUDE THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING A BIRCH BAY
 LIBRARY CAPITAL FACILITY AREA TO FINANCE A NEW LIBRARY
 FACILITY IN BIRCH BAY ON THE BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER
 GENERAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, the Whatcom County Library System Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 6/15/21-08 initiating the process for establishing the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area to finance a new library facility in Birch Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Bookmobile currently serving the Birch Bay community cannot accommodate a collection size to support the rapidly growing population; and

WHEREAS, the Birch Bay community lacks public services such as public meeting rooms, public internet computers, free informational and educational programs and events for all ages; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 27.15 RCW permits, upon the request of the Library District and the approval of the voters, the creation of a library capital facility area to construct, acquire, maintain, and remodel library capital facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Rural Library District has fulfilled all the requirements for the proposed establishment of the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area and the proposal is ready to send to a vote of the people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Whatcom County Council hereby forwards the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area proposal to the Whatcom County Auditor for inclusion on the ballot at the next general election.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the boundaries of the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area shall be as described by Exhibit A to this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

The Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-049 concerning a proposition to establish the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area to finance a new library facility in Birch Bay. If approved, this proposition would establish the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area with boundaries as described in County Council Ordinance No. 2021-04 authorize it to acquire, construct, furnish and equip a new library in Birch Bay, incur indebtedness to finance such improvements through the issuance of up to \$4,500,000 in general obligation bonds

maturing within 20 years, and levy annual excess property taxes to repay such bonds. Shall this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

ADOPTED this 27th day of July, 2021.

Whatcom County Council Chair; Barry Buchanan, and Whatcom County Executive, Satpal Sidhu

ATTEST: Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Karen Frakes, Civil Deputy Prosecutor

EXHIBIT 'A'

**WHATCOM COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
 BIRCH BAY LIBRARY
 CAPITAL FACILITY AREA BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

ALL THOSE PORTIONS OF UPLAND AND TIDELANDS PROPERTIES INCLUDED WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW, AND LYING WITHIN PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH RANGE 1 WEST W.M.
 SECTION 1, SECTION 2, SECTION 11 AND SECTION 12.

TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH RANGE 1 EAST W.M.
 SECTION 5, SECTION 6, SECTION 7 AND SECTION 8.

TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH RANGE 1 WEST W.M.
 SECTION 10, SECTION 15, SECTION 16, SECTION 21, SECTION 22, SECTION 23, SECTION 24, SECTION 25, SECTION 26, SECTION 27 AND SECTION 36.

TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH. RANGE 1 EAST W.M.
 SECTION 19, SECTION 20, SECTION 21, SECTION 22, SECTION 27, SECTION 29, SECTION 30, SECTION 31 AND SECTION 32.

CAPITAL FACILITY AREA BOUNDARY:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH 1/16TH CORNER ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M.; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH 1/16TH LINE OF SAID SECTION 10 AND THE SOUTHERLY CITY LIMITS BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF BLAINE TO THE SHORELINE OF SEMIAHMOO BAY; THENCE ALONG SAID SHORELINE, AS FOLLOWS:

IN A GENERALLY SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SHORELINE OF SEMIAHMOO BAY AND WITHIN SAID SECTIONS 10, 15, 16, AND 21 OF TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M.;



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Complete Text (continued):

THENCE IN A GENERALLY SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SHORELINE OF SEMIAHMOO BAY AND BIRCH BAY AND WITHIN SAID SECTIONS 21, 22 AND 27 OF TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M.;

THENCE IN A GENERALLY EASTERLY AND NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SHORELINE OF BIRCH BAY AND WITHIN SAID SECTIONS 26 AND 23 OF TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M.;

THENCE IN A GENERALLY SOUTHEASTERLY AND SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SHORELINE OF BIRCH BAY AND WITHIN SAID SECTIONS 24 AND 25 OF TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M., AND SECTION 30 OF TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, W.M.;

THENCE IN A GENERALLY SOUTHERLY AND SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SHORELINE OF BIRCH BAY AND WITHIN SAID SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, W.M., AND SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M. AND SECTIONS 1 AND 2, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M.;

THENCE CONTINUING IN A GENERALLY WESTERLY AND SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SHORELINE OF BIRCH BAY AND THE STRAIT OF GEORGIA AND WITHIN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M.;

THENCE CONTINUING IN A GENERALLY SOUTHERLY AND SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SHORELINE OF THE STRAIT OF GEORGIA TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M.;

THENCE DEPARTING SAID SHORELINE AND EASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTIONS 11 AND 12, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M. TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 12;

THENCE CONTINUING EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTIONS 7 AND 8, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, W.M., ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF ALDERGROVE ROAD (CO. RD. NO. 641) TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8, BEING A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF SAID ALDERGROVE ROAD WITH KICKERVILLE ROAD (CO. RD. 228);

THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF KICKERVILLE ROAD, AND THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTIONS 8 AND SECTION 5 OF SAID TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, W.M. TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 5, BEING A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF SAID KICKERVILLE ROAD AND BAY ROAD (CO. ROAD NO. 42);

THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTIONS 32 AND 29, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, W.M., AND ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID KICKERVILLE ROAD TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29, BEING THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF SAID KICKERVILLE ROAD AND BIRCH BAY-LYNDEN ROAD (CO. RD. NO. 559); THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTIONS 21 AND 22, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, AND ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID BIRCH BAY-LYNDEN ROAD TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH PORTAL WAY; THENCE CONTINUING IN AN EASTERLY AND SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF SAID BIRCH BAY-LYNDEN ROAD AND WITHIN SECTIONS 22 AND 27 OF TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, W.M., TO THE WEST MARGIN OF INTERSTATE 5; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID WEST MARGIN OF INTERSTATE 5 AND WITHIN SAID SECTIONS 27, 22 AND 21 TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTIONS 21, 20, AND 19, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, W.M., AND SECTIONS 24 AND 23, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M., TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTIONS 15 AND 10, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M., TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH SECOND CLASS TIDELANDS ABUTTING.

ALSO TOGETHER WITH ANY PROPERTIES LOCATED BETWEEN THE LINE OF ORDINARY HIGH WATER AND THE GOVERNMENT MEANDER LINE.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM ANY PORTION OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF BLAINE.

SITUATE IN WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

NOTE: THE TERM "SHORELINE" USED IN THIS CAPITAL FACILITY AREA BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION IS INTENDED TO REPRESENT THE LEGAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN UPLAND AND TIDELAND PROPERTIES, WHICH MAY BE EITHER THE GOVERNMENT MEANDER LINE OR THE LINE OF ORDINARY HIGH WATER DEPENDING ON HISTORICAL AND LEGAL CIRCUMSTANCES. IN ALL CASES, AND SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CAPITAL FACILITY AREA BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION IT SHOULD BE PRESUMED THAT THERE IS NO GAP BETWEEN UPLAND AND TIDELANDS PROPERTIES.

See a map of the proposed library district on the next page



VOTING BASICS

Ballot Arrives

Your ballot will arrive in the mail two weeks before each election.



Vote

Complete your ballot by following the instructions included in the ballot packet.



Sign the Return Envelope

Your signature is required on your return envelope. All signatures are compared to the signature on your voter registration.



Return your ballot

Use an official ballot drop box before 8:00pm on election day or deposit in a mailbox. Ballots mailed must be postmarked by election day. No postage is necessary!



Visit **VoteWA.gov** to update your address, learn about candidates, find the nearest election drop box and check your ballot status.

FAQ

Can I vote in person?

Washington state does not have polling locations, however each county opens an accessible voting center 20 days prior to each election.

I forgot to put my ballot in the security sleeve. Is that ok?

The security sleeve is optional. However, the signed return envelope is required.

Do I have to vote on everything on the ballot? What if I skip something?

The votes you cast will be counted. You are not required to make a choice on everything.

How do I get a replacement ballot?

If your ballot is lost or damaged, please visit **VoteWA.gov** or contact our office.

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Register to Vote



Scan the QR code above with your smartphone, visit **VoteWA.gov** to register online or print a paper registration form.

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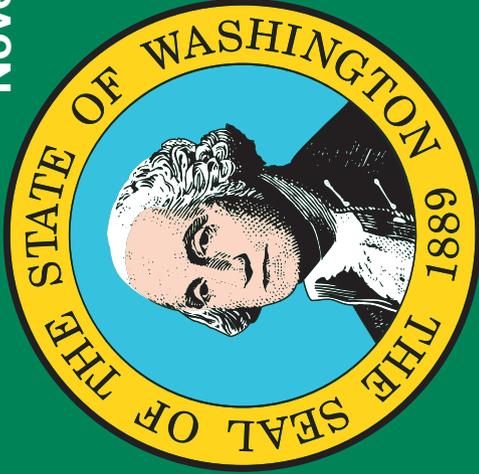
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