

VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Washington State Elections
& Franklin 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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Deadlines

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

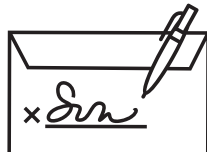
Use **VoteWA.gov** to:

- 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

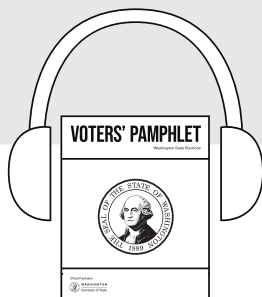
pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov
www.pdcca.wa.gov
 Toll Free 1 (877) 601-2828

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

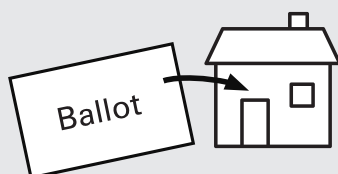
By November 4: Visit a local voting center in person.



How do I vote and return my ballot?

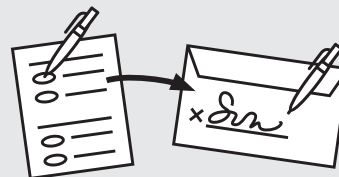
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If you're registered to vote, there is no need to request a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed by **October 17** to the address you provided on your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact a county elections office listed at the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



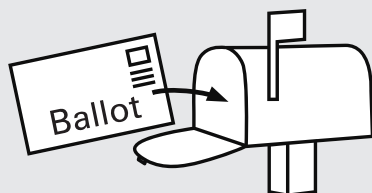
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Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. We need your signature to accept your ballot. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.



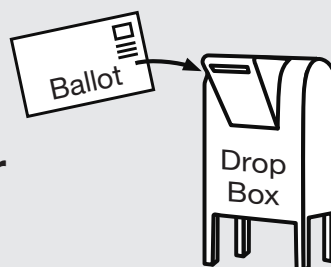
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Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **November 4**. Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.



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**.

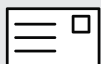
Or



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**.

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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).

Explanatory Statement

Written by the Office of the Attorney General

The Law As It Presently Exists

The Washington Constitution generally prohibits investing public money in stocks of private companies. This means that state funds can only be invested in fixed-income securities, such as government and corporate bonds and certificates of deposit.

The Constitution currently exempts several funds from this restriction. This exemption applies to any public pension or retirement fund, workers’ compensation funds, and money held in trust for the benefit of people with developmental disabilities, permitting those funds to be invested as authorized by law, including in stocks of private companies. The Washington State Investment Board invests and manages these funds.

In 2019, the legislature created a long-term care insurance program. The program provides money to pay for certain long-term care services, such as nursing home care, to program beneficiaries who need assistance with daily living. Under that law, employees pay premiums for long-term care insurance through a payroll deduction, and those premiums are deposited into a Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Account. Under the current provision of the Constitution, money held in the Trust Account cannot be invested in stocks of private companies.

The Effect of the Proposed Amendment if Approved

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.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Not required by law

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

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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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Message from the Auditor

Dear Voter,

This pamphlet is a great resource. Please use it as a beginning point in your search for the information you will need to make an informed vote.

If you need help getting a replacement pamphlet, please call us at (509) 545-3538. The Franklin County Auditor’s Office is available to answer your questions and assist with your election needs. We work hard to provide secure, accountable and transparent elections.

Please vote and return your ballot as soon as possible. If you are unable to mail your ballot a week before Election Day, it is recommended that you take the ballot inside the Post Office and ask staff to hand-cancel the ballot before placing it in a mailbox or that you use one of our ballot drop boxes to deliver it directly to Franklin County Elections. Check your ballot status at www.votewa.gov.

We all bring different experiences and perspectives to our communities. When we vote individually, the collective outcome carries a mandate for action. Your vote matters, it is an effective and powerful way for citizens to shape our government.

Vote it, Sign it, Send it.



Matt Beaton, Franklin County Auditor

Who donates to campaigns?
View financial contributions for candidates and measures:

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

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ELECTIONS ARE SECURE AND ACCURATE

Tabulation equipment is certified by the Washington Secretary of State and the Federal Election Assistance Commission. The system is never connected to the internet.

- Logic and Accuracy**
- Before each election, a public logic and accuracy test is conducted to ensure that voting equipment is ready for use and properly prepared to count ballots.
 - The logic and accuracy test is verified by independent observers and the Office of Secretary of State
- Post-Election Audits**
- Post-Election Day audits are conducted prior to the certification of each election.
 - The office to be audited is selected according to set procedures. Copies of these procedures are available upon request.
 - Batches to be audited are randomly selected. All audits conducted are open for public viewing. Please visit our website for dates & times of audits.

Accessible Voting

Franklin 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 AVU is a large, touch-screen monitor that can display the ballot in a larger font or provide an audio ballot for persons with visual or cognitive disabilities.

Beginning 18 days before each election, the AVU is available at the Franklin County Election's Department inside the Auditor's Office.

Register to Vote

Online: Visit VoteWA.gov; online registrations must be received **by Monday, October 27**.

By mail: Request a paper form be mailed to you by calling (509) 545-3538 or print a form at sos.wa.gov/elections. Mail-in registrations must be received **by Monday, October 27**.

In person: Visit the Franklin County Elections Department or any voting center in the state **by 8:00 p.m. on November 4** to register in person.

Replacement Ballots

Please visit VoteWA.gov or contact our office to request a ballot or a replacement ballot.

Contact Information

Franklin County Elections Department
1016 N 4th Ave., Ste. A206, Pasco, WA 99301

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Election Day Hours: 8:30 a.m to 8:00 p.m.

Mail: PO Box 1451, Pasco, WA 99301
Phone: 509-545-3538
Email: elections@franklincountywa.gov
Web: franklincountywa.gov/elections

Ballot Processing Center
116 N 3rd Ave., Pasco, WA 99301

Returning Your Ballot

Fill out your ballot

Use a blue or black pen to fill in the oval next to your choices.

Skip any contests you don't want to vote in. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot.

Sign your envelope

Don't forget to sign your ballot return envelope. Your signature must match the signature on your voter registration record. Your ballot cannot move forward in the process without a valid signature.

Return your ballot early

Whether returning your ballot by mail or in a drop box, don't wait until Election Day. Vote early!

If using a ballot drop box, there are 8 locations throughout the county where you can drop off your ballot. A list of ballot boxes is listed below and on your ballot return envelope. **Drop boxes close promptly at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 4.**

If returning by mail, **your ballot must be postmarked by Election Day, November 4.** No postage necessary. A late postmark could disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.

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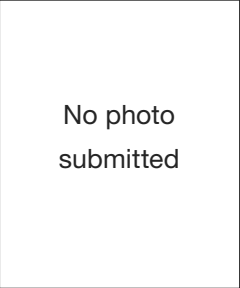
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Ballot Box Locations

Ballot boxes are available by October 17, 2025 through November 4, 2025, Election Day.

- 1 FC Auditor's Office**
1016 N 4th Ave. Ste. A206, Pasco
- 3 Courthouse Parking Lot**
1016 N 4th Ave., Pasco
- 5 Fire Protection District 3**
2108 N Road 84, Pasco
- 7 Mesa City Hall**
103 Franklin St., Mesa

- 2 HAPO Center (TRAC)**
6600 Burden Blvd., Pasco
- 4 Election Center**
116 N 3rd Ave., Pasco
- 6 Connell PUD Shop**
619 W Clark St., Connell
- 8 Fire Protection District 2**
115 N Violet Ave., Kahlotus

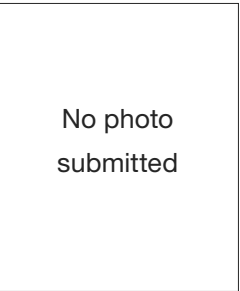


Richard E
Halverson
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement
No information submitted

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Josiah
VanHollebeke
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement
No information submitted

Contact
No information submitted



Matt Watkins

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

City of Pasco Council - 2004-2019, including 10 years as Mayor

Other Professional Experience

29 years at Hanford in as a Software Engineer & 3 years as Executive Director to building new Pasco public aquatics facility

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Social Science – Washington State University- Tri-Cities, 1995

Community Service

Member and chair of various service groups including Columbia River Policy Advisory Group, Visit Tri-Cities!, Columbia Basin Veterans Center, Historylink.org, Tri-City Water Follies, Ben Franklin Transit, Tri-Cities Public Facilities District, and many others.

Statement

As a life-long Tri-Citian and former City of Pasco Mayor Matt Watkins I am running to be your next Port of Pasco Commissioner in District 2.

The Port of Pasco has been on the move and with a string of successful projects. We need continued forward-thinking leadership to guide the Port's role in that progress to ensure we have land available for job-creating industry, power infrastructure to support growth, and partnerships with other local and regional agencies to maximize results for all our residents.

I will bring over two decades of public service, regional collaboration, volunteerism, and deep community involvement to my candidacy and strengthening Port of Pasco's position as a hub for smart growth, enhanced quality of life, and opportunity.

As a former City of Pasco Councilmember and Mayor, I will bring collaborative style and ability to bring stakeholders together.

Contact

(509) 521-6960; matt@mattwatkins.net

**Hans-Joachim****Engelke**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed**Elected Experience**

Vacancy Appointment to Public Elected Office on 1/29/25 as Port of Pasco, Commissioner, District 3. Serving as Board Vice-Chair since.

Other Professional Experience

1978-1984 Allied NATO Command Forces Central Europe (GAF/USAAD); 1984 to 1989 Diversified Agricultural Employee. 1989 to present: Self-employed owner/operator of small diversified crop, orchard and custom farming operation in Basin Cit

Education

Graduate of German Public School System. Foreign Agricultural Exchange Student to Basin City, WA 1974/1975. Graduate of State School of Agriculture, Lower-Saxony, Germany. Graduate of German Air Force Academy, Graduate, Board Member and Chair of WA Ag/Forestry Leadership Program.

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

I was born and raised in former West Germany. I legally immigrated to the USA in 1984 and became a Naturalized Citizen in 1989. We have been Basin City area residents since. Married for 44 years, 3 children, 3 grandchildren.

Since my appointment, in January of 2025, I have dedicated a substantial amount of time to become better educated in the many Port of Pasco, Mission and Vision relevant subject matters and the personal relationships that make it happen, by engaging with many local, state and federal level Community, Business and Government stakeholders.

From my initial contact with Franklin County in 1974 as a Foreign Agricultural Exchange Student from former West Germany to this very day, as a retiring self-employed Farmer and small Business owner for 35 years, I am continually amazed by the diversity and productivity of our county industries.

With over 50 years of association with Franklin County and it's many supporting industries and issues impacting continued success, I feel that my experience qualifies me to effectively contribute to the Port of Pasco Commission, in order to identify beneficial economic options and opportunities for responsible growth, providing jobs, income and tax base, today and for another two year term.

Contact

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Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted. The Auditor's Office does not make corrections of any kind or verify statements for truth or fact.

No photo
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Chance
Trainer
(Nonpartisan)

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Statement
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Contact
No information submitted

No photo
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Kelly J.
Cochrane
(Nonpartisan)

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Statement
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Contact
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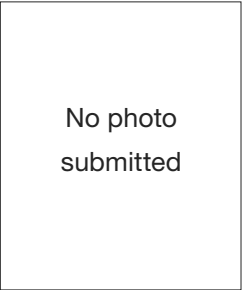
No photo
submitted

Don
Savelesky
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement
No information submitted

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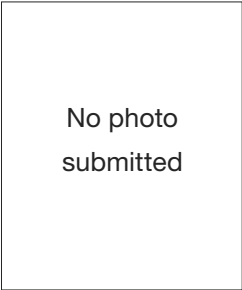
Lori
Mercer
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Statement
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North Franklin School District No. J51 | Director, District 4, Pos. 4 | 4 year term



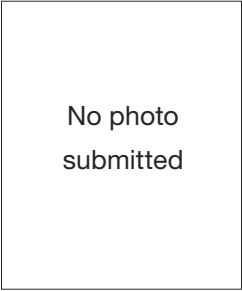
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North Franklin School District No. J51 | Director, District 5, Pos. 5 | 2 year unexpired term

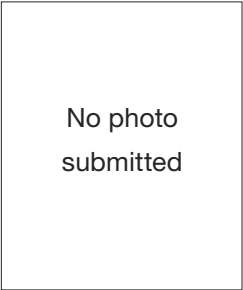


Hannah
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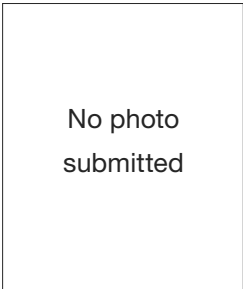


Aaron
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Statement
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Mariah
Munoz
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement
No information submitted

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No information submitted



Juan "Jerry" Garcia

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

This is my first campaign for public office. I'm stepping up to serve because I care deeply about Othello and its future.

Other Professional Experience

I've worked in agriculture, Wildlife Refuge, retail, a factory, and have been serving as a Corrections Officer for 5+ years.

Education

Attended Othello's Schools with my final year in Moses Lake. Some college completed; planning to return to school in Fall 2025 to continue my education.

Community Service

I created a dog club social media page for my local community.

Statement

Born in Othello and raised in its public school system, I know firsthand how education can shape opportunity. My work journey began in the fields picking fruit, then led to the Wildlife Refuge's YCC program, retail, factory work, and now with over five years as a corrections officer. These roles have deepened my respect for labor, public systems, safety nets, and the need for clear, precise, policies.

I'm running to ensure our schools foster safety in all aspects, ensure undistorted curriculums, and support students and staff alike. I want every student to be equipped with accurate information, every teacher to be well-resourced, and every family to be heard.

In a time of growing division amongst misinformation and disinformation, we need leaders who listen, learn, and lead with integrity. I bring a firm, fair, and consistent approach to every challenge I face-and I'll do the same as your School Board Director. I come from Othello, and I'm ready to serve it humbly, hopefully, and with accountability. Thank you for reading!

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Birdie A. Fought

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Birdie Fought is a lifelong Othello resident, business owner, and community advocate. With over 30 years in the criminal justice system, she built skills in conflict resolution and leadership as an Assistant Team Leader for the Crisis Negotiators Team. A Chaplain for WSP and WFWD Fish she supports troopers and victims. Birdie also co-manages Classic Grill'n with her husband. Passionate about education, she is committed to safe classrooms and removing barriers for student success

Other Professional Experience

Chaplain for WSP District 6 & WDFW; Crisis Negotiator Team Asst. Leader

Education

OHS Alumni; Peninsula College; BBCC

Community Service

Former Church Board Member, Youth Group & Mission Leader

Statement

As a parent, grandparent, and lifelong community member, I am committed to ensuring that our schools reflect the values of the families they serve. I am running for School Board to advocate for high-quality education, transparency, and strong parental involvement.

With over 30 years in corrections and counseling, I understand the importance of removing barriers to education. My experience building strong teams and solving complex problems equips me for effective school board leadership.

Our district must refocus on the basics: PRE-K, STEM, College & Career Readiness, DOHS integration, and credit retrieval. I am dedicated to empowering teachers, increasing classroom safety, and truly listening to parents and students about their concerns.

This election is about accountability and prioritizing education. I would be honored to earn your vote. Let's work together to strengthen our schools and secure a brighter future for our children.

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Lindsay Mollotte

Prows

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement

No information submitted

Contact

No information submitted



**Amanda
Brown**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Pasco School Board: 2022-2025; Pasco School Board Vice President: 2023-2024; Pasco School Board President: 2024-2025

Other Professional Experience

I have nine years of experience as a professional educator. Additionally, I have held multiple leadership positions in education including chair of the dual language curriculum adoption committee in Kennewick School District. Currently, I am a bilingual dual language fourth-grade teacher.

Education

Pasco High School; Bachelor of Arts in K-8 Elementary Education - WGU Washington; Master of Arts in English Language Learning Education - WGU Washington; Educational Administrative Leadership and Principal Certificate - Washington State University

Community Service

Instructional Materials Committee - Kennewick School District: 2022-2025

Statement

I'm a proud native of Pasco, Washington and mother of a Pasco High graduate and a student at Chiawana. As a parent and bilingual teacher, I bring a deep understanding of our schools and the needs of students to our school board. My experience has grounded my decisions in considering the perspectives of our students, families, and staff. I've worked collaboratively with the board, district leaders, and our community to strengthen our schools through thoughtful policy and responsible governance. During my tenure as vice president and now president, I've led with transparency and commitment to excellence. I'm proud of the work we've done to support student learning, expand access to opportunities, and foster a safe, welcoming environment for every student.

I'm seeking re-election to continue this important work. My priorities remain clear: collaborate with the public and district to make smart, budget conscious decisions, engage and partner with parents, and prioritize student achievement. With your support, I will continue advocating for policies that reflect our community's values and provide every student the tools needed to succeed. Together, we can ensure our schools remain places where all students are safe, supported and prepared for the future.

I'm grateful for your vote.

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**Steve
Christensen**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Republican Party Precinct Committee Officer Franklin County Precinct 23 (2023-2025); Nine years - Pasco School District Board of Directors (2013-2022)

Other Professional Experience

Over 30 years experience as a mechanical engineer; small business owner; licensed mechanical engineer in Washington; fluent in the Spanish language; Leadership Tri-Cities Class XXII.

Education

Graduate of Royal High School, Royal City, Washington; Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

Community Service

Republican Party Convention Chair - Franklin County 2024; many years working with church youth groups; Chairman of White Bluffs District, Boy Scouts of America; Pasco Youth Football board of directors.

Statement

As a conservative, I am running for school board to make sure our public education system is the best it can be for the tax dollars we spend. Many in our community today rely on our public education system. We spend plenty of money on public education. I will work to make sure we are getting the best return on our investment for our students. I will work to ensure accountability at all levels - the school board, administrators, teachers, students and parents. We must all do our part.

While we need a strong public education system, I support school choice. The teachers union and progressives in the legislature have made school choice nearly impossible in our state. I will work to increase school choice options and to provide funding for those options, including home school. As a supporter of free markets, I believe school choice will ultimately make public education even more effective.

Finally, in these times of high property taxes, I will work to limit the tax dollars we pay and to make sure our education tax dollars are spent most effectively.

I am asking for your vote to return a conservative back to the Pasco School Board.

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**Heather****Kubalek**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed**Elected Experience**

None

Other Professional Experience

Substitute Teacher 2022-Present, Pre-school Teacher 2020-2022, Sales Analysis Consultant- 2004- Present, Mother.

Education

B.S. Business Management, emphasis in Marketing; English minor from Brigham Young University

Community Service

PTO Board Member- President/VP 2 years, Treasurer 4 years, Secretary 4 years. Sageview Boosters Secretary- Current. PTO Event Chair- 15 years. PSD Committees- Highly Capable Advisory (3 years), Long-Term Facilities Management Capital Plan (1 year), Boundary (2 years). School Volunteer- Field Trip chaperone, Basketball concessions, Franklin Feet. Second Harvest volunteer. Church Service- Secretary (6 years), Children's Teacher (4 years), Music teacher (2 years), Counselor to President (5 years).

Statement

As a mother of 8 current and former students, I am passionate about education. I have many life experiences that have prepared me for school board. I lived in Paraguay for 16 months, where I learned Spanish and gained a love and understanding of Latin culture. I have a financial education from my business degree. As a substitute teacher, I have been in every school in this district and have seen first-hand the strengths and the challenges we face. As a mom, I have volunteered in many roles at the elementary, middle, high school, and district level.

I bring many strengths to this role. I am organized and detail-oriented. I learn quickly and retain knowledge well. I am diligent and follow through on my commitments. I have the ability to see both sides of an issue and try to come to a win-win solution. I want to use my life experience to bring a balanced perspective to the board. Family needs, employee support, and fiscal responsibility all need to be considered and I will work to find solutions that balance these priorities. I want to make PSD the best district it can be!

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**Scott
Lehrman**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Pasco School Board 2013-2023. Pasco School Board President 2015-2017 and 2021-2023. Pasco School Board Vice President 2014-2015 and 2020-2021. Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) "Board of the Year" 2016. WSSDA Board of Distinction: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022.

Other Professional Experience

Washington State Professional Chemical Engineer and Project Engineering Manager. Appointed to Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs 2023-Present to advocate for education.

Education

Bachelor's of Science in Chemical Engineering from Washington State University. Master's of Science in Chemical Engineering from Washington State University.

Community Service

Youth softball, basketball and soccer coach, volunteer for STEM like Me and Engineering Week in Tri-City Schools.

Statement

I had the great honor of serving on the Pasco School Board from 2013 to 2023. Being a father to four Pasco School District Students (currently elementary, middle school, high school, graduate) gives me a unique perspective on what families are experiencing.

The Pasco School District currently faces a budget challenge. My analytical approach and institutional knowledge of school district operations are assets in dealing with the challenge of being efficient with the available funding.

Another challenge is not becoming complacent in educational excellence due to tightened budgets. I believe *all* students can succeed, and continuous improvement in student performance is attainable using innovation and collaboration to support our students and staff during challenging times.

My core values include Listening and Acting With Integrity. My record of listening to the community and then advocating and working as a team at the board level to implement solutions, will make the board more effective. I will advocate for clear communication with the community, along with increases in academic achievement.

I ask for your vote and trust that I will again be a responsible steward of our most valuable assets; our students and our education tax dollars!

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**Valerie
Torres**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

I am a proud Pasco Mom and offering proactive leadership for the Pasco School Board.

Other Professional Experience

Assistant Manager and Instructor, Rainbow River Daycare, 2013-2017. Office and Finance Manager, Lewis Street Tire, 2018-present.

Education

Chiawana High School; Tri-Tech, Certified Nursing Assistant

Community Service

Classroom and field trip volunteer at Virgie Robinson and James McGee Elementary Schools.

Statement

I am a proud Pasco native and Mom of two children who currently attend schools in the Pasco School District. As a product of the Pasco School District, I have been the beneficiary of excellent instruction provided to me by our dedicated educators.

I have always seen the District as a beacon of innovation with a heart for all students. I see my role as a Director to fight for every student, especially the voiceless, to ensure that our young people are prepared to meet the economic opportunities of the future and to champion our diversity as our biggest strength.

Being a manager of a successful local small business has taught me the importance of leadership, budget management, and communication. In collaboration with fellow School Board members, District staff and stakeholders, I will prioritize high student achievement, responsible management of District finances, safe schools and strong parent and community engagement. I will always be responsive to the concerns and needs of parents and students.

I am running for the at-large School Board seat because I believe all of our students and families deserve a leader who values service before self. I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you

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Richard
Wiswall
(Nonpartisan)

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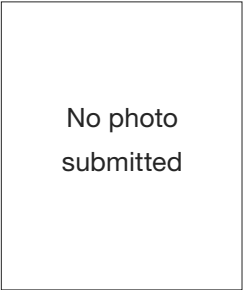
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Nolan
Van Hollebeke
(Nonpartisan)

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Derrick

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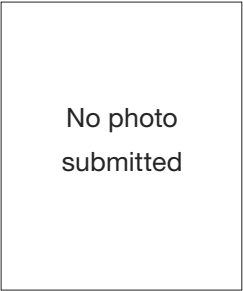
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Jake

Sitton

(Nonpartisan)

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Statement

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Contact

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**Shelly
Harper**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Serving second 4 year term Connell City Council and 6 year term Franklin County Cemetery District 2 Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience

Currently North Franklin Heritage Museum Administrator and Church Secretary for Grace United Community Church in Connell. Previously Technical Trainer for Lamb Weston, Implementation Director for Tourism Software company and Nutrien Ag Solutions Administrator.

Education

Connell High School graduate. Associate of Arts Degree from C.B.C. and Sales & Marketing Degree from Trend Business College.

Community Service

N.F. Heritage Museum past president (Current Administrator), Connell Chamber Treasurer, Connell Community Club President, Dream With Me Christian Preschool Treasurer, past Eagles Nest Treasurer, past President Tri-Cities Wishing Star Foundation.

Statement

I have called Connell home for over 40 years. My husband's family came to Connell in 1900 and have been a part of this community ever since. I won the Connell Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year Award in 2018 for all my hard work at the North Franklin Heritage Museum managing the addition of the Adams Homestead and Hudlow Memorial Annex & Gardens. I am currently working hard on restoring the old Franklin County Bank Building (Legion Building) into the C Street Vault Hotel & Restaurant. As Mayor, I want to keep our small town values while our city continues to grow. I will serve with honesty, integrity and friendliness. Our town should be beautiful, clean, safe, and a fun place to live. Our city staff and elected officials should work together cohesively along with our residents to make our town a better place to live each and every day. I will work hard for everyone so we are all proud to call Connell our home.

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**Patricia
Barrera**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

I have been on Council for eight years. I have actively served to ensure the needs of the community were met. I served during COVID attending meetings remotely to resolve issues. I research concerns to confirm decisions are in the best interest of the city.

Other Professional Experience

I have thirty years at Coyote Correctional Center, twenty as the Business Manager. I was an integral part of the expansion, participating in meetings, budgeting and purchasing.

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

My community service includes Fall Festival committee, Friends of the Library, coach for soccer and active in my church.

Statement

My name is Patricia Barrera, and I am currently a Councilwoman for Connell. I am running for the position of Mayor of Connell. I want to be a part of our future in growing by collaborating with the community, while maintaining our small-town values. Keeping communication open is vital to making this happen. I will work with the Port of Pasco and others to bring growth to our town. I believe in listening, researching and then taking action to resolve concerns. My experience has allowed me to oversee large issues and guide projects to completion utilizing the resources available and looking for solutions that work. I have heard our community and want to be part of the solutions to the concerns and dreams for our community. With your support as Mayor, I will provide guidance for this transition as well as providing transparency, accountability, and honest open communication. As stewards, we are responsible for the growth and maintenance of our community for future generations. I know I have the skills and attributes to make this happen.

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**Terri
Cerna**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Area Director, President-Elect and President of Board of Directors for WAEOP (Washington Association of Educational Office Professionals)

Other Professional Experience

Worked at North Franklin School District as an Administrative Assistant for 30 years

Education

K-12 in public education; high school diploma Reardan High School

Community Service

Actively involved in the city of Connell for over 40 years. Involvement includes Girl Scout leader for numerous years, working and overseeing concessions for Eagles Nest Booster Club for over 25 years, Little Guy Wrestling for over 25 years as well as being involved in the Fall Festival for many years.

Statement

My name is Terri Cerna and I am running for Connell City Councilmember Position 2. My husband and I have lived in Connell for over 40 years; raising our family here and being active in the community. My experience working at North Franklin School District has given me the knowledge and experience in budgeting, staffing, assisting in grant writing and working collaboratively with others. In addition, for ten years I worked at Lamb Weston in the accounts payable and growers accountant department where I was actively in charge of accounts. The work experience I have had has prepared and afforded me the opportunity to gain the necessary knowledge, confidence and attributes to make an impact within the city of Connell, as well as the city council. I look forward to sharing my skills as a city council member to support growth and new development.

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**Patrice
Hebel**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

I have overseen all aspects of hotel operations, staff management, financial performance, marketing, and facilities upkeep. In addition to my role as GM, I launched and operate a boutique travel agency that provides personalized travel planning and booking services tailored to the needs of our local community. Focused on affordability, accessibility, and cultural experiences.

Education

Landmark Christian School; North Central Beauty Academy; Everest Academy

Community Service

I have been working on the Fall Festival Committee 8 years; Hotel Motel Tax Committee for last 7 years; My newest adventure is making meals for the homeless

Statement

As a dedicated business leader and lifelong advocate for community development, I am running for City Council to bring practical, results-driven leadership to our local government. With years of experience as the General Manager of a local hotel, I've successfully overseen operations, created jobs, and supported our tourism economy—all while ensuring excellent service and fiscal responsibility. In addition, I run a small travel agency that helps residents access affordable and meaningful travel experiences, both within our region and beyond. This work has deepened my connection to our community and strengthened my understanding of the unique needs of our diverse population.

I believe that economic development, infrastructure improvement, and inclusive community programs must go hand in hand. I will advocate for local businesses, champion affordable housing, and support initiatives that uplift working families and youth. My leadership style is collaborative, transparent, and action oriented. I listen, I plan, and I follow through.

It's time for a new voice on City Council—one that understands the value of service, the importance of economic opportunity, and the power of community. I'm ready to serve with integrity and commitment, and I respectfully ask for your vote.

Contact

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**Michelle
Welch**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience
No information submitted

Other Professional Experience
In my career, I have worked with multiple courts, juvenile probation offices, jails to help adults, adolescents and families deal with personal and community issues.

Education
In four years of college, I have obtained my degree in Addiction Studies and Criminal Justice, earning a leadership award.

Community Service
Newly elected board member of the North Franklin Heritage Museum.

Statement
My name is Michelle Welch (Shelly). I was born in Walla Walla WA, raised in near Connell attending school in Lind WA until I was sixteen, then moved to Dayton. Moved to Walla Walla where I raised my children. I have always lived in small communities. I moved to Connell WA in 2010 when I married my husband, Robert. I raised two wonderful children and blessed with four-step children. Between my husband and me, we have ten wonderful grandchildren. I love to spend time with family and friends. I love going to the mountains, beaches or just spending time with grandchildren. Welch's have a long history in Connell. I want to be part of positive changes, my vision for Connell is one of vibrant community spirit and sustainable growth, where everyone feels a sense of belonging. I believe in fostering collaboration between generations, celebrating our rich history while embracing innovative solutions for the future. I want our community to come together to build a Connell that thrives and bring it back to a community, not just a city.

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**Frankie
Meraz**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience
No information submitted

Other Professional Experience
No information submitted

Education
Connell high school and currently taking college classes .

Community Service
Coaching- running sports programs for kids.

Statement
I'm running for Connell City Council. I've lived here my entire life, 30 years and counting. Yes, I'm turning 30 this year, which means I've been part of this community since the day I was born. And I plan to be here for the rest of my life.

Connell is all I've ever known. This town raised me, and now I want to give back. I want to help shape its future, not just for myself, but for all of us.

Like you, I have concerns. Like you, I have ideas. And like you, I want my voice to matter. That's why I'm running to make sure your voice is heard too. Together, we can build a more inclusive, more responsive city One that truly listens. One that truly cares.

Everyone deserves to be heard and I'm ready to listen.

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Joe

Escalera

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

12 years as a City Council Member since first being elected in 2013

Other Professional Experience

14 years working full-time at Franklin County Corrections; 32 years as an independent truck owner-operator, hauling containers to Seattle and Tacoma

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

28 years as a volunteer Reserve Officer for both the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Connell Police Department

Statement

Dear Connell Community, It's election season again, and I am proud to officially announce my candidacy for re-election to Connell City Council, Position No. 4. I am humbly asking for your support to continue serving our wonderful community for another term.

My wife Becky and I have lived in Connell for over 50 years. We've raised four children here who attended Connell schools from kindergarten through 12th grade, went on to college, and are now thriving in their careers. We are blessed with seven wonderful grandchildren who bring us great joy.

I've had the privilege of serving as your council member for the past 12 years, and I thank you for the trust you've placed in me. Throughout my time in public service—spanning more than 30 years—I've made it my mission to listen to community concerns and find common-sense solutions without unnecessary bureaucracy. What truly matters is dedication and action.

At one point, I was juggling life as a truck driver, volunteer police officer, city council member, and a father—while being blessed with a supportive wife and growing family. Those experiences have shaped my work ethic and commitment to our community.

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Duey

Dixon

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Teacher Connell High School for 32 years. Athletic Director 1 year. Elected and served as President of North Franklin Education Association for 10+ years. Negotiated multi-million dollar labor contracts with North Franklin School District.

Education

Bachelors in History/Education - Masters in Professional Education - Certificate in Administration

Community Service

Coached several youth sports. Ran cornhole tournaments for Fall Festival and weekly tournaments throughout the year.

Statement

I am looking forward to serving the people of Connell as a new city council member. I recently retired from North Franklin School District and have the time to prepare and serve on city council. I believe I can bring a fresh look and new ideas to the city council. I believe my education and profession experience make me qualified to represent the people of Connell.

My wife and I have lived in Connell for the past 33 years and have raised our children here. I believe Connell is a great place to live and raise children. I want Connell to continue to be a wonderful place to live and hope to contribute keeping it that way. If you elect me I will dedicate myself fully to the job at hand. Thank you.

Contact

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Michael
Robitaille
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

I was appointed as mayor in August 2023, before that I served as Mayor Pro Tem & City Councilmember.

Other Professional Experience

For the past 4 years, I have worked as event staff/security at Washington State University & other venues throughout Washington State.

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

Eagle Scout; Have previously assisted Red Waggin' Rescue in Connell, taking care of the animals in the shelter.

Statement

Since I was appointed mayor back in August 2023, I have been diligently working towards making the City of Kahlottus a more welcoming & prospering community. I am looking forward to continuing in that progress.

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Maria
Cruzan
(Nonpartisan)

Statement

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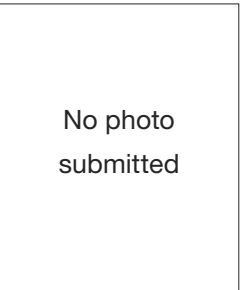


Jonathan
Seibert
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

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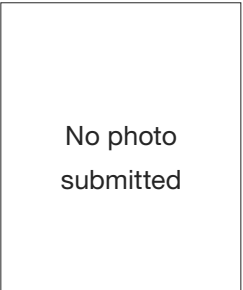


Perrie
Robitaille
(Nonpartisan)

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Statement
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Contact
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Aaron
Wells
(Nonpartisan)

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Statement
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Contact
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Wyatt
Harrington
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Jay
Dillard
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement

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Contact

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Chiprez
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement

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Mark Anthony

Figueroa

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

As a first-time candidate, I will bring a voice of collaboration to city council.

Other Professional Experience

State Director and Coordinator for national non-profit Poder Latinx. Soccer and girls' wrestling coach at Pasco School District. Teacher at Pasco High and St. Patrick's.

Education

Gonzaga University - Certificate in Servant Leadership;
Washington State University - B.A in History Teaching;
Chiawana High School - Diploma

Community Service

Mentoring for GEAR UP. Volunteer with OeMeTe, Restore City Church, and City of Pasco Parks & Rec. WA New Americans citizenship clinics, Mock Interviews at PHS, Summer Mission Projects, Día de los Muertos Fun Run planning, Soccer Skills Academy Coaching.

Statement

As a lifelong Pasco resident and proud graduate of the Pasco School District, I'm running for City Council to strengthen our community and bridge the gap between residents and elected officials. I will enhance community engagement, advocate for transparent budgets, and build strong partnerships with local, state, and federal leaders. Above all, I will listen to and serve every resident respectfully and transparently, keeping you informed and involved in every step.

I've listened to neighbors on porches, and while breaking bread. I've heard that many feel unseen, unheard, and underserved. I hear you. As Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The time is always right to do what is right."

My commitment to serving this community is unwavering. I've served as a teacher at Pasco High, a coach, a faith leader, and a community advocate. Now, I'm ready to serve as your voice on the council—with empathy, humility, and a steadfast commitment to ensuring everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

Let's build a Pasco where everyone can thrive. I ask for your trust, support, and, most importantly, your vote. Together, we can make a difference.

Contact

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Leo A. Perales

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Elected by the voters of District 3 in 2023, I was entrusted with representing their voices and values.

Other Professional Experience

Leo is the Construction Services Manager for GeoProfessional Innovation, a geotechnical engineering, environmental, and special inspection firm.

Education

Association of Washington Cities – 2025 – Certificate & Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership; Heritage University – 2012 – Graduated Summa Cum Laude; Columbia Basin College – 2008 – Associate of Arts Degree

Community Service

Chairman-HAPO Center Advisory Board; member of the Franklin County Law & Justice Council, Good Roads & Transportation Association, Local Housing Trust Fund Oversight Committee, For Full List Go To www.leo4pasco.com

Statement

In November 2023, the people of Pasco chose a new direction—rooted in common sense, family values, and fiscal responsibility. Since being elected and working with the City Council, we've made real progress. But progress isn't guaranteed. It takes leadership, commitment, and someone who fights every day to keep local government accountable and close to the people.

That's why I'm running for re-election. We've strengthened public safety by giving fire and police the tools they need to protect our community. We're addressing neighborhood speeding and working to implement a dedicated traffic enforcement unit. We're confronting homelessness with practical, compassionate solutions focused on accountability. I've worked to cut red tape and protect your tax dollars.

But we can't let those who want to take us backward win. There's more to do—fix outdated regulations that drive up housing costs, bring economic development to Broadmoor, improve roads and parks, and reform the Tri-City Animal Shelter to ensure better care and oversight. Every part of Pasco should reflect the pride we have in our city.

I believe in a Pasco where families grow, businesses thrive, and everyone feels safe and heard. I respectfully ask for your vote—to finish what we've started.

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Bryan Verhei

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Serving on Tres Rios Community Land Trust.

Other Professional Experience

Broker/Owner/Agent at ReMax Horizons. Bryan brings a relationship-first approach to everything he does.

Education

Political Science, Bachelor of Arts Eastern Washington University with a minor in business administration.

Community Service

Working on regular events to give back to the community such as the annual pet food drive, and supply drive for young adults leaving foster care.

Statement

Your Neighbor, Your Councilmember. As a real estate broker, Bryan Verhei understands the challenges and opportunities facing our growing community. Bryan will champion responsible growth that protects our neighborhoods while creating good-paying jobs, boosting our local economy. He'll fight for more affordable housing options – including backyard cottages – so families can achieve the American Dream of homeownership. Bryan will make sure everyone benefits from our city's success, not just the wealthy few, building a brighter future for all Pasco families and businesses. He'll work with you, openly and honestly, to build a stronger, more prosperous Pasco for all of us.

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**Pete****Serrano**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed**Elected Experience**

City of Pasco, Councilman: 2018 – present; City of Pasco, Mayor: 2024 - present

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

I'm the current councilmember for District 4 and am the mayor of Pasco. It's been my pleasure to serve District 4 for the past eight years and to serve as your mayor for the past year and a half. When my family and I decided that I should run for a third term, the decision was made on three key issues. First, I love serving the city, and I'm very excited to continue my service. Second, my focus over the next four years is to ensure that the Broadmoor area projects come to fruition and that we have first-class facilities to serve our residents. I envision that this development will draw people from all over the pacific northwest. Finally, the City is in a transition phase at it has new leadership, is adopting new technologies, and is implementing new ideas, regulations, and laws. My consistent voice will help the City through we navigate these changes. I look forward to serving Pasco into the next decade!

Thank you,

Pete

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**Melissa
Blasdel**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Pasco City Council Pos. 6: Incumbent October 2023 - Present

Other Professional Experience

My Place Hotel-Pasco General Manager/Regional Manager (10+years); Red Lion Inn & Suites, General Manager; Three Rivers Convention Center, Event Planner; 20+ years in Tourism & Hospitality

Education

Pasco High School, Columbia Basin College

Community Service

Pasco Facilities District-Aquatics Center, Tri Cities Water Folies Ex Officio, Hapo Center Advisory Board, Colima Pasco Friendship Agreement Ex- Officio, Visit Tri-Cities Board Member

Statement

As a lifelong Pasco resident, I'm proud to serve the community that I was raised in. I've seen firsthand the opportunities and challenges that come with growth, and I'm committed to helping Pasco move forward in a way that honors our values and supports our future.

Our city is thriving—diverse, growing, and full of potential. But growth brings challenges, and we need thoughtful solutions to ensure Pasco remains a safe and welcoming place for all.

Public safety is personal to me. I will continue working closely with Pasco Police and Fire to make sure they have the tools and training they need to keep our neighborhoods safe from crime and the dangers of fentanyl.

Revitalizing downtown and growing our economy isn't just about new development—it's about creating jobs, supporting small businesses, and strengthening our tax base so we can fund essential services without overburdening homeowners. Economic development must reflect our community's values. I'm running to help Pasco grow in a way that's thoughtful, safe, and focused on the people who live here.

Contact

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**Calixto
Hernandez**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

With your vote, I will fight for a city that works for you.

Other Professional Experience

Medical Records Clerk, Tri-Cities Community Health, 1992-1998. Medical Records Clerk and Staffing Coordinator at Lourdes Health, Pasco, 1999-2023. Secretary 2 for Washington State Department of Corrections, 2000-2015. Victim and Witness Assistant for Franklin County, 2015-2018. Case Manager for Minor Guardianship and Arbitration for Benton County, 2023-2024. Employment Specialist for Sagebrush Employment Services helping vulnerable individuals obtain employment, 2025-present.

Education

Royal High School, Royal City, WA.

Community Service

Washington State Special Olympics.

Statement

Throughout my career, I have chosen to serve in positions where I can advocate for the most vulnerable in our community because I believe the government should be responsive to all residents. In those roles, I helped marginalized and at-risk populations navigate legal, employment, and health care needs. I want to take that experience and my expertise to the City Council to help our community navigate the challenges and opportunities we have ahead.

We cannot let our community be left behind. I will be a leader who will listen to the questions, issues and worries brought forward by all constituents, business owners and community stakeholders and collaborate with our city staff, Council and community members to achieve solutions. As a Councilmember, I will support policies that address responsible economic development, downtown revitalization, homelessness, public safety, and effective city planning and smart growth.

I have lived in downtown Pasco for 20 years and am proud to call this community home. I am running for the District 6 seat on the Pasco City Council because I will fight for the voiceless and believe that every community member deserves a city that works for them. I humbly ask for your vote. Thank you.

Contact

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Matthew
Smith
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement
No information submitted

Contact
No information submitted

Fire Protection District 1 | Local Measures

**Franklin County Fire Protection District No. 1
Proposition No. 1**

Authorization for a single-year permanent levy lid lift.

Franklin County Fire Protection District No. 1 Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2025-0714 to increase the current level of property taxes to adequately fund District operations including emergency medical services. This proposition would authorize the District to use a property tax levy rate of \$0.85 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for assessment in 2025 and collection in 2026. The dollar amount of the levy collected in 2026 shall be used to calculate the levy limit in subsequent years. Should this proposition be:

- ☐ Approved
- ☐ Rejected

Argument For

The fire district needs our support to maintain operations and adequately respond to fires and emergencies. Years of waiting for a better economy to run a levy have resulted in operating budget shortages. Efforts to utilize grants have been effective at this point but result in more volunteer effort and higher burn out with fewer volunteers to replace the existing volunteers. This levy lid proposition returns the levy to the 2006-2007 tax rate. This is not a new tax rate. This is returning the rate to a previous level. Franklin Fire 1 is a large district with stations in Connell, Mesa, Eltopia, Scooteney Road, Star area, and Hartland. The district levy rate for 2024 was \$0.39/\$1,000. Well below the state average of \$0.85/\$1,000. Of 396 fire levy rates in the state Franklin 1 is currently in the bottom 8%. We deserve better and they deserve better. Do not let frustrations with other tax entities hinder our local safety. The fire district is a separate taxing district. Neither the county nor the state leverage or repurpose fire district levy funds. The fire district has its own elected fire commissioners to guide the district funds. Help our responders keep the community safe. Rejecting this levy will result in cuts to apparatus, maintenance, training, and response times. If this happens, we are all likely to pay even more in insurance costs. We all know times are tight, but we need to support our local fire district. Please Vote Yes.

Written By: Lori Mercer, Stacy Kniveton, & Kathy Loeber
Contact: Stacy Kniveton (509) 430-5640

Argument Against

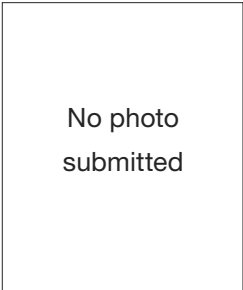
Following the news release attempting to recruit a committee against the ballot measure, no volunteers came forward to write a statement.

Rebuttal of Argument For
No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Argument Against
No statement submitted

Explanatory Statement

If enacted, this proposition authorizes the district to increase the tax levy rate to \$0.85 per \$1000 of assessed value for assessment in 2025 and collection in 2026. The district would be authorized to use the amount of the levy collected in 2026 as a base for subsequent levy limitations provided in RCW 84.55. This enables the district to continue maintaining and adequately funding district operations, including emergency medical services.



Todd

Van Hollebeke

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement

No information submitted

Contact

No information submitted



Joe

Roach

(Nonpartisan)

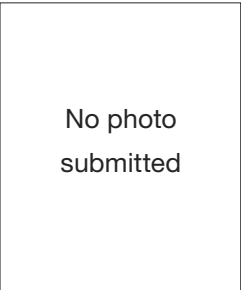
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Statement

No information submitted

Contact

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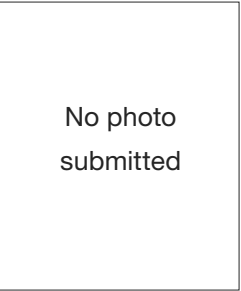
Travis
Matthews
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement
No information submitted

Contact
No information submitted

Fire Protection District 3 | Commissioner, At Large, Position 2 | 6 year term



Gary W.
Larsen
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement
No information submitted

Contact
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Kim A.
Pauley
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

I have lived in Franklin County for over 71 years. Through those years, I have felt pleasure and satisfaction helping to develop parts of the Columbia Basin Project with my family and friends. I worked for the Kennewick Fire Department for over 33 years and the Franklin County Fire District 4 as Commissioner for 6 years. My experiences with the Fire Service made me appreciate the challenges of its operations.

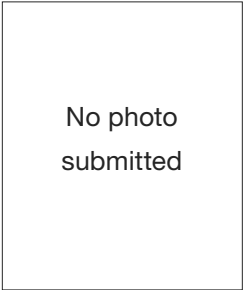
One of the biggest challenges is making every dollar count. Funds District 4 acquired from the Federal Government were used to purchase two basic trucks. We outfitted them by using local design and manufacturing businesses in Basin City. We kept the money local.

Making our dollars stretch, we had enough to be able to put new windows (using Big Bend energy rebates), new siding, new truck bay doors and HVAC units at the Basin City Fire house. We kept the money local on this project too.

I hold all the members of District 4 team in high regard. I am happy that I have had the privilege to be a Franklin County Fire District 4 Commissioner, and I would be honored to have your vote to serve another term.

Contact

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Connie

Smith

(Nonpartisan)

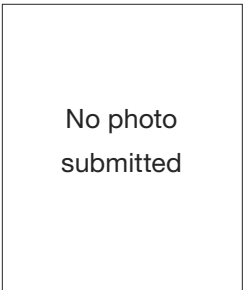
Unopposed

Statement

No information submitted

Contact

No information submitted



Marcellene E.

Hueter

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement

No information submitted

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No photo
submitted

Lori
Hayles
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement
No information submitted

Contact
No information submitted

Basin City Water-Sewer District | Commissioner, At Large, Position 1 | 6 year term

No photo
submitted

Robert
Andrews
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Statement
No information submitted

Contact
No information submitted

Basin City Water-Sewer District | Commissioner, At Large, Position 2 | 4 year unexpired term

No photo
submitted

Matthew
Naef
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

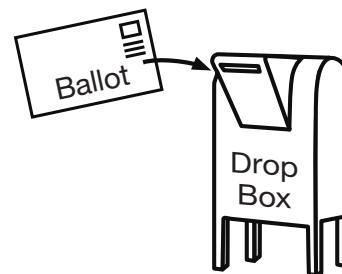
Statement
No information submitted

Contact
No information submitted

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

2

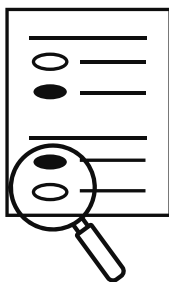
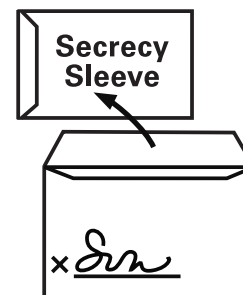
Your signature is verified

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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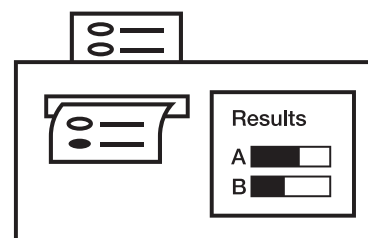
Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

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

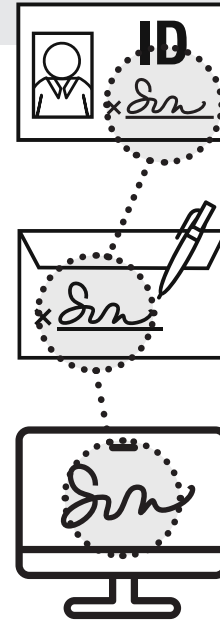
Your local election officials keep detailed records of the steps taken to process each ballot or group of ballots, creating an audit trail.

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.

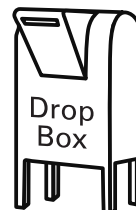
- The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. Trained election officials are responsible for verifying each and every signature.
- If your signature is missing or does not match your voter registration record, the county elections office will 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**.



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.



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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Your county elections office can help you:

- register to vote
- update your address
- get a replacement ballot
- use an accessible voting unit
- locate your nearest ballot drop box

