

Whatcom County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



Primary Election

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

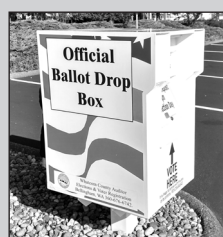
When returning your ballot:

- Postmark by Election Day or
- Deposit in an Official Ballot Drop Box by 8:00 pm Election Day

Ballots are mailed July 12.

*If you haven't received your ballot by July 21,
contact the Election Division.*

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Drop boxes are open
until 8:00 pm August 1st.
See page 12 for locations.



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Dear Voters,

Hope you're having a happy summer. This Primary Election is small with only eight races and one measure. Many of the races went straight to the General Election ballot, but those with three or more candidates need your action to narrow the field. Candidate statements and full text for the single measure are included in this pamphlet. This is an important responsibility and I hope you will take it on.

This is the first election since the county voters adopted district only voting for council members and to increase to five districts. This Primary has two such County Council position races on the ballot. The Port has two commissioner positions up. Bellingham and Blaine have two council races. Meridian School District has a director position and Water District 13 has a commissioner position. To balance that field, Fire Protection District 16 has a levy measure. If you are entitled to vote on these, please give them your full attention and cast your votes accordingly.

Sincerely,

Debbie Adelstein
Whatcom County Auditor



Accessible Voting Unit (AVU)

An accessible voting unit (AVU) is equipped with visual and audio technology. Voters requiring reasonable accommodation or assistance may vote on the AVU in the Auditor's Office starting July 12.



Election Contact Information

Whatcom County Auditor's Office - Election Division

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm*

*Open until 8:00 pm on August 1, Election Day

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More Information

The districts included in the August 1st Primary Election are as follows: Whatcom County Council Districts 2 & 3, Port of Bellingham Districts 1 & 2, City of Bellingham, City of Blaine, Meridian School District 505, Fire Protection District 16, and Water District 13. The top two candidates in each race will move on to the November 7 General Election.

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



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Whatcom County, Washington

Primary Election - August 1, 2017

TO VOTE: Use blue or black ink to connect the arrow by your choice with a single line. Do not use a felt tip pen or pencil.

HOW TO CHANGE A VOTE: Draw a line through the incorrect choice. You have the option of making another choice.

WRITE-IN: To vote for a person not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the person on the line provided.

Voting more than once per contest or measure will cancel that vote.

Not all districts on this sample will appear on your ballot. Only the races that you are entitled to vote on will appear.

Whatcom County (Nonpartisan Office)

Council District 2, 4 year Term, Vote for One

Daniel Collick
Amy Glasser
Todd Donovan

Council District 3, 4 year Term, Vote for One

Cliff Langley
Tyler Byrd
Rebecca Boonstra

Port of Bellingham (Nonpartisan Office)

Commissioner District 1, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Dan Robbins
Michael Alvarez Shepard
Nicholas Kunkel

Commissioner District 2, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Ken Bell
Doug Karlberg
Barry Wenger

City of Bellingham (Nonpartisan Office)

Council At-Large, 2 Year Term, Vote for One

Roxanne Murphy
Jean Layton
Eric Bostrom

City of Blaine (Nonpartisan Office)

Council At-Large Position 7, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Harry Robinson
Barrie E. Hull
Alicia Rule

Meridian School District 505 (Nonpartisan Office)

Director District 2, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Rob Horgen
Jeannie Castro
Renier (Beaver) Elenbaas

Water District 13 (Nonpartisan Office)

Commissioner Position 2, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Rebecca Cayen
Todd W. Schaefer
Robert Vandenhaak

Fire Protection District 16

Proposition No. 2017-1

Regular Property Tax Levy

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 02-2017 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.00 per \$1,000.00. This proposition would authorize the District to assess its property tax levy at \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for 2017 and thereafter, subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes _____ No _____



Whatcom County Council District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

**Daniel Collick****Elected Experience:** none**Other Professional Experience:** I have lived in this community for 17 years, and have been in the plumbing industry since 2003. After spending 2 years at a local plumbing supplier I began my apprenticeship in 2005.**Education:** Graduate of Oak Harbor High School, 1997.**Community Service:** Since 2010, I have been elected each year to serve as the treasurer of my local church. I have also volunteered in the construction of buildings for faith based organizations in Tijuana, Mexico; Bellingham & Ferndale, WA; Chilliwack, B.C. Canada, and I am in the process of planning a trip to inner city Philadelphia, PA.**Statement:** Having spent most of my adult life convinced that local issues were not affecting either myself or my neighbors around me, I recently realized I could not have been more wrong. I decided that it was time to get involved. I care about the

challenges all of us are facing every day. Young people, students, working families, professionals, business owners, and retirees are all struggling to afford living in Bellingham and Whatcom County.

Whatcom County has a tremendous amount of potential. We need to make decisions that will encourage family wage career growth so everyone will have local opportunities. Whatcom County is a beautiful and special place. The appeal of the natural beauty extends beyond what we see. Our environment invites us to enjoy the outdoors, and I will make sure this county we call home remains beautiful and welcoming for future generations. If my neighbors give me the opportunity to represent them, I will strive daily to ensure everyone enjoys the opportunity to live, worship, work, and play in Bellingham and Whatcom County.

In 2011 I married my wife, Kayla, who was born and raised in Bellingham; we are currently raising our two young children.

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**Amy Glasser****Elected Experience:** None. I am not a politician - simply a citizen stepping up to offer a voice to the voiceless and speak to the concerns of North Bellingham residents.**Other Professional Experience:** Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker with 39 years' experience working to protect the poor and the most vulnerable. Specific expertise in the treatment and prevention of child physical and sexual abuse and family systems facilitation.**Education:** B.S. Social Work, University of New Hampshire; Master of Social Work, University of Connecticut**Community Service:** Social work is continual in-the-trenches community service.**Statement:** The council needs to reexamine their priorities and start putting people first. Over half of our county budget goes to *locking people up*. I believe an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. We'd do better financially and morally to redirect

some of that money to proactive and preventive services like homes for the homeless, comprehensive triage and enhanced drug, mental health and family courts. These initiatives will dramatically reduce our jail population so we won't need the overpriced jail and new sheriff's office. It is time for a fresh approach. We can save money, lives and our dignity by providing a hand up.

Putting people first also applies to our water. Although our current fossil fuel industries are important, our future lies in the development of renewable energy. Native treaties are binding agreements and I always keep my word. Together, we will work with farmers, tribal leaders, industry and regulators to forge solutions that work for the people of Whatcom County.

Government is not some alien creature, it is made up of you and me. Together, we can put people first in Whatcom County.

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**Todd Donovan****Elected Experience:** Whatcom County Council, 2015, Charter Review Commission, 2014**Other Professional Experience:** Professor, Western Washington University, teaching state and local government for 25 years; Washington State University Thomas Foley Institute for Public Service, senior fellow; Washington State Council of Faculty Representatives; Elected President of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, 2013.**Education:** California State University Sacramento, B.A. Economics and Government, 1986; University of California, Riverside, Ph.D. Political Science with an emphasis on land use and economic development, 1991.**Community Service:** Columbia Neighborhood Association Board; Representative, Whatcom County Citizen Elections Advisory Commission; Past Board Member and chair, Whatcom Chapter Washington Conservation Voters.**Statement:** Since being elected as your county councilmember in 2015, I am proud we moved Whatcom County past coal – we

enacted a moratorium barring a coal terminal at Cherry Point, and Gateway Pacific Terminal has withdrawn their application. I've also led the charge against Donald Trump. Our region spent over \$300,000 on security for his Lynden rally; I cosponsored a bill to say 'enough' and demanded reimbursement.

For two decades I worked outside of government to promote healthy communities. Over the next four years, I will continue to plan for 21st century jobs, build on progress we have made protecting drinking water in Lake Whatcom, and champion thriving farms, our great park system and livable neighborhoods. You can count on me to be careful with your tax dollars. I support a safe new jail - smaller, and smarter than what is proposed. I'll work so this plan includes treatment for the mentally ill and diversion from jail so we spend less of your money while making our community safer. I look forward to talking with you and hearing your hopes, concerns and ideas. Certified by Whatcom Democrats, endorsed by Bellingham / Whatcom County Firefighters, Washington Conservation Voters, and many more.

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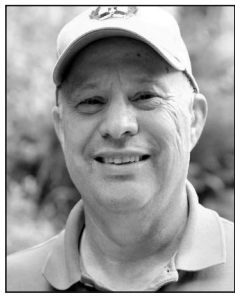
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Whatcom County Council District 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Cliff Langley

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Charter Review Commission 2015

Other Professional Experience: Whatcom County Sheriff Deputy 1989 – 2011. Corrections Deputy 1984 – 1989. Small business owner

Education: Graduate: Washington State Criminal Justice Academy. Graduate: WSCJ Corrections Academy. College: 2 years

Community Service: S M Road Association, President. Support Officer, President of Board. Worked with the immigrant community. Pony Club, support volunteer. Helped rebuild infrastructure in Honduras, Costa Rica, Mexico

Statement: It's about you, the voters of District 3. Recent decisions made by our County Council have created unintended obstacles to you flourishing here. I believe that any law or regulation proposed by the Council must be fair, impartial, and reasonable. It must not adversely affect individual freedom. We need to develop conditions that create and protect family

wage jobs, that encourage fisheries and farms to succeed and effectively steward our environment. These are vital to our economy.

A healthy business community will support benevolent non-profit agencies and county services. We want our children and grandchildren to be able to stay in Whatcom County, secure good-paying jobs and find housing that they can afford.

As a Whatcom County Deputy Sheriff and Neighborhood Deputy, I developed good relationships with local leaders, groups and families by listening, communicating, and regularly meeting with them. I have a consistent record of successfully serving impartially and reasonably in our community. Now I'm looking forward to continuing that same common sense service in District 3 as your County Council Member.

For more about my plans to serve you, see: #CliffLangleyDistrict3 or CliffLangley.com

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Tyler Byrd

Elected Experience: First run for public office

Other Professional Experience: President/CEO, Red Rokk Interactive (2008-current); Owner/Business Mentor, Invent Coworking/Incubator (2014-current); Director of Commercial Lending, Northwest Resource

Federal Credit Union (2007-2009); Co-Founder, Monster Pod Technologies (2005-2007); Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley (2005-2006). *Recipient:* Bellingham Business Journal Business Person of the Year; Technology Alliance Group Influencer of the Year; Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce Most Valuable Player; Startup Business of the Year

Education: Ferndale High School graduate

Community Service: *Current:* Rotary International; Whatcom Business Alliance; Bellingham Covenant Church; St. Paul's Academy. *Previous:* Whatcom County Global Entrepreneurship Week; Ferndale Boys & Girls Club

Statement: Running for County Council was a big decision for me. I have a beautiful wife, two active boys and two businesses to run. Ultimately, it was my frustration with the unwillingness of the current

Council to consider ideas different from their own agenda and the negative impacts those decisions are having on families, farmers and businesses across our community that spurred me to action.

In my businesses, I analyze the costs and benefits of my decisions, develop multiple solutions to complex problems, negotiate positive outcomes with dissimilar groups, and evaluate the consequences of my actions — all within a fixed budget. I'll approach service as a County Council member the exact same way.

Mayors from the cities bordering District 3 have already indicated their confidence in my abilities, including Scott Korthuis (Lynden), Jim Ackerman (Nooksack), John Perry (Everson) and Bob Bromley (Sumas).

District 3 is broad and diverse. It needs representation from someone who's not afraid to stand up for the people. Someone who listens to learn and uses that information to create a balanced solution. Someone with passion, energy and drive to make a difference. I believe that person is me. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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Rebecca Boonstra

Elected Experience: Elected as Commissioner of the Columbia Valley Parks and Recreation District

Other Professional Experience: Served as Executive Director of the Mt. Baker Chamber of Commerce for 10 years. Member of the

Marketing Committee, Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism for 3 years

Education: Bellingham Technical College

Community Service: Board of Directors of the Opportunity Council, 2 years. Board Chair for the East Whatcom Community Council, 4 years. Volunteer, East Whatcom Mobile Food Pantry, 3 years. Member, Advisory Committee for the Upper Nooksack River Recreation Plan, 2015. Member, Wild & Scenic Steering Committee, 2015

Statement: For over fifteen years I've been a strong and consistent voice for community, tourism and economic development in East Whatcom. I'm excited to bring that perspective to the Whatcom County Council.

In my job as director of the Mt. Baker Chamber of Commerce I've helped dozens of local businesses succeed. I'm an advocate for the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center, helping to build operations and programs and helping plan and fund the second phase of the campus. Making this community a great place to live is my passion. This focus on a vibrant, diverse community and a healthy regional economy is how I'll represent you on the County Council.

The many communities in our new District 3: the Chuckanuts, Sudden Valley, Lake Whatcom, Lake Samish, South Fork Valley and East Whatcom; are the gems of our county. Whether we're talking about clean drinking water, creating great jobs, or increasing tourism, we sometimes have a different perspective and often feel distant from decision makers. I look forward to hearing from you and I'm ready to represent your values and views. After all, that's what I've been doing for years in East Whatcom.

I would be honored to have your vote.

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Port of Bellingham Commissioner District 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

**Dan Robbins**

Elected Experience: Port Commissioner Port of Bellingham 2014-2017

Other Professional Experience: Past President, Vice President, Director, Owner or Shareholder of Cost Cutter Toys, The Children's Co. Inc, Interlube Sales, The Hama Hama Company and a Past Director of the Bank of Washington and the Whatcom Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Education: Bellingham High School 1962, US Army 1965-1971, Graduate Western Washington University 1968 BA Industrial Technology. 45 years in Business Management, Ownership in 7 businesses, Director for 9 companies.

Community Service: Counselor and Chapter Chairman of S.C.O.R.E. Bellingham chapter 591, Washington State Health Commission Small Business Advisory Committee, Whatcom County "Blue Ribbon Panel", Bellingham Central Lions Club.

Statement: Dan Robbins is a life long resident of Whatcom

County and is married to Kathy Robbins, a retired school teacher. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

Robbins wants to continue to maximize Port property to create an area that will attract business, tourists and provide a quality waterfront for families to be proud of and enjoy. This will create revenues that will continue to allow us to help pay for quality parks, law enforcement and our medic and fire system.

Dan wants to keep job retention and creation at the forefront of the Ports priorities. He will apply his prudent management and efficient business practices to the Port.

Robbins volunteers for many organizations including SCORE. (Service core of retired executives) SCORE serves as counselors to America's small business. Robbins is a member of the Bellingham Central Lions club, the Bellingham Angel Group, and the Northwest Business Club.

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**Michael Alvarez Shepard**

Elected Experience: Served as Democratic Party Precinct Committee Officer from 2007-2009.

Other Professional Experience: Instructional Designer for Goucher College, and a faculty member for graduate programs in

Environmental Studies and Cultural Sustainability. Teaches undergraduate courses to incarcerated students for Palo Verde College. Previously, an eLearning Director at Whatcom Community College and Cultural Documentation Coordinator at Northwest Indian College.

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

Community Service: Whatcom County Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee and Kulshan Community Land Trust Board of Trustees.

Statement: *Your Port, Our Future!* My family and I are proud to call Whatcom County our home. However, too many of our

friends and neighbors struggle with finding quality family wage jobs. I am running for Commissioner because I believe the Port of Bellingham should take a more innovative and proactive approach to countywide economic development. To accomplish this, the Port must be an accountable and responsive steward of the public good. I will bring a fresh perspective to the Port that is focused on protecting our quality of life, and addressing persistent and growing income inequality. As a Port Commissioner I will fight for family wage jobs, smart growth, and environmental sustainability – for *all* of Whatcom County.

We need action on Bellingham's waterfront redevelopment now. New leadership and fresh ideas are needed to create quality family wage jobs, immediate public access, and the right growth for our economy. I will advocate for our marine trades industries, agriculture, investments in clean energy innovators, and work to restore the health of our waterways. Your Port should work for you, and I will work to make that happen. I am endorsed by the Whatcom Commercial Fishermen's Association.

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**Nicholas Kunkel**

Elected Experience: Appointed: Whatcom County Noxious Weed Control Board, District 4. Lake Whatcom Watershed Advisory Board.

Other Professional Experience: Harvest Management Biologist, Lummi Natural Resources Department. Salmon Monitoring

Coordinator, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association. Shipping Coordinator, Terminal Forest Products. Production Supervisor, Pacific Woodtech Corporation.

Education: Mount Baker Senior High School Graduate. Whatcom Community College, AAS.

Community Service: Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, volunteer. Former 4-H leader and FFA member. Whatcom County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Member.

Statement: The port serves many functions: Enhancing our economy, protecting our environment, and providing a platform for entrepreneurship. I am the candidate on the ballot who has the

most varied skillset to ensure the port meets its obligations.

I will bring the skills I've gained from managing non-profit aquaculture in Alaska, protecting salmon for the non profit NSEA, monitoring fisheries for the Lummi Nation, public service on the Whatcom County Noxious Weed Board and Lake Whatcom Watershed Advisory Board, and from my day job of shipping industrial products around the world via container, truck, and rail.

I have a solid jobs platform that does not come at the cost of our cherished way of life and that returns the fishing and marine trades industries to prominence.

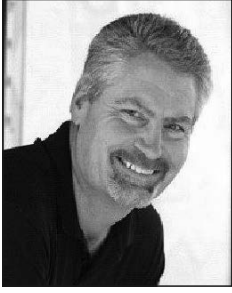
I am your locally raised candidate, with both the vision, and the energy to work with all stakeholders to accomplish the goals of a stronger, cleaner, and healthier Port of Bellingham. I thank you all for considering me to represent Whatcom County and Bellingham on the Port Commission.

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Port of Bellingham Commissioner District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Ken Bell

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Planning Commission; Whatcom County Charter Review Commission

Other Professional Experience: President Best Recycling - Primary waste management and clean up operations for the National

Science Foundation in Antarctica. Responsible for oil tanker spill containment; CEO of Iron Creek Group LLC - Holder of three patents for the thermal remediation of oil spills and legacy contamination. Over 25 years of business experience.

Education: High School graduate 1976 Wason High School; BA in Biology - Colorado State University

Community Service: Chairman of the board/current board member Step Denver a privately funded homeless shelter; Silver Beach Neighborhood Assn.; MNAC member; Sponsor of Whatcom Hospice.

Statement: The management of the Port of Bellingham's incredible assets will require a plan with vision. Our role is to assist and enhance existing business. 60% of private sector jobs come from existing operations and we need to do everything in

our power to make sure they have the stability they need to keep our economy vibrant. The other 40% are from new business start ups or recruitment.

Our focus should be on how to get more business for Marine Trades, more visitors to for our tourism industry, more access to our agricultural products, better access to information and technology talent and a waterfront that drives people to the core of the City of Bellingham.

We must also maintain an environment that is conducive to the creation of start ups. There is volatility in start ups but more excitement and creativity. The Port can play a key role in supporting this activity. The waterfront should be a great mix of old and new business as well as a diverse mix of industrial jobs, marine activities, tourism and housing. That's what makes a great Port

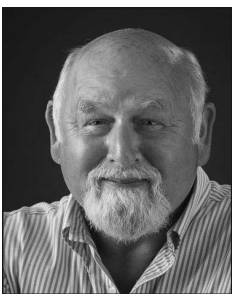
Ken has been married to Dee Dee for 24 years they have 2 adult daughters.

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Doug Karlberg

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Board of Director; numerous industry groups

Education: Bellingham High School Some college courses - WWU

Community Service: Some small time community service work. One large ongoing project to re-start a fishery in a small Alaska village. Follow the link below to hear the story. Link: <http://ens-newswire.com/2014/03/13/the-story-behind-daniel-levins-documentary-kaltag-alaska/>

Statement: The sole job of government, is to make your life better.

Has the Port of Bellingham made your life better? When I look at the number of families, especially single mothers and their children, under the poverty level, it bothers me. When I look at

housing affordability and our low wages, it bothers me. When I see our young folks leaving Whatcom County, to get a good job, it tells me the Port is failing at economic development. If you create a low paying jobs that will not support a family; what is the point? I want our citizens and kids to thrive right here in Whatcom County. This is my priority.

I am qualified for this job. As a fisherman, I have visited oodles of ports. As a community activist, I have been deep into Port of Bellingham finances and policies for over a decade. Google my name and the Port of Bellingham. I am qualified now, to do this job for you. I am not studying the Port when it comes election time. An effective port is my long time passion. This is why I have Commissioner Bobbie Briscoe's endorsement.

Hire me with your vote. I want this job.

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Barry Wenger

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Department of Ecology Senior Environmental Planner; Department of Natural Resources Parks Planner; San Juan County Planning Department, Associate Planner; Outdoor

Recreation Analyst; Shellfish Operation Manager and Grower; University of Washington, Friday Harbor Lab Technician.

Education: B.Sc., Environmental Planning, Western Washington University.

Community Service: Whatcom County Wildlife Advisory Committee Vice Chair. Wildlife Conservation Foundation, Vice President. Rose Foundation, Puget Sound Funding Advisory Board Member. RE Sources for Sustainable Communities, Board Member. San Juan County, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Statement: I stand for a Port that generates prosperity and represents the interests of our entire community. This includes commercial fishers, boaters, light industry, shipping terminal customers, and marine businesses and trades. Full public access

to our waterfront and where appropriate, mixed-use sustainable development are equally important.

Our Port and Bellingham's waterfront are remarkable County assets. They must be used to develop and drive more family-wage jobs, business innovation, additional recreational activities, and outdoor entertainment venues for adults and children alike. Tourism plays a major role in our County and will thrive even more when guided by sound, practical and forward-thinking leadership.

I believe there are opportunities to diversify and make better use of the Port's properties whether it's the Bellingham Airport site, the Blaine Marina or the Sumas Industrial Park, to meet the needs of our growing population. This will require improved communication and coordination with our County government, smaller cities and transportation agencies.

We all have a stake in the future of the Port and I pledge to foster economic growth, make sound land use decisions, and protect our natural resources. If elected to serve, this is the vision I will pursue as Port Commissioner.

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City of Bellingham Council At-Large - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Year Term

**Roxanne Murphy**

Elected Experience: Bellingham City Councilmember, At-Large, elected in 2013 and reelected in 2015.

Other Professional Experience: Roxanne currently works as the Youth Director for her Nooksack Indian Tribe. She has also been a community and public relations professional for the Woodland Park Zoo, City of Tacoma and Weyerhaeuser Company.

Education: Bachelor's degree in Communications from Central Washington University. Master's degree in Public Administration from The Evergreen State College.

Community Service: Roxanne is a board member with the Whatcom Transportation Authority, and the Bellingham City Council liaison to the Mt. Baker Theatre. She's a former Council liaison to the Bellingham School District.

Statement: It has been an honor to serve as your Bellingham City Councilmember, and At-Large is how I will continue to support our people, places, environment and businesses.

I was a champion for the successful Greenways and Emergency Medical Services initiatives, a right-sized jail and financial plan,

affordable housing and homeless services, and our environment and drinking water. When my proposal to bring paid and safe sick leave to Bellingham failed, I volunteered for the winning Statewide initiative that now allows everyone in Washington to have this work leave and a higher minimum wage. The Bellingham City Council also passed my resolution to support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's work to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline development.

As an enrolled Tribal Member, I was the first person of color ever elected to this Council, and I will fight to protect our community and our values throughout any political climate or storms.

A vote to Retain Roxanne will allow this dedication to continue in providing unique and experienced leadership on your Bellingham City Council. Endorsed by the Washington Conservation Voters, Whatcom County Young Democrats, Bellingham/Whatcom Firefighters, Teamsters, Women's Political Caucus of Washington and NARAL Pro-Choice Washington.

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**Jean Layton**

Elected Experience: None yet, but I'm eagerly looking forward to serving the citizens of Bellingham.

Other Professional Experience: licensed Naturopathic Physician (ND), co-author - Gluten Free Baking for Dummies, author of <http://DrJeanLayton.com> online, WCC Instructor of social media and gluten-free thriving, international lecturer and chef

Education: Doctorate - National University of Naturopathic Medicine Bachelors of Arts - Economics CUNY- City College of New York Associates Applied Science - Bergen Community College

Community Service: Board Member- York Neighborhood Association 2016-present Precinct Captain - Whatcom Democratic party 2016-present Bellingham Troop Leader- Girl Scouts troops 230, 5008 for 7 years

Statement: The City Council represents our voice. I want to hear your voice. learn from you. I'm Jean Layton, Naturopathic Physician, educator, and progressive. I'm an educated, analytic researcher, seeking to be the direct conduit of conversation

between citizens and council. Listen, Assess, Research, Create a plan, Implement, Reassess, my medical training applies to all situations.

My platform is simple and complex, Homes, Health and Jobs. As a small business owner, I provide care to a broad spectrum of people in Bellingham. I directly assess their needs and I understand obstacles to good health, from economic opportunity, to lack of housing and access to nutritious food. Our Council will be a better representation of our community with me on it.

Currently, there is no representation of the 54% renter occupied Bellingham housing on Council. My family rents our home in the York neighborhood. I serve on the neighborhood association board.

My personal history of being widowed at 30, orphaned at 35, remarried at 35, mother at 39, doctor at 41, teacher/lecturer at 45, co-author at 52; these experiences refined my empathy and understanding of how fast life can change. Nevertheless, I persisted. I'm a communicator, collaborator and connector.

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**Eric Bostrom**

Elected Experience: Elected Precinct Committee Officer, 2016

Other Professional Experience: Pastor and Pioneer of four churches, Bible College Teacher, Sales and Marketing of Recreational Properties, Social Worker, and Counselor.

Education: Bachelors degree (B.A. Sociology / Psychology) Western Washington University, Two Masters degrees: M.Div. and M.A. George Fox Seminary (formerly Western Evangelical Seminary.)

Community Service: Basketball Coach, Boys and Girls Club of Bellingham; Soccer Coach, Whatcom County Youth Soccer and Whatcom FC Rangers; Chaplain, Light House Mission; and Community Outreach.

Statement: I am running for a seat on the city council because of my sincere belief that with your help, together we can make Bellingham even better by offering more diverse representation for the people of this city. It is my view that all people should be treated equally with the same opportunities and the same laws.

There are issues that increasingly need attention like *homes and homeless*. In Bellingham the average earnings per job are lower than many other places, yet housing costs continue to climb both for the owner and renter. We need solutions such as allowing the building of smaller privately owned homes that would be more affordable. I am now working on solutions to these issues.

Meanwhile, the homeless population continues to grow. Now, people are regularly sleeping or camping in downtown doorways, sidewalks, city parks, and many other places. We need new solutions: enforcement of city codes, mental health assistance, substance abuse treatment and job training. We should stop enabling homeless people and help them become productive citizens.

Please join me on *Facebook* for a discussion on these and other topics. I, Eric Bostrom, am asking for your vote for Bellingham City Council At Large.

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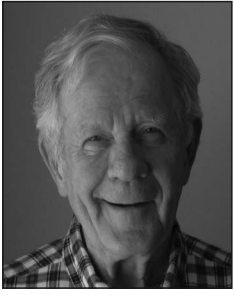
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City of Blaine Council At-Large Position 7 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Harry Robinson

Elected Experience: I have served on the Blaine City Council for the past 10 years. For the last 6 years I have served as the Mayor of Blaine.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: I have served on the Blaine Planning Commission from 1997 to 2007. Was a founding member of the Peace Health St. Joseph Hospital foundation and served on the foundation board from 2003 to 2011. Currently on the board of the Whatcom Council of Government and a representative on the Small Cities Caucus. Also, have served on the Whatcom Transit Authority and Whatcom Museum boards.

Statement: I have considered it an honor to have served the City of Blaine for the past 20 years. I served on the Planning Commission for 10 years and the Blaine City Council for 10 years. For the past 6 years I have served as the Mayor of Blaine.

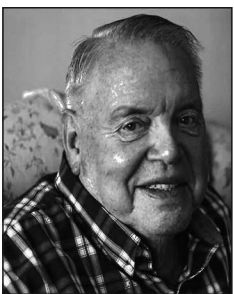
During this length of time Blaine has seen both good and bad times. I am proud we survived the recent economic downturn and are now poised to take advantage of the current upbeat economic conditions.

We have, I believe, an obligation to continue providing a high level of public safety, effective management of the City's finances, involvement of our citizens, improving our roads, trails and parks, our commitment to the Senior Center, Boys and Girls Club and library.

The major emphasis will continue to be economic development, in particular the revitalization of our downtown and the ongoing search for businesses that will provide high paying jobs for our citizens. I want to participate in helping Blaine accomplish its true potential and it is for this reason I ask for your vote. A vote for proven leadership.

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Barrie E. Hull

Elected Experience: I have no elected experience.

Other Professional Experience: I am a retired law enforcement deputy. I have 60 years' experience with Teamsters along with other Unions. I am a former Director at the Blaine

School District. Honorably served in the U.S. Marine Corps, discharged as Sergeant.

Education: I have a B.A. degree in Political Science at Western Washington University. I received an A.A. degree at Skagit Valley College, and a Blaine High School graduate. Chosen Western Washington University Distinguished Alumnus in 2004.

Community Service: Former President in the Blaine Booster Club. Former Commissioner at the Northwest Park and Recreation District.

Statement: I moved to Blaine as a freshman in High School, and it became a love affair between me and the City of Blaine. I would like to represent the City of Blaine on the City Council. I am asking for your vote and I will try to do a good job for the City of Blaine.

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Alicia Rule

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Alicia Rule is a committed public servant and mother of three. Before settling in Blaine, she was a community organizer, social worker/administrator and small business owner in several cities. Her

latest efforts came to fruition when she organized a group of 1400 parents, collaborated with elected officials and local business owners to successfully revitalize historic downtown Lafayette, Colorado.

Education: Master's in Social Work with honors from San Diego State University; BA in Psychology and American Ethnic Studies; Meridian High School

Community Service: Countless volunteer hours for a variety of organizations in hospice, community health and child abuse prevention

Statement: I have dedicated my life's work, both paid and unpaid, to the betterment of communities and the people who live in them. As a mother of three children who live and play in Blaine, I bring a unique perspective to the City Council. With inevitable growth on the horizon for Blaine, I have the vision and creativity to develop a strong and appealing plan for growth that is best for all of our citizens. My goal is to work with you to create a revitalized waterfront town that we can all be proud to call home. I am interested in strengthening our hyperlocal economy by supporting local Blaine businesses that contribute to a better quality of life for its residents. I have a knack for developing community events that engage the city's citizens of all ages in fun and enriching ways. Born and raised in Whatcom County, I look forward to creating a beautiful future for Blaine, for my children and yours.

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Meridian School District 505 Director District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

**Rob Horgen****Elected Experience:** No information submitted**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

Education: I am a 1982 graduate of Meridian High School. I have fond memories of my time there, and great respect for my teachers (some of whom still teach there). My wife and I have been involved with the FFA Booster Club since we returned to the district in 2000. All three of our children graduated from Meridian.

Community Service: In addition to being heavily involved with the FFA Booster Club, I have been an officer in the Bellingham Central Lions Club, a member of my church board, and at one point in time the President of the Washington State Grange.

Statement: I believe that Meridian is one of the best schools in

the state, and truly reflects the values of our community. We face certain challenges with regard to our tax base that other districts don't simply because of our location. We have to be diligent in our spending to ensure that we are getting the best return for investment that we can. I do believe our current board and administration have been doing a good job of that. Having helped raise money for the HS barn, I am familiar with stretching dollars for maximum benefit. Meridian has many diverse opportunities for students to prepare for a successful life after school; The arts, career curriculum, leadership training, music, sports, etc. I would fight to preserve, and even expand these opportunities whenever and wherever possible. Whatever it is, our students excel, setting high goals and achieving them. They make us all proud. Go Trojans!

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**Jeannie Castro****Elected Experience:** No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: I managed a successful landscape business for 13 years. I performed the duties of payroll, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and made sure the work assigned to the employees was

completed. I am extremely detail oriented and am familiar with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook.

Education: Santa Monica City College WSU Extension - Training for Strengthening Families

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: As a 9-year resident with two children in the Meridian school district, I am devoted to giving back and serving our community that we love. Education has always been an important part of my life. I am someone who loves to learn, search, and

read about new things. I enjoy sharing my passion for learning with my family.

My experience at Meridian Schools includes working as a leave replacement secretary for Meridian Parent Partnership Program (MP3) and a noon aide. I have also had the opportunity to volunteer for the music program, Young Life, sports, and highly capable program teaching the Great Books curriculum. I currently work for the Ferndale Academic Community Transitions Program and am a trained facilitator for Strengthening Families.

If elected, my goal is to represent all members of the community and increase communication between the schools and families. I embrace the challenges that come across my path with both authority and compassion. Thank you for your consideration and I hope I get the opportunity to serve on the Meridian School Board.

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**Renier (Beaver) Elenbaas****Elected Experience:** First time running for public office

Other Professional Experience: Currently employed at BP Cherry Point - Operator; Small Business Owner - Residential Construction

Education: Attended Meridian K-12; diploma 1992; Two years at WCC. Both my children are currently in the middle of their education at Meridian.

Community Service: Have been coaching football at Meridian High School for 20+ years; Samaritans Purse; Bellingham Christ the King; Young Life

Statement: One of the things Meridian has excelled at over the years is its level of consistency. This consistency is a significant

reason why parents that attended Meridian are now sending their children there. It's why many employees, teachers and others, have chosen to return and be part of the legacy they enjoyed as students. It's why there's a loyal group of people that form a community in a place that doesn't have a real town. And it's also why I'm proud to put my name on the ballot and commit to serving the Meridian district.

I look forward to being part of a team that works together in an effort to make things the best they can be for our children, and at the same time preserve the framework that has elevated us to where we are today. Because while progress cannot happen without change, not all change is progress.

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Water District 13 Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term



Rebecca Cayen

Elected Experience: This is my first time running for an elected office and I believe I will bring a fresh perspective to the board.

Other Professional Experience: I have over nine years of experience working in federal and local government agencies and the private sector navigating various contracts, policies, regulations, and laws.

Education: Western Washington University (B.S. Geology), Central New Mexico Community College (A.A.S. Office Administration)

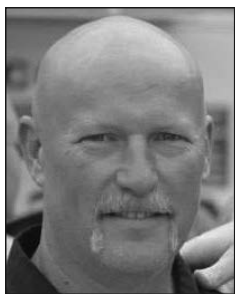
Community Service: Explorations Academy, Boy Scouts of America, North Beach Elementary, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), Rio Grande Nature Center, University of New Mexico Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, AmeriCare Nursing Home

Statement: Many important decisions will be made regarding the future of water for Water District 13. As a geologist, I am concerned with how our water resources are utilized and the impacts it will have on our community and region. Our water and sewer infrastructure is aging and the demands upon it are increasing as our community expands, leading to inevitable system upgrades. If elected, I would utilize my experience in contract management, policy administration, and accounting to help ensure responsible decisions are made. I believe it is critically important to maintain the long-term infrastructure and goals of the community without placing undue financial burden on its citizens.

I will work cooperatively with the other commissioners to protect and preserve our precious water resources while mitigating rate increases. I respectfully ask for your support.

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Todd W. Schaefer

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: I was the Safety Director and Dispatcher at Interwest Construction, which dealt with underground utilities. Because I have worked construction fixing and replacing underground utilities, I understand these functions and costs. I was also in charge of working with and managing others.

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: During the last snow storm when my wife and I couldn't work due to weather, we spent our week helping neighbors clear out their driveways and shovel out their cars.

We have and continue to strive to improve our community. The company we both work for, Cowden Gravel donated an operator and machine to clear the roads

Statement: My wife and I bought property on Sprague Valley Dr last year and just recently purchased another property on Sprague Valley Dr. During the recent snowfall when I was out in our community trying to help our neighbors get through the snow ordeal, I got to know some of our neighbors and developed some relationships, I realized my passion for wanting to help make this community a better place to live. Through my many years in the construction industry I feel that I have a lot to offer in this position.

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Fire Protection District 16
Proposition No. 2017-1
Regular Property Tax Levy

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 02-2017 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.00 per \$1,000.00. This proposition would authorize the District to assess its property tax levy at \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for 2017 and thereafter, subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposition be approved?

YES ___ NO ___

Explanatory Statement:

This measure establishes the levy for Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 at \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. This levy is the primary source of revenue for Fire District No. 16. State limitations on revenue increases do not allow the Fire District to keep up with increasing costs. Passage of Proposition No. 2017-1 will allow the Fire District to set its levy rate at \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and provide funding for the District to continue to provide a consistent level of fire and emergency medical services.

Argument For:

No statement submitted

Argument Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Argument For:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Argument Against:

No statement submitted

Ballot Measure Complete Text

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 16
RESOLUTION NO. 02-2017

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 (the "District"), providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held therein on August 1, 2017, in conjunction with the State primary election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.00 per \$1,000, which is an increase of \$.34 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2017 and thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations, all as more particularly set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 has determined that it appears certain money available for the Expense Fund for the calendar year 2018 would be insufficient to permit the District to meet the expenses of operation, services, and maintenance essential and necessary for the protection of the public health, life, and property of its residents during such calendar year, given the current levy rate of \$.66 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; and that it is necessary for the regular property tax levy of the District be set at \$1.00 per \$1,000, such levy to be made in 2017 for collection in 2018, and in succeeding years, on all taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing 100% of the true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), in order for the Expense Fund of the District to be able to provide sufficient funds to meet those expenses, and;

WHEREAS, the Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether such taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 as follows:

Section 1. The Auditor of Whatcom County, Washington, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held herein on August 1, 2017, in conjunction with the State primary election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the District, for their approval or rejection, a proposition of whether the regular property tax levy of the District shall be set at and maintained at \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; such levy to be made in 2017 for collection in 2018, and in succeeding years, on all the taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing 100% of the true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations; and for the dollar amount of such levies to be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050.

Section 2. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, as amended, the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 16
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PROPOSITION NO. 1
RESTORING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 16, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 02-2017 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.00 per \$1,000, which is the same levy that existed in the year 2015. This proposition would authorize the District to restore and maintain its regular property tax levy at \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2017 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

YES..... []
NO..... []

Section 3. The Secretary of the District is directed: (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 02-2017 showing its adoption by the Board at least eighty-four (84) days prior to the date of such special election, and; (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the District at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether such excess tax levy shall be made.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16, at an open public meeting thereof this 20th day of March, 2017, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 16: Ryan Lensen, Commissioner; Elvin Kalsbeek, Commissioner; Brian Knutzen, Commissioner.
ATTEST and CERTIFICATION: Candy Roberts, District Secretary.



By Drop Box

No postage needed
Boxes open July 12
Boxes close August 1 at 8:00 pm

Bellingham	Whatcom County Courthouse; in south parking lot or inside at Suite 103	311 Grand Ave.
	WWU Bookstore	501 High St.
	Whatcom Community College, on campus beside Heiner Center	237 W. Kellogg Rd.
	Haggen Sehome Village, northeast corner of parking lot	210 36th St.
Birch Bay	North Whatcom Fire & Rescue	4581 Birch Bay-Lynden Rd.
Blaine	Blaine Library	610 3rd St.
Deming	Deming Library	5044 Mt. Baker Hwy.
Everson	WECU parking lot	106 E. Main St.
Ferndale	Ferndale City Hall	2095 Main St.
Kendall	North Fork Library at Kendall	7506 Kendall Rd.
Lummi	Lummi Nation Administration Building	2665 Kwina Rd.
Lynden	Lynden Library	216 4th St.
Meridian	Laurel Grange	6172 Guide Meridian
Sudden Valley	Security Office turnaround	Gate One
Sumas	Behind the Post Office	534 Railroad Ave.

Primary Election Registration Deadlines:

July 3: Deadline for voter registration, address change and other updates. Contact the Election Division if you have any questions regarding your registration.

July 24: Deadline for new Washington State voter registration (in person only).

Register to vote or update your address in time for the November 7 General Election:



Online at www.MyVote.wa.gov if you have a current Washington State driver license or I.D. card.



Complete and return a Washington State Voter Registration form. Registration forms available at city halls, libraries, and on our website. You may also contact the Election Division to have a form mailed to you.



In person at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division.

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MyVote has personalized voter information:

- Your candidates and ballot measures
- Your ballot status
- Your voting history
- Your districts and elected officials
- Ballot drop boxes and voting centers
- Update your name and/or address



By Mail

One \$0.49 cent stamp required
Ballots must be postmarked by August 1
We recommend mailing by Friday, July 28



New County Council District Map

As a part of the Charter Review in 2015, voters approved five Council districts instead of three with two countywide at-large seats, and voting for members by district only. This is the first election since that went into effect. Seats for Council Districts 2 and 3 are on this Primary election; Districts 1, 2, 3 and an At-Large position will be on the General election.

Districts 3 and 4 and an additional at-large position will be on the 2019 ballots.

All voters received new voter registration cards with specific voter information or you may check your status on line at www.MyVote.wa.gov.

