

VOTERS' PAMPHLET

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& Cowlitz County

General Election
November 4



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Ballots mailed out by **October 17**

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I am pleased to present the 2025 General Election Voters' Pamphlet on behalf of the Office of the Secretary of State. This comprehensive guide to the candidates and measures on your ballot can help you find the information you need to cast your vote.

Elections that are accessible, secure, and transparent are the cornerstone of our democracy, providing you with the opportunity to make your voice heard on a variety of issues. This general election, you have the chance to help decide who represents your local community and weigh in on measures that affect daily life in Washington. It all starts with making sure you're registered to vote. Online and mail-in voter registrations and updates must be received by Monday, Oct. 27. In-person registration is also available at your local county elections office until 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 4. If you're already registered to vote, now is a great time to sign into VoteWA and verify your voter registration information is up to date.

Once you receive and vote your ballot, make sure you sign the return envelope. Highly trained elections officials compare your signature to the one on your voter registration before your ballot can be counted. Then, return your ballot. If you vote by U.S. mail — no stamp needed — remember that ballots must be postmarked by Election Day to be counted. The USPS recommends mailing a week before Election Day to ensure your ballot is received on time. Or, return your ballot to one of the many secure ballot drop boxes across the state by 8 p.m. on Election Day. You can track the status of your ballot at VoteWA.gov after returning it. Sign up for text notifications so you'll know when your ballot is received and accepted.

Exercising your right to vote is one of the most powerful ways you can make a difference in your community. Thank you for voting and supporting democracy here in Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Steve R Hobbs". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Steve Hobbs
Secretary of State

Has my ballot been counted?

Tracking your ballot is easier than ever!

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

Or text VOTE to VOTEWA (868392).



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Ballots mailed to voters by: October 17
 Register by mail, received by: October 27
 Register online by: October 27
 Register in person by: November 4, 8 p.m.
 Election Day: November 4

Register to Vote

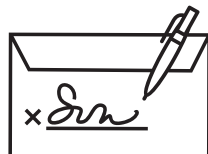
Use **VoteWA.gov** to:

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



Voter tip:

Remember to sign and date your ballot return envelope. Trained election officials are responsible for verifying each and every signature.



Candidates submitted their information for this pamphlet prior to printing. For the most current information, sign in to **VoteWA.gov**.

Political parties

Washington State Democrats

PO Box 4027
 Seattle, WA 98194
 (206) 583-0664
info@wa-democrats.org
www.wadems.org

Washington State Republican Party

11911 NE 1st St
 Ste B 201
 Bellevue, WA 98005
 (425) 900-3379
info@wagop.org
wagop.org



Who donates to campaigns?

View financial contributors for state and local candidates and measures:

Public Disclosure Commission

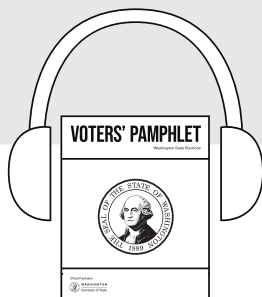
pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov
www.pdcca.wa.gov
 Toll Free 1 (877) 601-2828

Are accessible voting options available?

Audio voters' pamphlet 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.



Student Engagement Hubs



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

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

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

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

Para solicitar una edición impresa del folleto electoral o de un formulario de inscripción electoral en español, llame al **1 (800) 448-4881**.

華盛頓州的選民可以由網上取得中文版普選選民手冊以及選民登記表，網址為 **sos.wa.gov/elections**。

請瀏覽**VoteWA.gov**以查看您的個人化網上選民指南，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副本或選民登記表，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 **sos.wa.gov/elections**.

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

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

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

The federal Voting Rights Act requires translated elections materials.

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 27.

In person: Visit a local voting center no later than 8 p.m. on November 4.

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

Qualifications

To vote, you must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison for a felony.



What if I'm not 18 yet?

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

Sign up with your Washington state driver's license, permit, ID, or the last four digits of your Social Security number. You'll be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.

#FutureVoter

Past felony conviction?

Get registered to vote.

Washington now restores voting rights to citizens with felony convictions immediately upon release from prison.

You must **re-register** to vote to receive a ballot.



Moved? Update your voting address

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

By October 27: Have your application received by mail or updated online.

Or

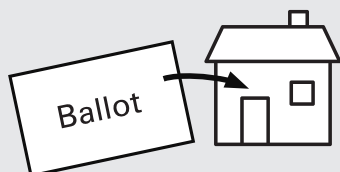
By November 4: Visit a local voting center in person.



How do I vote and return my ballot?

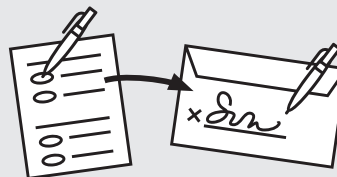
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If you're registered to vote, there is no need to request a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed by **October 17** to the address you provided on your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact a county elections office listed at the end of this pamphlet.



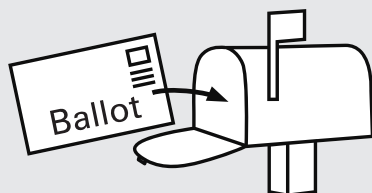
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Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. We need your signature to accept your ballot. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.



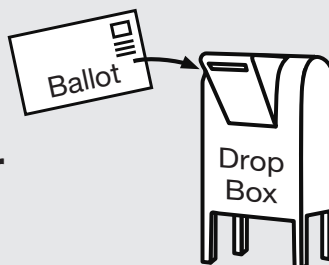
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Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **November 4**. Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.



Or, return your ballot to an official ballot drop box. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on **November 4**. Find drop box locations at **VoteWA.gov**.

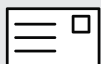
Or



If you cannot personally return your ballot, only let 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 **results.vote.wa.gov**.

Results are updated as counties report and are unofficial until certification.

Senate Joint Resolution No.

8201

The legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on allowing money in Washington’s long-term care fund to be invested.

This amendment would allow the state fund dedicated to providing long-term care benefits for eligible seniors and people with disabilities to be invested as authorized by law.

Should this constitutional amendment be:

- [] Approved
- [] Rejected

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Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

Senate: Yeas, 42; Nays, 7; Absent, 0; Excused, 0
House: Yeas, 86; Nays, 9; Absent, 0; Excused, 3



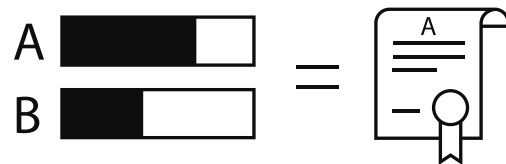
The Secretary of State is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).

Fiscal Impact Statement

Not required by law

This Amendment would allow funds in the Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Account to be invested in stocks of private companies, if authorized by law. Investment income from the Trust Account could only be used for long-term care services and supports for program beneficiaries, including for seniors and people with disabilities.

**Constitutional amendments
become law if
more than 50%
of voters approve.**



Argument for

Approve 8201 to guarantee long-term care funds are there when we need them

8201 requires 100% of investment income earned by the state's Long-Term Care Trust Fund to be spent on long-term care services for vulnerable seniors and disabled people. Washingtonians want to live with dignity as they age. 8201 supports this shared goal, strengthening the benefit's Trust Fund to help seniors and disabled Washingtonians while protecting taxpayers.

8201 is a commonsense measure that ensures tax dollars go further

Current law limits investment of the Trust Fund to only low-return choices, like government bonds and savings certificates. 8201 allows the Trust Fund to be invested to produce higher returns. This proven method would be managed by the independent, nonpartisan Washington State Investment Board, which is bound by the highest fiduciary standards.

Approve 8201 to increase funding without impacting taxpayers

8201 is projected to grow the Trust Fund by \$67 billion over the next 50 years, money that can be used to increase benefits for people with disabilities and seniors without costing taxpayers a penny. Higher earnings mean more money for care – good for seniors, disabled Washingtonians, their families, and taxpayers!

8201 has overwhelming bipartisan support across the political spectrum

It's encouraging when leaders of both parties agree on something – and a supermajority of Democratic and Republican lawmakers approved this commonsense approach. 8201 is supported by nurses, unions, businesses, and groups representing millions of Washingtonian seniors and people with pre-existing conditions. *Vote Approve!*

Rebuttal of argument against

Fact: Since 1981 the independent Washington State Investment Board has *safely and effectively* managed over \$200 billion for pensions, college savings funds, and more, with an average growth rate of 8% yearly. We must ensure our Long-Term Care Trust Fund grows to *keep up with rising costs while protecting taxpayers*. A bipartisan supermajority of lawmakers approved this measure. *Approve 8201* so WA's Trust Fund is *there for aging seniors and people with disabilities*.

Written by

Justin Gill, APRN, RN, President of Washington State Nurses Association; **Bob Ferguson**, Governor, Democrat; **John Braun**, State Senator, Minority Leader, Republican; **Carma Matti-Jackson**, CEO, Washington Health Care Association; **Cathy Knight**, State Director, WA Association Area Agencies on Aging; **Dani Rice**, Caregiver for People with Autism and Down's Syndrome

Contact: (206) 451-7139; Ana@approve8201.org; Approve8201.org

Argument against

Reject this constitutional change, *again*.

Washington voters already rejected this proposal to take taxpayer money and invest in private stocks and corporations (2020, SJR8212). Our state founders protected public funds from risky investments by establishing safeguards in our state Constitution prohibiting corporate stock market investments of your tax dollars.

Reject constitutional changes that gamble your money in an unstable market.

SJR 8201 overturns safeguards for the Long Term Services and Support (LTSS) fund, a multibillion dollar program established in 2020. Washingtonians are not yet eligible to access program benefits but proponents are *again* asking you to remove a key Constitutional protection. Currently, it's safeguarded in *secured* investments like federal, state and municipal bonds, which support our communities -- *a better use of our tax dollars*. Stock markets and private investments fluctuate greatly, *with no guarantees*, and the benefit needs are unknown in this untested program. This LTSS fund exists to help Washingtonians access long term care as we age or face disability. *When market speculation falls short, taxpayers and beneficiaries would pay the price through reduced benefits or increased taxes*.

Rejecting constitutional changes provide more stability and certainty.

Continuing to invest our public money into federal, state and municipal bonds supports public works that we all depend on. Rejecting SJR 8201 provides for better planning and stability.

Reject SJR 8201

Our state and LTSS need fiscal responsibility, not financial roulette. Reject SJR 8201 to keep the fund secure, stable, and focused on serving the people who will depend on it.

Rebuttal of argument for

Proponents imply a guaranteed return of \$\$billions over 50 years but of course, that's not guaranteed. In 2008 the State Investment Board lost -26.2% and 2022 lost -12.9%. It's how the stock market works. In future recessions or market crashes, when returns fall short, benefits must be cut or tax rates must go up. Compared to *guaranteed* municipal bond returns of 3-5%, the choice is clear. Invest in ourselves, not Wall Street. *Reject SJR 8201*.

Written by

Bob Hasegawa, State Senator, Democrat, 11th District; **Peter Abbarno**, State Representative, Republican, 20th District; **Mark Schoesler**, State Senator, Republican, 9th District; **Joe Schmick**, State Representative, Republican, 9th District

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The Washington State Legislature established a webpage with interactive budget information created by the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee and the Office of Financial Management (OFM).

WA Budget Summary:

<https://fiscal.wa.gov/budgetsummary>

Legislative Information Center:

1 (800) 562-6000

**How can you access this webpage?**

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

What's in the budget?

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

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

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

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Voters' Pamphlet

November 4, 2025 General Election

No postage is needed when mailing your ballot



Look for your General Election ballot by October 22, 2025

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(360) 577-3005 | www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/elections

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Note: To significantly reduce taxpayer costs, only a single version of the Voters' Pamphlet is mailed to every household in Cowlitz County. It is countywide and not tailored to any particular district.

Your ballot will contain only the races and issues that you are eligible to vote on based on where you live.

Lost or damaged ballot?

If you do not receive your ballot, or it becomes lost or damaged, you can obtain a replacement by contacting our office.

Phone: (360) 577-3005

Email: elections@cowlitzwa.gov

Address: 207 N 4th Ave, Rm 205
Kelso, WA 98626

Website: www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/elections

Note:

Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted and are not checked for factual or grammatical accuracy. Contact the candidate directly with any questions regarding their statement or candidacy.

Participating jurisdictions – Port of Kalama; Port of Longview; Port of Woodland; City of Castle Rock; City of Kalama; City of Kelso; City of Longview; City of Woodland; Longview School District; Toutle Lake School District; Castle Rock School District; Kalama School District; Woodland School District; Kelso School District; Fire Protection District 1; Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue; Fire Protection District 3; Fire Protection District 5; Fire Protection District 6; Fire Protection District 7; Cowlitz-Lewis Fire Protection District 20; Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue; Cemetery District 1; Cemetery District 2; Cemetery District 4; Cemetery District 5; Cemetery District 6; Cemetery District 7; Beacon Hill Water and Sewer District; Lexington Flood Control Zone District

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From the Auditor

Dear Voters,

Every election is a chance to shape the future of our community, and this one is no exception.

This November, you'll help choose the leaders who guide our schools, maintain our roads, manage public safety, oversee ports, and make countless other decisions that impact daily life here in Cowlitz County. These are everyday people from our community stepping up to lead and your vote determines who earns that opportunity.

Inside this pamphlet, you'll find statements from each candidate, in their own words. It's a great starting point to understand where they're coming from—and where they want to take us. You'll also find their contact info if you want to reach out directly. I encourage you to take a few minutes to read through the material. Dig deeper and ask questions if you're curious. An informed vote is a powerful vote.

We may not all share the same views, but by showing up and participating, we strengthen our democracy and build a better community, together.

Thank you for being part of the process. It's an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Fundingsland
Cowlitz County Auditor



Voter Registration Deadlines:

Online and by mail - October 27 by 5:00 p.m.

In person - November 4 by 8:00 p.m.



It is illegal to:

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

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

Phone: (360) 902-4180

Email: elections@sos.wa.gov

Accessible voting



Using Clear Access

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

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

Ballot drop box locations

Choose one of our eight convenient locations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ryderwood - 208 Morse St, next to the Ryderwood Library

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

Ballot drop boxes are open 24 hours a day starting October 17, 2025, and close promptly at 8:00 p.m. on Election Night, November 4, 2025.



We recommend dropping your ballot in one of our secure drop box locations. If you choose to mail your ballot instead, ballots come with prepaid postage, so no stamp is necessary. Don't be late! Mail early so that your ballot is postmarked by Election Day, November 4, 2025.

Keep your registration current

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

- Update your address with the Elections Office whenever it changes. Address changes can be made through votewa.gov, by email, mail, or phone until October 27. You may update your registration in person until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 4.
- If you are a snowbird or a college student, call or email our office to set up a seasonal or temporary mailing address.
- Return to Sender! If you receive a ballot for a person who does not live at your address, write "Does not live here" on the unopened envelope and put it back in the mail. Do not drop in a ballot drop box.
- If you receive mail for a recently deceased voter, write "Deceased" on the unopened envelope, and put it back in the mail. We will research and follow up.



Candidate and measure statements are printed exactly as submitted.

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

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

This provides voters a candid, unedited view of submissions.

Get registered and obtain a ballot

Three ways to register and obtain a ballot:

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

To register to vote you must be:

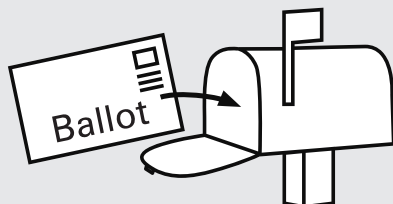
- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington State.
- At least 18 years old.
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.
- Not serving a sentence of total confinement for a Washington felony conviction.
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.

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Vote by mail

Washington votes by mail every election.

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



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Online voter registration

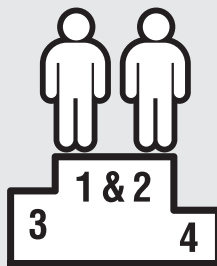
We offer online voter registration. Register to vote or update your address at **VoteWA.gov**.



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Top 2 Primary

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



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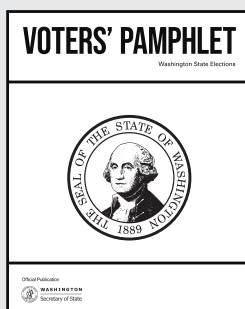
No party affiliation

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

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Voters' Pamphlet

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



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Same day registration

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

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



Patrick
Harbison

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Over the past four and a half years, it has been my privilege to serve as your Commissioner at the Port of Kalama. During this time, we have made meaningful progress in job creation, public recreation, and environmentally responsible capital investment in our community.

We have seen exciting developments take shape, including the Mountain Timber Market, which is creating new opportunities for entrepreneurs, and the first building at Spencer Creek Station, now under construction. The pedestrian bridge project is advancing as well, improving connectivity and accessibility for residents and visitors alike.

I have worked closely with the Board and Port staff to secure a \$26 million rail expansion grant, a critical investment that will enhance Temco's loading efficiency. We eliminated a long-standing safety hazard at the north end of town and opened the door for future private development that will align with Kalama's exceptional character.

Looking ahead, I remain committed to collaborating with the Port team, local and state leaders, and you, the public, to continue growing our economy in a thoughtful and sustainable way. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Port Commissioner. I sincerely appreciate your support and your vote.

Contact Information

Phone: (360) 798-0637

Email: p.n.harbison@gmail.com



Allan

Erickson

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

I am honored to have served the Port of Longview as your commissioner for over 6 years. Your continued support is certainly appreciated.

We have enjoyed prosperous growth during these years with record earnings and a strong employment base. Exports continue to grow while we prepare for future expansion and redevelopment of outdated infrastructure. Our rail corridor project is underway preparing for substantial capacity improvement at several of our docks. This expansion allows us to further our principal mission at Port of Longview: bringing jobs and economic stimulus to our region.

During my tenure at POL, we have invested millions of dollars into the Willow Grove park and marina. This is a complex that the entire Port District can take pride in ownership. It is your park!

I am proud of the fact that during my service to the Port, we have reduced the tax rate for property owners by some 77%! I would like to encourage citizens of the Port District to reach out to me, other commissioners, or Port staff to share your interest in the future of your Port District. I am always available to hear your ideas.

Contact Information

Phone: (360) 430-0273

Email: *None submitted*

**Bob
Wile**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

My name is Bob Wile, and I'm part of a multi-generational family that dates back to the 1800's in Woodland. I'm a graduate of Woodland High School, and I care about this community. I do not want it to become a bedroom community for Portland, and would like there to be a balance of industry, residential, and local community. As a commissioner of the Port of Woodland, my main goal is to create good paying family wage jobs. When people don't have to leave their community to work, the schools are better, the traffic is better, and most of all there is more time to spend with family. Being a part of this community, seeing it prosper, and giving back to the community that has gave us so much, has always been important to me.

Contact Information

Phone: *None submitted*

Email: *None submitted*



Earl
Queen
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

No statement submitted.

Contact Information

Phone: *None submitted*

Email: *None submitted*



Jon
Stanfill

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

My commitment and service to Kalama runs deep. It's been an honor and privilege to serve you on the City Council for six years and as Deputy Mayor for two. Drawing on my experience teaching theology at the University of Portland, I've been able to listen, learn, and navigate our wide-ranging perspectives in the pursuit of making our community better for everyone. I remain committed to providing sound, non-partisan leadership that focuses on compromise and consensus building.

My vision for Kalama aims to preserve our small town identity through sustainable, fiscally responsible growth that benefits our community while protecting our environment. As mayor, I will work on your behalf to promote economic development, provide more housing options (as I have with Accessory Dwelling Units), cultivate civic engagement by establishing a Kalama Youth Council, and deliver affordable curbside recycling.

With my experience, service on volunteer boards (Envision Kalama and previously Kalama Chamber of Commerce), and having earned a Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities, I'm prepared to turn these plans into reality. Proudly endorsed by the Kalama Police Officers Guild. I would be honored to earn your vote.

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Rose
Scattergood

(Nonpartisan)

As a Kalama resident of eight years, I've grown to deeply appreciate the values that make our town so special. I'm running for City Council to help guide Kalama with decisions that prioritize the well-being of our citizens and preserve our unique charm.

You may know me through my work with the Kalama Chamber of Commerce, where I've volunteered for five years and served as president for the last two. I also co-founded the Kalama Pub Crawl Society and created Big Smoke in Little Kalama—events aimed at bringing people together and celebrating our community spirit.

I believe the best way to connect with our community is through action—volunteering, serving on committees, and showing up face to face. I'm here to listen, collaborate, and do the work.

As a small business owner, step-parent to a Kalama grad, and active local shopper, I have a vested interest in our future. If elected, I'll bring leadership that values communication, respect, and responsible growth. I will serve with commitment and integrity, and I would be honored to represent you. Let's shape Kalama's future—together.

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Rob
Gibbs

(Nonpartisan)

Rob Gibbs envisions a future where Kalama continues to grow responsibly, balancing progress with preservation. As a council member, he will champion initiatives that support sustainable development, improve infrastructure, and foster economic opportunities while keeping the city's unique character intact.

By electing Rob Gibbs, the citizens of Kalama can count on a council member who listens, leads with integrity, and works tirelessly to ensure a prosperous future for everyone. Together, with his leadership and dedication, Kalama can continue to be a place where residents are proud to live and work.

Join Rob Gibbs on this journey toward a brighter future for Kalama. Leadership, fiscal responsibility, and community dedication—these are the values that define his campaign and his commitment to you.

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**Paige (Johnson)
Bozarth**

(Nonpartisan)

As a lifelong resident of Kalama, my roots run deep in this community. I'm running for City Council with a focus on Community Development, driven by a desire to see our town thrive while preserving the qualities that make it so special.

For me, community development means fostering a vibrant Kalama where neighbors connect, local businesses flourish, and opportunities abound for all ages. I envision enhanced public spaces, support for community events, and initiatives that strengthen our local economy.

My lifelong connection provides a unique perspective. I understand our history, appreciate our present, and am deeply invested in our future. I'll prioritize thoughtful growth that respects our small-town character while embracing progress. By listening to your voices and collaborating effectively, we can build a stronger, more connected Kalama together. I ask for your support to bring this vision to our City Council.

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**Chad M
Nelson**

(Nonpartisan)

Hi Kalama, My name is Chad Nelson and I'm running for Kalama City Council position #2.

I am so very proud to live, work and raise my family here in Kalama. My wife Sunny and I chose this community because we both value the small-town spirit, the strong sense of connection, and the kind of upbringing we both cherished. As a resident, local business owner, and a member of the Kalama Chamber of commerce I'm heavily invested in Kalama's present and future.

I believe in supporting our schools, strengthening our local economy, and making sure Kalama remains a safe, welcoming place for all families to thrive. I understand the importance of thoughtful growth that preserves the unique character of our town while providing opportunities for future generations.

I'm running for city council because I want to be a voice for all families, small business owners, and everyday residents who love Kalama as much as me and my family do! Together we can make sure Kalama continues to be a place we're all proud to call home. Let's bring back full transparency and community involvement in every decision being made that affects our future!

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**Eric
McCrandall**

(Nonpartisan)

I am Eric McCrandall. Thank you for the opportunity to earn your vote. I was born in Alpena, Michigan where I graduated from high school. I am a US Army veteran with an Honorable Discharge. I am currently the Facilities Manager for Cowlitz Family Health Center. I have an extensive community service background which currently includes Board President CORE Health, Community House on Broadway board member, Precinct Committee Officer Redpath District, Ambassador Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce, and Cowlitz County Homeless Housing Task Force. I have a large family, my beautiful wife Carlene and I together we have four children, fifteen grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

We need the best, well-paid, and supported city staff and a community that feels listened to, treated fairly, and fought for. More than anything else I value God, family, and our community. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work for both. I support public safety, lower taxes, a pro-business environment, complete government transparency, and a balanced budget. I am always open to communication. I am looking forward to serving you on the Kelso City Council.

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**Brian
Wood**

(Nonpartisan)

Four years ago, I joined the Kelso City Council with the goal of delivering reliable, effective, transparent governance and services. Kelso has delivered and is positioned to continue doing so. During my time on the Council, I have learned that Kelso enjoys a city staff made up of capable leaders and talented, dedicated professionals. The City Council members come from varied backgrounds and perspectives and bring dedication to their work. It has been my pleasure and honor to work with the Council and staff and my responsibility and joy to do the work of the Council with respect for all and respect for facts.

I seek your vote so we can continue to provide reliable, planned and therefore cost-effective services that will allow Kelso to grow and thrive. I seek your vote so we can continue to foster trust, engagement, and effective leadership in our city and further such leadership in our state and nation.

Kelso thrives when we work together. I continue to believe in and remain dedicated to doing my part to ensure that our government of, by, and for the people continues to deliver necessary, effective, and responsive services.

I look forward to your vote.

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**Mike****Karnofski**

(Nonpartisan)

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The main concern for citizens is safety for their families, followed by good infrastructure, (roads, utilities) and a good place to live with parks, a library and recreational activities. In the last four years the City Council has provided all of these for the citizens.

Our Police department is fully staffed with well qualified officers. The water system has been improved and is good for another 5 to 8 years without having to purchase water from Longview. When citizens flush their toilets, the sewage is efficiently removed and treated. Our parks are beautiful with activities for all citizens from youth sports to walking paths and a spray park. Our library hosts activities for all ages from story time for preschoolers to adult reading groups. Some of the library activities are attended by over 200 people and have included lunch provided for kids during the summer.

All of this has been accomplished without facing significant deficits like many other government agencies.

I am running for reelection to continue to improve Kelso, working on bringing business and jobs, to downtown and our industrial area. Working on increasing affordable housing and maintaining a City where people are proud to live. *We are Kelso.*

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**Jackie
Collins**

(Nonpartisan)

I have lived in Kelso almost my entire life. My mother was a widow with 3 small children and found a job teaching in Kelso in 1966. I watched the small hamlet of Kelso grow into a mid-size town over the years. With the Portland area growing in our direction, we need people who are able to envision a workable future for a progressive town with small town cohesiveness. I have owned a business, taught school and sat on the local HUD Board for years. Making life better for everyone in Kelso is my ultimate goal. It would be an honor to represent you, for Position 3, on the Kelso City Council.

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**Kimberly
Lefebvre**

(Nonpartisan)

I am Kim Lefebvre, I am a lifetime resident of Kelso, WA. I am an avid supporter of our community. I believe we all deserve a say in our political system and I will always do my best to listen to the citizens of Kelso. I am a wife, mother and a grandmother. I went all the way through the Kelso school system, as did my daughters. Kelso is a great place to raise a family and to thrive, let's keep it that way.

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**Mike
Claxton**

(Nonpartisan)

The city of Longview is a great place to live. This is a city that cares about our children, our families and one another. The health, safety and welfare of our community must always be our highest priority.

Longview also has great bones. However, like our bones, we need to make sure we are taking care of this community by continually investing in ourselves and being good stewards of taxpayer dollars for long-term success.

As an attorney here in Cowlitz County for nearly 30 years, I have worked with individuals from all walks of life and assisted businesses, working to find and build solutions for their needs. It would be a privilege to bring these skills to the city council of Longview.

I am currently on the budget committee and board member of Red Canoe Credit Union, a board member of Lower Columbia College Foundation, a member of Noon Rotary and a vestry member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. I served 18 years as legal counsel for the Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce. I have also previously served on the boards of the YMCA of Southwest Washington, Cowlitz Valley Runners and Kelso Soccer Club (where I was also a coach).

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**Nic
Aguirre**

(Nonpartisan)

I'm Nic, a husband, father, and overly taxed blue collar mill worker and AWPPW 153 member of over 20 years.

The United States is a democratic republic; you the voter chooses who best will represent your values. I hope to provide you with a clear understanding of my values to help you decide if I am the candidate that best represents your own. These shared values will be the lens through which I will govern, and will not stray.

I believe the government should be ran as efficiently as possible with emphasis being put on infrastructure and public safety. I believe taxes should be kept at a minimum, strictly to fund government responsibilities mentioned above. I believe lowering citizens tax burden is essential to enabling each individual's pursuit of happiness. Citizens are better stewards of their dollars than the government. Allowing citizens to better decide how their hard-earned money is spent.

Finally, and most importantly, I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is my Savior, who ransomed me through His death on the cross, conquered death through His resurrection, and ascended to God the Father. I believe in His promised return to establish eternal life in His glorious presence.

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**Chris
Bryant**

(Nonpartisan)

We believe Longview's best days are ahead! I'm grateful for our city's history and fully invested in its future. Born and raised here, I returned after experiencing other parts of the state, nation, and world. Four generations of my family live in Longview. As a fiduciary, investor, small business owner, and MBA in Finance with 25 years in financial management, I've helped individuals, families, and organizations make sound decisions – acting primarily for the benefit of those I serve.

I've prayed, voted, volunteered, helped during elections, and supported local candidates. Now, I'm stepping forward to serve as one of your council members. My priority is clear: *protect freedom for future generations*. That means we must maintain a balanced, responsible city budget, encouraging job creation to boost our economy, while applying a compassionate, common-sense, conscience-oriented, and *Constitutional* approach to our city's social issues.

I believe free enterprise is the best system to build a just and prosperous society. I support fiscal policy grounded in cause and effect – because freedom flourishes when we live within our means. I'm financially conservative: debt is a threat and accountability is essential.

I respectfully ask for your vote. Let's build a stronger Longview – *together*.

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**Oliver
Black**

(Nonpartisan)

When my family of five moved here in 2018, I fell in love with Longview. The beauty of the parks, trees, library, and the community has endless potential and opportunity. I got involved in local government as a member of the Parks Board in the past few years. As the Parks Board chair, I am deeply concerned about the direction of the city. That is why I'm running for City Council. Council needs to be a place where the leaders have a vision for the future and the skills to get us there. I am running because I believe we all deserve a government that works for all of us—so my children and grandchildren can stay here and thrive.

We need to elect a Council that faces challenges head on and focus on effective governance, not advancing political agendas. We also need fresh perspectives. As a parent and teacher in this community, I know the challenges that families are facing. I am level-headed, willing to listen, and collaborative. Let's elect people focused on finding common ground, managing our resources, making smart investments in our future and leading. Please vote for me and let's choose Longview together.

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Wayne Nichols

(Nonpartisan)

As a life-long Longview resident, I have recently seen our local elected officials focus more on divisive politics than governing. We have plenty of potential and exciting opportunities, but we face challenges. The budget crisis needs to be tackled while maintaining essential services. Our aging infrastructure needs repair and replacement. Homelessness demands action. Economic opportunities that leverage our assets need to be pursued. It is time to elect someone with the experience to navigate these complex and competing needs.

My 41 years at Weyerhaeuser/Nippon included infrastructure inspection, water and wastewater treatment facilities maintenance and operation and serving as a Labor Union officer and contract negotiator. I have also volunteered as a lieutenant firefighter/EMT and EMT instructor, Credit Union Board Member, youth sports, CASA (court appointed special advocate), Cowlitz County elections worker, Community theatre participant and mentor at both Longview High Schools.

I know we can find results-based solutions that will serve the entire community. I possess the maturity, experience, and collaboration skills necessary to ensure that the Longview City government is serving all people. Longview needs leaders who will focus on the future and make government work. I have experience that matters. I ask for your vote.

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Spencer C. Boudreau

(Nonpartisan)

Longview's Mayor Spencer Boudreau is doing the work for our city.

Spencer has led the City Council as Mayor to protect neighborhoods and allocate funding to additional police officers for safer streets. He supports our first responders and advocated for funding for new radios and vital equipment to ensure they can carry out their highly technical high-risk jobs to keep our city safe. Spencer led the effort to fund three additional patrol officers and is working to crack down on open drug use. Spencer Boudreau has safeguarded small businesses through zoning changes, prioritized development, and worked to make it easier to build new homes in our community through permitting changes.

He's led the charge to fund water quality projects and infrastructure needs, and voted no on every tax increase in the last four years. Spencer has worked to build consensus with Council on the city budget and hiring a City Manager, and has brought more public involvement to local government.

Reelect Longview's Mayor Spencer Boudreau to the Longview City Council. He's running to keep doing the work for our city, not to play political games.

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**Aaron
Brown**

(Nonpartisan)

Woodland is growing fast. We can grow by accident—or by design. I'm Aaron Brown. I live in Old Town Woodland with my family, where we've built our lives and raised our kids in the same schools many of you have. We believe in Woodland because we live it every day.

I believe in family, in community, and in the strength of a democratic republic. As Woodland prepares to double in population over the next decade, I want to help ensure that growth is steady, thoughtful, and economically sound—growth that reflects our values and strengthens our city for generations to come.

I also believe the decisions we make must be rooted in what makes Woodland unique: connected neighborhoods, family-first thinking, and leadership that listens. I want to represent a community invested in itself.

I'm running for City Council to help strengthen the "We" in Woodland—bringing people together across perspectives, building bridges, and shaping policy that works for families, businesses, and future generations. Let's preserve what makes Woodland special while building an even stronger tomorrow.

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**J J
Burke**

(Nonpartisan)

I have been a resident since 1992 of Woodland, after retiring from the U.S. Coast Guard for over 22 years. I care about our community! Having served on the council for 16 years, I have the experience of stepping in and getting things done. Our primary aim is to get exit 21 fixed

Volunteered: Served 16 Years as Council Member #1. *Held* Mayor Pro Tem for 3 years. Involved in the community; President of the Woodland Planters Days committee celebration for 20 years. Master/ President of the Woodland Grange; Business of the quarter; Cowlitz County Pomona Citizen of the year; 2014 Woodland Citizen of the year; Honorary Member of the Woodland Chamber of Commerce; Local business owner since 1993-2020. I am also interested in seeing a Senior Citizens Center be built, and a place for the younger children go to. Please Vote this year and make it count. Bring back "J J" Burke as city council Position #1.

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**Brittney
Michaelson**

(Nonpartisan)

Woodland is in my blood. My children are sixth-generation Woodlanders. My great-great-grandfather, Carl Insel, was a respected business owner and community leader who cared deeply for this town. That legacy of service and love for Woodland has been passed down through the generations.

This community means everything to me. I've watched neighbors speak up at city council meetings, on social media, and in personal conversations—only to feel unheard. That has to change.

I'm running for City Council to be a true representative for the people of Woodland—to listen, to validate, and to work toward the changes our community wants and needs. I'm not a politician—I'm your neighbor, your fellow community member, and someone deeply invested in the future of this town.

My priorities reflect what I hear from you: transparency in city spending, addressing overstressed infrastructure (we can't keep growing without systems to support it), support for legal businesses—including cannabis, downtown revitalization and support for small businesses, and protecting farmland and natural spaces that define Woodland's rural character. I won't pretend to have all the answers, but I will show up, listen with care, and lead with integrity. *Woodland deserves a council that reflects its people.*

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**Carol
Rounds**

(Nonpartisan)

Carol Rounds, running for Council Position #2. I reside at 576 Buckeye St. Woodland, WA 98674, where I have lived for 46 years. My three children graduated from Woodland High School. I worked 37 years at a local bank and retired as branch manager in 2014.

I am running for council position to help improve the quality of life for all Woodland citizens by making it a more business friendly place. I believe that this would help create more family wage jobs, and thus create more tax revenue without increasing taxes.

I believe I am the best candidate because I work well with people and have a common sense approach. My community service with Woodland Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, CAP, United Way & YMCA adds to my qualifications for being on the Woodland City Council. Below are my top 3 priorities: Encourage economic growth and good paying jobs; Create and/or stimulate solutions to traffic congestion; Be a good steward of your tax dollars.

I believe the area we should focus on the most is industrial development which provides family wage jobs and an increased tax base.

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**DeeAnna
Holland**

(Nonpartisan)

Hey there, I'm DeeAnna Holland, and I'm running to return to the Woodland City Council to bring back experienced, community-first leadership. As a former council member and lifelong advocate for Woodland, I've always stood for practical solutions, honest dialogue, and policies that put residents—not special interests—first.

With a background in business and public service, I understand the importance of balancing the budget while protecting essential services like roads, water systems, and public facilities that serve both families and small businesses alike. I've never been afraid to ask tough questions, eliminate waste, and ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely.

I believe in thoughtful growth that supports our infrastructure and respects Woodland's rural character. We must prioritize the needs of current residents before considering expansion or tax increases. I support community-driven solutions that reflect our shared values and protect what makes Woodland special. Leadership means showing up, listening, and making decisions that serve the whole community. I'm committed to transparency, accessibility, and integrity—and I'm ready to lead with the experience, heart, and accountability our city deserves.

Let's move forward with common sense and a clear focus on what matters most. I'd be honored to serve Woodland again.

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**Melissa
Doughty**

(Nonpartisan)

Over the past four years on City Council, I have been deeply committed to listening to the voices of our incredible community and advocating on their behalf. My goal has always been to uphold Woodland's long-standing values and traditions while helping guide our city forward in a thoughtful, balanced way that addresses both the demands of growth and the realities of evolving state regulations.

It has been both a privilege and a humbling experience to serve the people of Woodland. I am proud of the work we've done together and remain dedicated to ensuring that all voices are heard, especially when decisions impact the character and future of our city. If re-elected, I will continue to ask the tough questions, elevate community concerns, and pursue solutions that are sustainable, equitable, and beneficial for both current and future generations.

One of the most meaningful aspects of this role has been engaging with and mentoring our youth. I believe strongly in investing in the next generation and laying a strong foundation for Woodland's future.

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**Keith
Bellisle**

(Nonpartisan)

City Council makes important decisions that affect all of us here in Woodland, from our roads and parks to how our town grows and supports local businesses. I'm Keith Bellisle, I'm asking for your vote for Woodland City Council.

I believe in making sure our town grows in a way that's good for everyone, keeping the friendly, hometown feel we all appreciate. It's important to me that people on the City Council are open and honest, and that they really listen to what the people of Woodland think and need.

If you choose to elect me to City Council, I promise to be careful and smart with how our town's money is spent. I also want to make sure any new growth in our town is well-planned and doesn't take away from what makes Woodland special.

I believe that by working together and listening to each other, we will make Woodland an even better place to live, work, and raise our families. I am committed to being a voice for all residents and to making decisions that benefit our entire community. I would be honored to have your support and vote. Let's work together for a brilliant future for Woodland.

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**Jennifer
De Luz**

(Nonpartisan)

As a wife, entrepreneur and American Patriot I believe that city government should represent the people and the communities interest as a whole. I believe we need leaders who won't push their own agenda but instead are willing to reach out and form relationships, understanding and partnerships with our residents, businesses and community. I strongly support the people of Woodland having a voice and a vote, especially when it comes to hot ticket issues.

If given the opportunity to serve this community on city council I promise to work hard to preserve our "small town feel" while still advocating for local businesses, and the public safety and enrichment of our citizens as we try to understand and mitigate our infrastructure and growth issues we face moving forward. I believe every leader should practice active listening when questions, concerns and ideas are brought forth. Lastly I will be accessible, candid and always encourage citizen involvement in local government.

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Jason L.
Friend
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Having built our life in Woodland, where our children attend local schools, my dedication to our community is clear. As a City Council member for the past year, I seek your vote to continue being your dedicated voice. During my term, I supported vital law enforcement equipment and a policy allowing non-profits to suspend irrigation without off-season fees, providing financial flexibility. I believe in representing people and prioritizing what's right for Woodland.

Looking ahead, my focus is enhancing citizen engagement and creating community involvement pathways. I support placing major issues on the ballot to ensure your direct voice shapes our city. My experience as a System Director, combined with my business education (MBA, BBA), equips me with leadership and financial skills for City Council governance.

As a member of Woodland Moose Lodge and Rotary, I value community connections. I am committed to open communication and ensuring your concerns are represented.

I ask for your vote on Election Day to continue serving Woodland with dedication and integrity, working collaboratively for a successful future

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**Deborah
Pineda**

(Nonpartisan)

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As a parent, community member, and advocate for public education, I am running for the Longview School Board to ensure every student has access to a safe, supportive, and high-quality learning environment. Strong schools are the foundation of a strong community.

My priorities include: Academic excellence: Focusing on core learning while expanding vocational and STEM opportunities. Student well-being: Supporting mental health resources and safe schools. Transparency and accountability: Ensuring responsible budgeting and open communication with families. Community collaboration: Listening to parents, teachers, and students to guide decisions that reflect Longview's values.

With over 20 years of experience as a law enforcement professional, helping to run a small business, working as an investigator for the State of Washington, and having served on various boards in the community, I bring practical leadership, fiscal responsibility, and a deep commitment to our schools. I have served through appointment as a Longview School board director position #1. I hold a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry and credits toward a master's degree in criminal justice.

I would be honored to earn your vote and work together to build a bright future for Longview's students.

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**Scott
Beck**
(Nonpartisan)

A Parent's Voice. A Common-Sense Approach.
Scott Beck is running for school board to bring a practical, family-focused perspective to our schools. As a father, volunteer football coach, and founder of a non-profit supporting families affected by SIDS, Scott understands the importance of safety, support, and opportunity in every child's life.

He believes decisions affecting our students should be guided by real-world experience, not politics. Safeguarding public education begins with bringing everyone to the table and putting families in the driver's seat. Scott is committed to working collaboratively with parents, teachers, and community members to make our schools stronger, safer, and more effective.

His approach is simple: listen, lead with facts, and always put families first. Scott knows what it means to show up—for his family, his team, and his community.

Now, he's ready to show up for our students and educators as a thoughtful, solution-oriented member of the school board. Vote Scott Beck for Longview School Board—because our kids deserve the best, and our schools deserve leaders who care enough to do the hard work

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**Susan
Donahue**
(Nonpartisan)

I've always loved school and learning. It's who I am, and now that I've retired, I feel compelled to continue supporting public education. That's why I'm running for Longview School Board Director.

With potential changes and challenges coming with state and federal policies, you want our school district to have creative problem solvers who will dig in and find ways to continue quality education for our students. I am that person.

As a teacher for 37 years, I know how public schools work. I've been an active and involved member of the Longview educational community for the last 33 years as a teacher and substitute teacher; I know what it's like. I also have experience in curriculum adoption, collaborative teams, safety committees, educational leadership, and budgeting. School boards work with the superintendent on budgeting, curriculum, and policy. I believe in the mission of the Longview Public Schools, and I know that schools need to be places where all students not only can achieve, but can also feel safe and belong.

I will work hard for all students and for the Longview School District stakeholders. Please vote for Susan Donahue for Longview School Board Director, position 2.

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Heather Schoonover

(Nonpartisan)

As a parent, local business owner, and school board member, I'm committed to helping Toutle Lake students succeed. During my time on the board, we've made real progress: we've built a strong leadership team, kept our superintendent and principals, balanced the budget, expanded class options—including online courses for high school—and improved student success. More students are attending school regularly, meeting standards in kindergarten, reading better in elementary grades, and passing their classes in middle and high school.

Leading a school district takes more than good intentions—it requires real leadership experience and the ability to deliver results. With over 20 years in healthcare leadership and experience teaching as adjunct nursing faculty, I bring both business and education skills to the board. My husband and I also own and operate local businesses, so I'm deeply invested in our community's future.

If elected, I'll use my leadership and business experience to make decisions that help every student grow and thrive. I'll work with other board members, listen to families, and keep our community informed. Together, we can build on our success and ensure students feel supported, challenged, and ready for a bright future.

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Shebanyah VanHoof

(Nonpartisan)

I have lived in Toutle with my family for the past 18 years. Our son graduated from Toutle Lake High School, and our daughter is currently finishing her freshman year. Over the years, I've been deeply involved volunteering in classrooms, chaperoning field trips, helping in the office, and working one-on-one with students.

To me, this is how I give back. Our teachers pour so much into our children helping them grow from age 5 to 18 and I want to support them in return. I care deeply about these kids and making sure they have opportunities through school to grow, succeed, and learn the skills they need to be productive members of society.

I've also volunteered for years with our local rec soccer club and high school soccer boosters. I want to continue giving back by serving on the school board standing up for our students, supporting our educators, and protecting the integrity of our school.

Our community is growing and changing, and I'm ready to fight for what makes Toutle special. We may be small, but we are mighty and I'll work to make sure our school stays strong.

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**Vilas****Sundberg**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

I would be honored to be re-elected to Castle Rock School Board Director District 1 position.

I believe in practical, common-sense solutions. These solutions address problems directly and efficiently. My top priorities include: Ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment; Fiscal responsibility; Parental involvement in the education process.

I am a strong believer in integrity and transparency. Focusing on student wellness is also a priority. I am dedicated to advocating for programs that foster more than just academic achievements. These programs will support the overall well-being of our students.

I encourage parents, teacher and classified employees to add their voices to the decision-making process. Reach out to School Board Members with your questions and ideas. I seek your support and your vote. Together, we can tackle the challenges facing our schools

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**Steve
Ogden**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

I'm Steve Ogden and am excited to continue serving on the Castle Rock School Board. Although my time in this role has been brief, I have been honored to contribute to the Castle Rock School District.

As a lifelong Castle Rock resident and a proud graduate of Castle Rock and Washington State University, I have deep roots in our community. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities provided by our education system and am committed to supporting it through experienced, thoughtful leadership.

Although the Castle Rock School District faces challenges in the coming years, I am confident that we already have the foundation to overcome them. My focus will be on continuously improving academic performance in our classrooms. Additionally, I will prioritize making fiscally responsible decisions that ensure our budget is both resilient and aligned with the goal of student success. Equally important, I believe that open communication, transparency, and cultivating strong relationships among staff, parents, and the community are essential to supporting our students and helping them achieve their life goals.

It would be an honor to have your support for my candidacy. Together, we can continue strengthening our schools and investing in the future of Castle Rock.

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Angelica
Velazquez

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

I am running for the Castle Rock School Board Director At Large (5) position. My priorities include student safety, academic improvement, and open and transparent communication with our parents, administrators and teachers.

As a parent of a high school teen, I want to make sure all students are safe at school and are surrounded by school staff that prioritizes every student's welfare. Students are distinct individuals with different opinions, values, and beliefs who should be safeguarded and recognized for their uniqueness while building their academic knowledge.

Our schools are responsible for providing students with the educational tools to absorb, understand and excel in all academic subjects necessary to graduate and develop successful careers. Both parents and teachers/administrators must work together to ensure student's educational needs are addressed in an open and transparent dialogue to develop a plan that is best for each student. We should all have the same goal: to teach our students and support them in becoming success members of society.

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Stephanie
Harbell

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

I've had the honor of serving on the Kalama School Board since March 2024, and I'm running to continue the work of supporting students, teachers, and families in our community.

As a former Kalama math teacher and a stay-at-home mom of four students currently in the district, I bring both classroom and parent perspectives to every decision. I know how important it is that our schools prepare students to graduate ready for their next step, whether that's college, a trade, or joining the workforce.

My top priority will always be student learning. I believe every student deserves the opportunity to succeed. I also remain committed to transparency and open communication, so families feel informed, respected, and heard.

Kalama is my home. I'm proud to serve our schools and would be honored to continue representing you on the board.

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Katie A.
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(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

No statement submitted.

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**Marie
Wodaeye**

(Nonpartisan)

"Youth Are Our Future Leaders." With 39 years of service at the Washington State Employment Security Department, I have assisted countless individuals in navigating unemployment benefits and securing employment opportunities. My role involved providing essential support to those facing job transitions, ensuring they had access to the resources and guidance needed to re-enter the workforce.

Having lived in Cowlitz County for 29 years and being married for 37 years, my family and I have deep roots in this community. My children attended Woodland schools for 12 years, giving me firsthand insight into the educational environment and the importance of fostering strong parent-teacher-student relationships.

I am committed to *listening* to the concerns of parents, teachers, and students, *responding* thoughtfully to questions and feedback, and *proactively resolving* communication challenges within our schools.

My extensive experience in public service and employment assistance equips me with the skills necessary to advocate effectively for our students and educators. I would be honored to serve on the Woodland School Board and work collaboratively to enhance the educational experience for all. I would appreciate your vote for School Board District 3.

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**Stephen
Blum**

(Nonpartisan)

I have lived in Woodland for nine years and all my children have or still attend Woodland Schools. I am highly invested in our community and am excited about our future. I passionately believe that a quality public education is a fundamental right for all.

My mission is to ensure that every child in Woodland Schools, regardless of barriers, can have the best education possible and can achieve their full academic potential. One of my children is autistic, so I am keenly aware of the barriers and struggles that can be present.

To that end if elected I will hold teachers and administrators accountable for student success. I will ask the hard questions about why our hard-earned tax dollars should go towards programs and what benefits to expect for students. I will enact policies to balance reliance on technology with time on pencils, paper and textbooks. I will make data driven decisions and ensure the business of Woodland Schools is transparent. I will strengthen community engagement with parents, students and educators by visiting schools and community events and always being available to constituents.

It has been my pleasure to serve our community, and I hope to continue in the future.

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Trish
Huddleston

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

I am running for a 2nd term on the Woodland School Board because our kids deserve better than the garbage being mandated by the incompetent OSPI & the ruling party of tyrannical democrats.

In my 2nd term I will continue to fight for academic education over ideological indoctrination during this time when our students can barely read, write or do basic math at grade level. I will continue to fight for our daughters to keep boys out of girls' sports and their safe, intimate spaces, as there is no such thing as a trans kid - only sick, enabling adults. I will continue to fight for parental rights against the tyrants in Olympia who want to destroy family values and force teachers & staff to lie and keep secrets from them. And I will continue to fight for common sense legislation throughout my work within WSSDA and the district, as I did for the Parents Rights Initiative that the democrats have butchered.

I will do everything in my power to ensure Woodland Public Schools continue partnering with parents, being transparent, fiscally responsible, and focus on academic education so our students will become proud, productive members of society.

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Tom
Guthrie

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

For over 20 years, my wife and I made our home in Woodland and have come to know and love many of the wonderful people in this community. Raising our three daughters here has motivated us to invest our time into the wellbeing of Woodland School District. Through our eldest daughter's graduation from Woodland, our middle child in high school, and our youngest in middle school, we have cultivated strong relationships with school staff and parents in the community.

It has been my honor to serve on the Woodland School Board for the past five years. During this time, I have gained a deep appreciation for Woodland's quality staff who work together to give students the best education possible. For the next four years, I am committed to expand upon the great work we have already done. I will continue to listen and collaborate with our community to strategize meeting the needs of WSD, within the budget we have, to determine what is best for all of the students and staff at Woodland School District. I do want to thank the community for their strong support of the schools and activities that make our town great! Go *Woodland*

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**Karen
Grafton**
(Nonpartisan)

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**Francisco J.
Uribe Alvarez**
(Nonpartisan)

As devoted husband and proud father of three beautiful daughters, for over 11 years we have made Kelso our home, and as a bilingual first-generation immigrant from Colombia, I bring a diverse and service-oriented perspective to the Kelso School Board. I hold a Law degree from Saint Thomas Aquinas University, Specialization in Commercial Law from UNAB, and a master's degree in Biblical Studies from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

As community advocate and union member, I understand the importance of inclusive, equitable education for all. I'm committed to ensuring every student, regardless of background or ability, has access to high-quality learning, strong support systems, and opportunities to succeed. I will prioritize academic excellence, responsible budgeting, and stronger engagement with families and diverse communities.

I'm running for Kelso School board position 2, to give a voice to families who are often underrepresented and to help create a school system that reflects the values of all our community. Together, we can support our students in becoming confident, capable, and compassionate citizens. We Are Kelso.

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**Bob****Kofstad**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

As a candidate for Fire Commissioner, my priority is to ensure our community receives the highest quality EMS and Fire Services possible. I am committed to supporting our dedicated Firefighters and EMS Staff by providing them with the resources, training, and equipment they need to do their jobs effectively and safely.

My focus will be on fostering open communication between the department and the community, ensuring transparency and accountability in all operations. I will work to understand the evolving needs of our residents and advocate for services that meet those needs, including proactive prevention programs and responsive emergency care.

By promoting collaboration, investing wisely in infrastructure and personnel, and remaining responsive to community feedback, I aim to strengthen our emergency services and make the District an even safer place to live. I believe that a strong, well-supported fire department and EMS are essential pillars of a thriving community, and I am dedicated to working tirelessly to achieve that.

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George
Lomasney

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

As a U.S. Army veteran and a retired paper mill worker, I would be honored to serve as Commissioner for Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue. This is an organization that is essential and plays an essential role in the safety and well-being of our community. In the face of growing demands, it is vital that our emergency responders are equipped with the resources, training, and financial support necessary to meet every challenge.

We must also plan for the impact of future growth in the community, increased requirements on training certifications, equipment upgrades, regulatory compliance and cooperation with our neighboring districts.

Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue has built a strong legacy of service, professionalism, and community involvement. I am committed to honoring that legacy by supporting the dedicated individuals who make it possible and by helping to guide the district into a strong and sustainable future.

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**Chris
Smith**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

My interest in becoming a Cowlitz County Fire District #3 Commissioner is to assist in fostering and promoting a respectful, positive and collaborative working environment for staff, through their administration, and become an asset to fellow Commissioners.

Like the majority of local public agencies in Washington, it is important to provide the best possible service to our community while being a good steward of taxpayer's money. We must provide the best possible service to our community within our financial means.

It is critical to have open communication with fellow commissioners, department administration and our citizens in an effort to instill trust and provide a cohesive and collaborative team to manage this critical resource.

With over 20 years of experience in the public sector, I believe my knowledge, skill and ability make me an excellent candidate for the Cowlitz County Fire District #3 Commission.

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**Jeff****Curry**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

As an appointed fire commissioner for nearly 2 years, I have a genuine desire to serve the community. I am committed to contributing my time, effort, and expertise to improve our department and ensure the safety and well-being of our residents. For me, it is about how I can serve the community and not how the community can serve me.

My tenure as a Fire Commissioner has been marked by significant achievements and a steadfast commitment to community service. I will continue to leverage my experience to enhance our fire department and inspire others to join in our mission of public safety and community support.

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**Terry
Sinkler**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

I have lived in Kalama for 47 years. I have proudly served the community with Fire District 5 as a Volunteer Firefighter since 1992 and as Fire Commissioner since 2012.

In addition to my experience as a Firefighter and Commissioner, I also have over 40 years of business management and ownership. I feel this experience will help me to continue working with the other commissioners and department staff to lead the fire department to a successful future.

I would appreciate your vote, which would allow me to continue to work for the community as a Commissioner for Fire District 5. Thank you.

Contact Information

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**David S
Dangleis**

(Nonpartisan)

Greetings Fire Protection District 6 voters. My name is David Dangleis and I would like to be your next Fire Commissioner. With my previous years in public service, community volunteering and business ownership, I feel I can help the district move forward to new and better things.

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No photo
submitted

**Mike
Kayser**

(Nonpartisan)

No statement submitted.

Contact Information

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Email: *None submitted*



**Luke
Miller**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

As a resident of Yale valley for the past 18 years and a volunteer Firefighter and EMT for 16 of those years, I'd be honored to serve a second term as your commissioner. I would appreciate your vote.

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No photo
submitted

Eugene F
O'Neill
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

As a commissioner for your fire district, I will continue to help move the department forward and keep watch over your tax dollars.

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No photo
submitted

Larry
Bartel
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Tax Incremental Financing does not pass the straight face test.

Tax Incremental Financing, which the state passed in 2021, is stealing both your votes and the money you voted for maintaining and improving your fire and EMS. Under this law, cities, counties, and port districts can form a Tax Incremental Area (TIA) and take the tax money you voted for maintaining and improving your fire and EMS and instead spend it on roads, sewer, parks, water, and other infrastructure projects.

For example, in 2025 the new \$21,810,600 Costco, which lies within a recently created, TIA, will pay \$43,059 in fire and EMS taxes. While their tax statement shows this money going to your fire department, only \$4,365 goes to your fire department. The other \$38,894 goes to the TIA to pay off bonds for up to 25 years. This law takes the votes of over 20,000 fire district voters and allows as few as two elected officials to override these voters' wishes, spending their money instead on repaying bonds on projects not related to maintaining and improving their fire and EMS.

I will continue to fight to recover your money and work to correct this flawed state law.

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David L.

Town

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

As a current fire commissioner I continue to look out for the best intrerest of the tax payer. In 2021 the State of Washington passed a law RCW39.114.020(2) ,that would allow cities,counties and ports to create a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) area that would allow Ports,Cities and Counties to take future Public Safety dollars (Fire EMS) and spend the monies on roads and sewers without the vote of the tax payer. I think this is wrong. Currently the Port of Ridgefield and the City of Ridgefield have TIF's in place and over the next 25 years could take over 60 million dollars out of the fire districts budget with only the vote of the Port Commissioners or City councilors. These monies would have been budgeted for future stations, replacement equipment and new man power to staff the new stations, but because of the TIF's that monies will be spent on roads ,sewers and other improvements or how every the City or Port see fit. As fire commissioner I will fight hard to rectify this injustice.

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James (Willie)
Brockmoller
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

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Gary
Stuart
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Cemeteries are places for people to find comfort. We try to keep our cemeteries clean, healthy, well groomed, and friendly. I have a lot of experience making sure our five cemeteries meet these standards. I worked as a part-time groundskeeper in the cemetery for eight years. In 2013 I was elected as a commissioner. I have been serving in that position since then. I would like to continue in that position to insure our cemeteries remain the peaceful, comfortable places they are now.

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**Sandy
Haas**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

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Cemetery District 5 | Commissioner Position 2 | 6-year term



**Juanita M.
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Unopposed

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**William
Spencer**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

As Commissioner for Cowlitz County Cemetery District #6, I have worked with our other two commissioners to keep our cemeteries clean and kept up. We continue to improve our grounds and update our website for easy use. I was personally involved in establishing the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery to be a recognized Washington State Historic Cemetery to protect its history and the history of its buried constituents. I believe it is vital that our cemeteries are well protected so our loved ones can rest in peace.

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Cemetery District 6 | Commissioner Position 3 | 6-year term



**Jim
Gonzales**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

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Dean
Takko
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

I am very proud to have had the honor to serve as a Beacon Hill Water and Sewer District commissioner for several years. I think we have one of the best well-run districts in the state, in which I take pride. The reason it is run so well is because of the great staff we have, both those in the field and those in the office. Because of the great staff we have we have some of the best utility rates compared to other water and sewer district and municipal systems in the state. We have been doing many upgrades to the system to ensure that you will have reliable service. I ask for your vote to let me continue to guide the district into the future.

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No photo
submitted

Brian
Wesemann
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

I am honored to serve as your representative on the Lexington Flood Control Zone District board of supervisors. As a current supervisor, I have worked hard to protect our community while keeping assessments low and using your tax dollars responsibly.

Over my term, we have made real progress in improving flood prevention infrastructure, securing grants, and strengthening our district's emergency preparedness—all without significantly raising costs for residents. I believe in smart, efficient government that puts the needs of the people first.

If re-elected, I will continue to advocate for practical, cost-effective solutions to protect our homes, our environment, and our shared future. Thank you for your trust and support.

Brian Wesemann. Proven Leadership. Practical Results.

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The following candidates are running unopposed and did not submit a statement or photo prior to the deadline.

Port of Woodland | Commissioner District 3 | 4-year unexpired term

Patrick Canfield

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City of Castle Rock | Council Position 2 | 4-year term

Leon “Lee” Lee Kessler

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Toutle Lake School District No. 130 | Director District 3 | 4-year term

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Castle Rock School District No. 401 | Director District 2 | 4-year term

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Kelso School District No. 458 | Director Position 1 | 4-year term

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Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue | Commissioner Position 5 | 6-year term

Jon Olson

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Fire Protection District 7 | Commissioner Position 2 | 4-year unexpired term

Tyler Komm

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Cowlitz - Lewis Fire Protection District 20 | Commissioner Position 3 | 4-year unexpired term

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Cemetery District 4 | Commissioner Position 1 | 4-year unexpired term

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Cemetery District 7 | Commissioner Position 2 | 6-year term

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City of Kalama

Advisory Vote No. 1

Kalama Community Building Operations & Maintenance

The City Council of Kalama adopted Resolution #753 requesting an advisory vote on tax increases to fund operations and renovations of the Community Building.

The City Council is asking the citizens to determine if they will fund the Kalama Community Building with increases in city taxes. The tax increase subsidizes the annual operational shortfall of the building and pays the future debt service for approximately \$6 million of repairs, ADA accessibility, and building modifications to support increased use. Without additional recurring revenue sources from increased city taxes and fees, the city won't continue to operate the building at current capacity.

Are you willing to pay additional property taxes to repair the Kalama Community Building and keep it operating for the benefit of the community?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

Explanatory Statement

The Kalama City Council is asking voters whether the City should continue operating and maintaining the Community Building at 216 Elm Street using additional tax dollars.

The building holds community and historical value but operates at a financial loss. It hosts Parks & Recreation classes, civic groups, and private rentals, but revenues fall short of covering operating costs such as utilities, insurance, maintenance, and staffing. The City currently subsidizes 49%–65% of the building's operating budget, totaling \$30,000–\$40,000 annually from general fund taxes. In addition to ongoing operating costs the recent Architectural Survey and ADA Feasibility Study identified approximately \$3.8 million in significant structural repairs and retrofitting, and \$650,000 for ADA-compliant access. Another \$1.5 million is expected for renovations to enhance its functionality and usability of the building.

To fund this, the City would propose in 2026 a permanent tax rate increase of \$0.18 per \$1,000 assessed value via a levy lid lift to support annual operations, and a \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed value excess property tax levy (20-year bond to be retired by the levy) to fund capital improvements for a total levy of \$0.98 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The 2026 levy amount will be used to calculate future levy limits. If approved, the City's property tax rate would increase from approximately \$1.07 to \$2.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value — a 92% increase in the City's portion of the property tax rate.

This is only an advisory vote to help guide City Council decisions regarding the Community Building.

Argument For Prepared by

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement for the ballot measure.

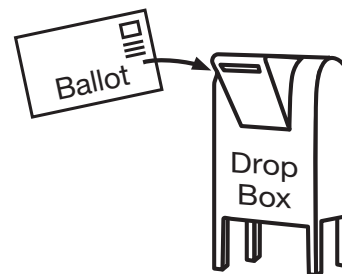
Argument Against Prepared by

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

1

Your county receives your ballot

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



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

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

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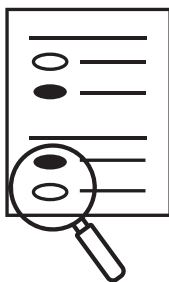
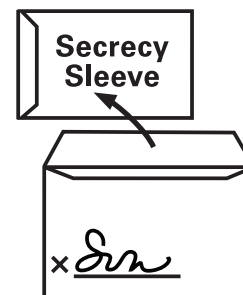
Your signature is verified

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

3

Envelopes and sleeves are separated

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



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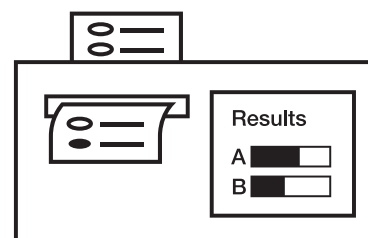
Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

The ballot is removed from the secrecy sleeve and election staff verify that it can be successfully scanned. Each voting system is certified and tested before every election.

5

Your ballot is counted

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



Before an Election

Voting systems certification and testing



Ballot counting equipment is tested and certified by an independent testing authority and the State of Washington.

Voting systems are not connected to the internet.

Pre-election audit: logic & accuracy tests

Before every election, counties test their voting systems to make sure the machines are correctly set up and accurately counting votes.

Voter registration database

Washington's statewide voter registration database is constantly maintained and updated as voters become registered, move, change their name, pass away, or are no longer eligible to vote.

All eligible voters are automatically mailed ballots. Only one ballot per voter is accepted.

Contact your local county elections office to learn more



sos.wa.gov/county-elections-offices

During an Election

Paper ballots



Voting on paper ballots allows election officials to audit results of an election after votes are counted.

Signature verification

Trained election officials compare your signature to your voter registration file to confirm your identity and eligibility.

If your signature is missing or doesn't match, your ballot is "Challenged" and you are notified. Once your signature is verified, your ballot status will update to "Accepted".

VoteWA

Check the status of your ballot at VoteWA.gov. Once your ballot status is updated to "Accepted," your ballot will be opened and scanned. Only one ballot per voter is accepted.

Chain of custody

Ballots are sealed in secure, tamper-evident containers and at least two staff are present whenever your ballot is handled.

Scanning and tabulation

Ballot scanners and vote counting machines are physically secured in locked rooms. Election staff sign in and out each time the room is opened, and always in groups of two or more.

After an Election

Random batch audits



Your local election officials hand count randomly selected precincts or ballot batches and compare those numbers to the voting system totals to make sure the vote counting machines counted correctly.

Random ballot audits

Your local election officials examine a statistically significant, randomly selected sample of ballots to help ensure the reported outcome is correct.

Full ballot reconciliation

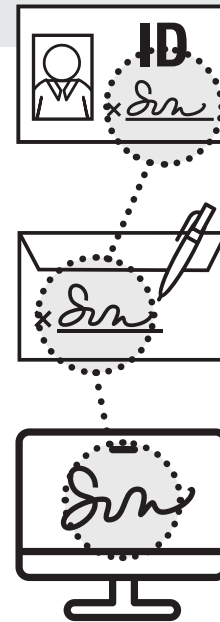
Your local election officials keep detailed records of the steps taken to process each ballot or group of ballots, creating an audit trail.

A final report at the end of the process includes a summary of the ballots received and counted.

Why is my signature important?

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

- The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. Trained election officials are responsible for verifying each and every signature.
- If your signature is missing or does not match your voter registration record, the county elections office will contact you by mail **before results are certified**. They may call or email if you gave them this info.
- If you registered to vote online or through Department of Licensing, the signature from your driver's license, permit, or state ID will be on your voter registration record.
- Voters can track and check their ballot status at **VoteWA.gov**.



How do I know if something is true?

When reviewing online or printed information, think about:

- Who made this, and who is it for?
- Why did they make it?
- When was this made?
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What does this mean?

Certification Day

The date when election results are finalized by state or county officials.

Logic and Accuracy Test

A test completed before each election to ensure the accuracy of voting equipment.

Nonpartisan Office

An elected position in which candidates do not state a political party preference and candidates for the office are not officially associated with a political group. Office appears on the ballot as “Nonpartisan.”

Partisan Office

An elected position in which candidates may state their preferred political party. A candidate may also choose “States No Party Preference.” Their preference is printed on the ballot.

Postmark

A postmark indicates the location and date the Postal Service accepted custody of a ballot. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day to be accepted. Placing your ballot in a mailbox on Election Day does not guarantee a postmark of the same day.

Post-election Audit

A test completed before the certification of results to ensure the security and accuracy of the voting system. Counties perform a post-election audit each election.

Term Type

How much of a term a candidate will be serving for an office. It is split into regular, unexpired, and short-and-full.

Voter Registration Database

The official list of registered voters maintained in every state to conduct safe and secure elections. Our database in Washington is known as VoteWA.

Voting Center

A county-run facility where you can receive voting assistance from trained elections staff. Some services include registering or updating voter information, requesting and returning a ballot, or finding an accessible voting unit.

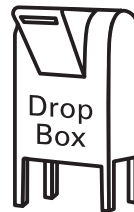
Voting System

Ballot counting equipment that must be tested by an independent testing authority and certified by the state of Washington before it can be used.

Your Voting Information

Use **VoteWA.gov** to:

- Register to vote at 18 or sign up as a Future Voter as early as 16
- Check or update your voter registration information
- View a list of your elected officials
- Contact your county elections office
- View your personalized Voter Guide
- Print a replacement ballot
- Find an official ballot drop box
- Check the status of your ballot
- Sign up for text notifications



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

Teachers: Classroom Activity



The Student Mock Election is a non-partisan, educational event that teaches kids to be informed voters. Over 500,000 students have participated in Washington's annual Student Mock Election since 2004.

- Students vote on candidates and measures, just like they will in the future.
- Participants learn about the unique vote-by-mail elections process used in our state.
- Non-partisan and free to all public, private, tribal, and homeschool K–12 students.

Free resources for educators:

- Teacher toolkit includes print-friendly Voters' Pamphlet, lessons from Teaching Elections in Washington State curriculum book, posters, and coloring sheet.

Visit **sos.wa.gov/mockelection** for more info.

Want to be notified of the next Student Mock Election?
Scan with your smartphone camera to sign up.



New Washington resident

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

**Military or overseas voter**

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

**College student**

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

**Non-traditional address voter**

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

**Seasonal resident**

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

**Person convicted of a felony**

Your right to vote is automatically restored once you're no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in any state or federal prison, including for federal or out-of-state felony convictions. Register to vote upon your release from prison. Even if you were previously registered to vote, or voted before your felony conviction, you will need to re-register to receive a ballot.





How do I read measure text?

Language in double parentheses with a line through it is existing state law; it will be taken out of the law if this measure is approved by voters.

~~((sample of text to be deleted))~~

Underlined language does not appear in current state law but will be added to the law if this measure is approved by voters.

sample of text to be added

Complete Text

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8201

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article XXIX, section 1 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as follows:

Article XXIX, section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 5, and 7 of Article VIII and section 9 of Article XII or any other section or article of the Constitution of the state of Washington, the moneys of any public pension or retirement fund, industrial insurance trust fund, ~~((or))~~ fund held in trust for the benefit of persons with developmental disabilities, or fund to provide for long-term care services and supports for eligible seniors and

people with disabilities may be invested as authorized by law. Investment income from a fund to provide for long-term care services and supports for eligible seniors and people with disabilities is dedicated to long-term services and supports for program beneficiaries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment is a single amendment within the meaning of Article XXIII, section 1 of the state Constitution.

The legislature finds that the changes contained in this amendment constitute a single integrated plan for the fund to provide long-term care services and supports for eligible seniors and people with disabilities. If this amendment is held to be separate amendments, this joint resolution is void in its entirety and is of no further force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the legislature, pursuant to its authority under RCW 29A.36.020(3), specifies the ballot title and concise description shall read "The legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on allowing money in Washington's long-term care fund to be invested. This amendment would allow the state fund dedicated to providing long-term care benefits for eligible seniors and people with disabilities to be invested as authorized by law.

Should this constitutional amendment be:

Approved.....

Rejected"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal newspaper in the state.

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

Keep your voting address confidential

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

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

To become a Protected Records Voter:

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

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



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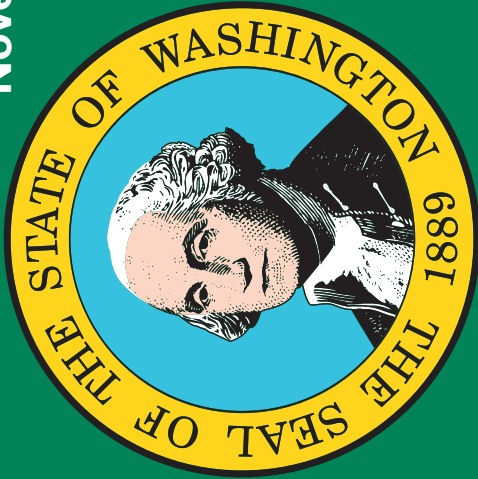
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