

Whatcom County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet



November 7, 2017 General Election

When returning your ballot: Deposit in an Official Drop Box by 8:00pm Election Day, or if using the postal service, mail no later than Friday, November 3 (ballot must be postmarked by Election Day).

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Monday - Friday:

8:30 am - 4:30 pm*

**Open until 8:00 pm on November 7*

MyVote
MyVote.wa.gov

You can register to vote or update your address in Washington State on MyVote. Once registered, you can view personalized voter information, including:

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



Another general election arrives and we have many topics on the ballot: advisory votes from state legislation to consider; a county-wide public safety and jail facilities sales and use tax; property tax levies for Blaine-Birch Bay Park & Recreation District 2 and Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District; and proposed formation of Lummi Island Park & Recreation District with a property tax levy to provide for it.

This is the first year of elections for county council members under the newly approved charter amendment for district only voting. If you remember, in 2015 the County voted in favor of amending the County Charter to create five (5) new Council districts with representatives to be chosen from each district and two additional at-large positions. Positions for District 1, 2, 3 and At-Large Position A will be voted on this year. In 2019, District 4, 5 and the At-Large Position B will be voted on.

There will also be many other positions this year including two Port commissioners as well as cities, school districts, fire districts, water districts, cemetery districts, park and recreation districts, and hospital districts.

This is a full slate. Give it your utmost consideration. This is an election that impacts you at every level. You really can make a difference! It's up to you to do so.

Sincerely,

Debbie Adelstein
Whatcom County Auditor



Register to Vote or Update Your Address



Online: Register to vote or update your address online at www.MyVote.wa.gov if you have a current Washington State Driver License or I.D.



Mail: Register to vote or update your address by completing a registration form. Registration forms are available on our website, at city halls and libraries. You may also call the Election Division to have a form mailed to you.



In person: Visit the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.



Registration Deadlines for the November 7 General Election:

- **October 9:** Deadline for online or mail in registrations and/or updates to a current registration.
- **October 30:** Citizens who are **not registered** in Washington State may come into our office and register in person through Monday, October 30.



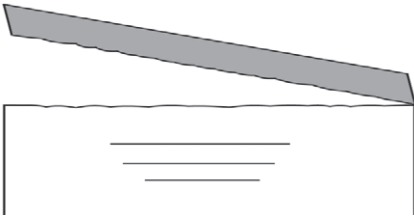
1. The ballot packet for the November 7, 2017 General Election will be mailed to you on October 18. The packet will include your official ballot, a security sleeve, and a return envelope.



2. Mark your ballot by drawing a line to connect the arrow next to your choice with a blue or black pen.



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



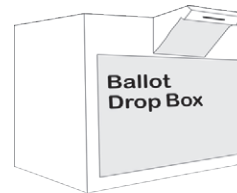
4. Place your voted ballot into the security sleeve. *If you forget to put your ballot into the security sleeve, your ballot will still be counted.*

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

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



7. Return your ballot to the Whatcom County Auditor's Office by ballot drop box or mail. See page 5 for more information on returning your ballot.



Or



Accessible Voting Unit

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 October 18. Contact us for more information.

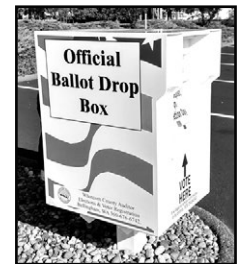
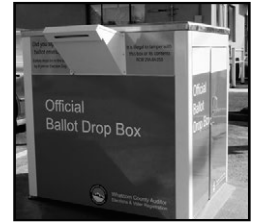
Your Signature Matters!

- Remember to sign and date the declaration on the return envelope with your name printed on it.
- We compare the signature on your ballot envelope with the signature on your voter registration. This is how we know the ballot came from you.
- How do we get your signature? If you register or update using a paper registration form, we capture the signature on the form. If you register or update through the Department of Motor Vehicles, we capture the signature from your Washington State Driver License.
- Do not sign for another registered voter.



By Drop Box: No postage needed. Open: October 18. **Close: November 7 at 8:00 pm**

	Bellingham	Whatcom County Courthouse; in south parking lot or inside at Suite 103	311 Grand Avenue
		WWU Bookstore	501 High Street
		Whatcom Community College, on campus beside Heiner Center	237 W. Kellogg Road
		Haggen Sehome Village, northeast corner of parking lot	210 36th Street
New	Acme	Acme Elementary School	5200 Turkington Road
	Birch Bay	North Whatcom Fire & Rescue	4581 Birch Bay-Lynden Road
	Blaine	Blaine Library	610 3rd Street
New	Custer	Custer Elementary School	7660 Custer School Road
	Deming	Deming Library	5044 Mt. Baker Highway
	Everson	WECU parking lot	106 E. Main Street
	Ferndale	Ferndale City Hall	2095 Main Street
	Kendall	North Fork Library at Kendall	7506 Kendall Road
	Lummi	Lummi Nation Admin. Building	2665 Kwina Road
	Lynden	Lynden Library	216 4th Street
	Meridian	Laurel Grange	6172 Guide Meridian
New	Point Roberts	Inside the International Marketplace: <i>Drop Box available during store hours (8:00 am - 10:00 pm). Box closes at 8:00 pm Election Day</i>	480 Tye Drive
	Sudden Valley	Security Office turnaround	Gate One
	Sumas	Behind the Post Office	534 Railroad Avenue



By Mail: Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, November 7. **Postage required = \$0.49**
USPS recommends mailing by Tuesday, October 31.



Your Voting Rights and Responsibilities

You have the right to:

- A replacement ballot;
- Accessible voting materials; and
- Assistance when casting a ballot.

You are responsible for:

- Registering by the deadline;
- Updating your residential and/or mailing address; and
- Returning your ballot by 8:00 pm on Election Day to an official ballot drop box, *OR* postmark by Election Day.

Military or Overseas Voters:

Maintain your voter registration while in the military or living outside the United States. To register, use your home of record (or that of a family member). You may receive your ballot by mail, email, or fax. Contact us for more information.

**What voter information is available to the public?**

The following information IS public record (see RCW 29A.08.710):

- Name
- Address
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Elections in which a voter participated
- Date of registration

The following information is NOT public record:

- Social Security Number
- Driver's License number
- Phone number/email address
- Party affiliation (which is not collected by Washington State)
- Where and how a person registered
- Voter's signature

You are not required to vote for every race and measure. Your votes will be counted for the races and measures you do vote on.

Write-In Voting

Write-in the name of a qualified candidate you want in office if their name doesn't appear on the ballot. Do not write-in fake or fictitious names, they take extra time and money to process.

Top 4 Reasons a Ballot Cannot Be Counted

- Ballot received with a late postmark.
- Signature on the ballot envelope doesn't match the signature we have on file.*
- Ballot envelope is not signed.*
- Someone other than the voter has signed the envelope for them.

*If a ballot is not signed or the signature doesn't match the signature on your voter registration, the voter is mailed a form to correct the issue.

**Jurisdictions Participating in the General Election**

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

**Contact Information for Election Related Organizations****Public Disclosure Commission:**

View contributors for candidates and measures. Visit www.pdc.wa.gov or call toll free (877) 601-2828

Democratic Party Headquarters:

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

Republican Party Headquarters:

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



Assessor	Determines the fair market value of all real and personal property to calculate property taxes.
Auditor	Administers elections, maintains voter registration, processes vehicle and vessel licenses and titles, records and preserves documents, marriage applications and licenses.
City	City Council: Legislative and policy making body of the City. City Mayor: exercising general supervision over the administrative affairs of the City; the responsibility for the appointment and removal of personnel; and the execution of the laws and policies as adopted by the City Council.
Cemetery District Commissioner	Commissioners acquire, improve and operate cemeteries. They also set a budget and establish fees and rules for cemetery use.
County Council	Vote to approve new laws, power to levy taxes, appropriate revenue and adopt budgets, establish compensation paid to all employees, provide for reimbursement of expenses, adopt comprehensive plans, and hear appeals.
District Court	District Court consists of 2 Judges, elected for 4 years, 1 appointed Commissioner, and professional and paraprofessional staff. The court hears criminal, civil, infraction and miscellaneous cases.
Executive	CEO of the County; supervises and manages county administrative and executive departments; responsible for enforcement of ordinances and statutes, budgets, comprehensive and capital improvement plans, contracts, claims and deeds.
Fire District Commissioner	Commissioners oversee districts that provide fire prevention services, fire suppression, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the county.
Hospital District Commissioner	Commissioners establish policy and oversee the general conduct of the hospital district's affairs. They set the mission, vision, values, and strategic goals of the public hospital district.
Park District Commissioner	The commissioners oversee the park district operations, acquiring, improving and operating parks facilities and programs.
Port of Bellingham Commissioner	The Board of Commissioners is a non-partisan, three-person elected body that oversees all Port of Bellingham operations by providing policy direction and decisions in public meetings.
Prosecuting Attorney	Prosecutes criminal and civil actions in superior, district, and juvenile courts and provides legal advice to the county.
Public Utility District 1 Commissioner	The Commission is comprised of three local citizens elected on a nonpartisan basis by Whatcom County residents. They establish PUD policies, set rates, adopt system plans for electric and water utilities, and approve the revenue obligations.
School District Director	Five directors make a board whose responsibilities include budget, policy development, curriculum approval, planning and communications for the school district.
Sheriff	Is in charge of law enforcement, jail facilities, civil and legal processing, and emergency operations.
Treasurer	Collects, reports, invests, and manages all monies and debt for Whatcom County, and all other junior and special purpose districts.
Water District Commissioners	A Water District is governed by an elected Board of Commissioners who set the policies and rates of the District.

- Where you live determines the issues and candidates you get to vote on. To read about the officials that represent you, visit www.MyVote.wa.gov (Select Elected Officials).



**Sample Ballot
Whatcom County, Washington
General Election, November 7, 2017**

TO VOTE: Use blue or black ink to connect the arrow next to your choice with a single line. Do not use 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.

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State Measures

**Advisory Vote No. 16
Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1597**

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, the food fish excise tax rate on certain salmon and game fish, costing less than \$1,000,000 in the first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed _____
Maintained _____

**Advisory Vote No. 17
Engrossed House Bill 2163**

The legislature expanded, without a vote of the people, the business and occupation tax and narrowed certain retail sales and use tax exemptions, costing \$565,000,000 in the first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed _____
Maintained _____

**Advisory Vote No. 18
Engrossed House Bill 2242**

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, an additional state property tax for common schools, costing \$12,949,000,000 in the first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed _____
Maintained _____

Whatcom County

**Proposition 2017-6
Public Safety and Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax**

The Whatcom County Council passed Ordinance 2017- 037 concerning a proposition to authorize a sales and use tax for public safety purposes, including new jail facilities. This proposition would authorize a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.002) for public safety purposes, including costs associated with construction, maintenance, and operation of jail facilities, plus incarceration prevention, medical and behavioral health facilities and programs, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450. Half of this tax (0.001) will expire upon repayment of the total capital cost of jail facilities, or December 31, 2048, whichever occurs first. Should this proposition be:

Approved _____
Rejected _____

County Council District 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Rud Browne
Philip J. Morgan

County Council District 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Todd Donovan
Amy Glasser

County Council District 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Rebecca Boonstra
Tyler Byrd

County Council At-Large Position A, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Barry Buchanan
Mary Kay Robinson

Port of Bellingham

Commissioner District 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Michael Alvarez Shepard
Dan Robbins

Commissioner District 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Ken Bell
Barry Wenger

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**City of Bellingham****Municipal Court Judge, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One**

Debra Lev

Council Ward 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Gene Knutson

Council Ward 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Pinky Vargas

Council Ward 6, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for OneMichael Lilliquist
Quenby Peterson**Council At-Large, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year Term, Vote for One**Roxanne Murphy
Eric Bostrom**City of Blaine****Council Ward 1 Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One**

Bonnie Onyon

Council Ward 2 Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for OneCharles Hawkins
Justin Ledesma**Council Ward 3 Position 6, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One**H. Paul Greenough
Eric Davidson**Council At-Large Position 7, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One**Alicia Rule
Harry Robinson**City of Everson****Mayor, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One**

John Perry

Council Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Jaleen M. Pratt

Council Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Jennifer Lautenbach

Council Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Matthew Goering

Council Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for OneAlicia R. Oetting
Thomas (Tag) Mills
Travis J. Remy**City of Ferndale****Council Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One**Cathy Watson
Derrick Watson**Council Position 6, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One**Connie Faria
Kate Hansen**Council Position 7, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One**

Fred Kennedy

City of Lynden**Mayor, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One**

Scott Korthuis

Council Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Nick H. Laninga

Council Position 6, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for OneKyle Strengholt
Jack Lathrop**Council Position 7, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One**Mark H. Wohlrab
David Burns**City of Nooksack****Mayor, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One**

Jim Ackerman

Council Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Fritz Zemler

Council Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for OneDaniel Bennett
Megan Shoemaker**Council Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One**

Tom Jones



City of Sumas

Mayor, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Bob Bromley
Kyle Christensen

Council Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Bruce Bosch

Council Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Richard D. Postma

Council Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Joshua J. Clawson

Bellingham School District 501

Director Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Jenn Mason
Teri Hill-McIntyre

Director Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Douglas W. Benjamin

Ferndale School District 502

Director District 2, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One

Candice Wilson

Director District 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Lee Anne Riddle

Director District 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Andrew McLaurin

Blaine School District 503

Director District 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Joan Lotze

Director District 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Michael (Mike) Dodd
Laura McKinney

Lynden School District 504

Director Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Stephan Jilk

Director Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Kelli Kettels
CJ Costanti

Meridian School District 505

Director District 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Renier (Beaver) Elenbaas
Jeannie Castro

Director District 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Brian A. Evans

Nooksack Valley School District 506

Director District 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Randall Wright

Director District 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Stephen A. Jones

Mt Baker School District 507

Director District 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Brian Kelly

Director District 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Nancy Workman
Kelly Zender

Concrete School District 11

Director District 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Hulda (Hildi) Parker

Director District 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Janet Culver

Director District 4, At-Large, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Allison Burton

Fire Protection District 1

Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Randy VanderHeiden

Fire Protection District 4

Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Anna Melillo Trenouth

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**Fire Protection District 5****Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**Bill Meursing
Judson Meraw**Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One**Pat Harper
Donna Gillespie**Fire Protection District 7****Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**Paul Kelley
Eric Grant**Fire Protection District 8****Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One**

David Lehmann

Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for OneKeith Neher
Dustin Gleaves**Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

L. H. (Butch) Markhart

Fire Protection District 11**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Wendell Terry

Fire Protection District 14**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Leonard (Shorty) Bjornstad

Fire Protection District 16**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Elvin Kalsbeek

Fire Protection District 17**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One**

Susan A. Garlock

Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for One

William L. Carroll

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One

James W. Taxdahl

Fire Protection District 18**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Socorro Ruiz

Fire Protection District 21**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Bruce Ansell

Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for OneRich Bosman
Reid Campion**Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Larry McPhail

Glacier Fire and Rescue**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Jan Eskola

South Whatcom Fire Authority**Commissioner District 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

James Willson

Commissioner District 3, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Bob Ekdahl

Water District 2**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Jon "Pete" Rittmueller

Point Roberts Water District 4**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Scott Hackleman

Water District 7**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

George Kaas

Birch Bay Water and Sewer District**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Don Montfort

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**Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District****Commissioner District 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Todd Citron

Commissioner District 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One

Curtis Casey

Commissioner District 5, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for One

John Carter

Samish Water District**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Mike Roberts

Water District 13**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**Rebecca Cayen
Robert Vandenhaak**Glacier Water District 14****Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Deborah Ellen Baker

Columbia Valley Water District**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**Carl McDaniel
Shane J. Janitscheck**Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One**Brian Gillis
Rosemary Rich**Acme Water District 18****Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Gabe Harder

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One

Jim Sutterfield

Cemetery District 3**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One**

Scott Robertson

Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Floy R. Markham

Cemetery District 4**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Dixon Stremler

Cemetery District 5**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One**

Mary Boice

Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Kenneth John Ferry

Cemetery District 6**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Brandi Tilton

Cemetery District 7**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Mario Bonilla

Cemetery District 8**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Dan Bourks

Cemetery District 9**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Tod Arnason

Cemetery District 10**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Troy Luginbill

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One

Micah Moses

Cemetery District 11**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Gerald Tenkley

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Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1

**Proposition 2017-7
Regular Property Tax Levies**

The Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Park and Recreation District No. 1 adopted Resolution No. 17-4 concerning the following question: To support its programs and operations and replace an expiring levy, will the Point Roberts Park and Recreation District be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of \$0.215 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on property within the District for each of six consecutive years, commencing with a levy in 2017 for collection in 2018 and ending with a levy in 2022 for collection in 2023, as provided in District Resolution No. 17-4. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes _____
No _____

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Sonya Erica Liu

Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Arthur S. Reber

Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2

**Proposition 2017-8
Authorizing Continuing Property Tax Levy**

At their July 11, 2017 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2 adopted Resolution No. 2017-02 for continuing a property tax levy of \$0.10 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a six (6) year period (2018 - 2023) to fund staffing, operations, community program support, maintenance and capital improvements. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes _____
No _____

Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Sheli Moore

Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Billy Brown

Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Kevin Burke
Jerimy Saldivar
Rick Lair

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One

Tyler (T.J.) Timmermans

Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Nell McKay
Bob Johnson

Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District

**Proposition 2017-2
Establishing Six Year Regular Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Commissioners of Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 01-2017 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$0.60 or less per \$1,000.00. This Proposition would authorize the District to establish and maintain its regular property tax levy of \$0.60 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2018 through 2023 subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes _____
No _____

Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Donnell (Tank) Tanksley

Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Jessica Bee

**Lummi Island Park & Recreation District**

If Proposition 2017-4 fails, Proposition 2017-5 and commissioner positions shall be null and void.

**Formation of
Lummi Island Park and Recreation District
Proposition 2017-4**

This proposition concerns the formation of the Lummi Island Park and Recreation District. This proposition would create the Lummi Island Park and Recreation District, to be governed by five elected Park Commissioners. Should this proposition be enacted into law?

Yes _____
No _____

**Proposition 2017-5
Establishing Six Year Regular Property Tax Levy**

This proposition would authorize the district to impose a property tax levy of \$0.60 (60 cents) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for six (6) years to fund recreational facilities. Should this proposition be enacted into law?

Yes _____
No _____

**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Or 4
Year Term, Vote for One**

Robert (Bob) Auld

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Or 4
Year Term, Vote for One**

Janice Holmes

**Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Or 4
Year Term, Vote for One**

Ian Kirouac

**Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Or 4
Year Term, Vote for One**

Randy Smith

**Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Or 4
Year Term, Vote for One**

Noelle Maher
Tamia Sorensen

Chuckanut Community Forest Park District

**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year
Unexpired Term, Vote for One**

John McLaughlin

**Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year
Term, Vote for One**

Susan Kaun

**Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year
Term, Vote for One**

Frank James

Hospital District 304

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year
Term, Vote for One**

Chuck Ruhl

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year
Term, Vote for One**

Jeri Kaufman

Point Roberts Public Hospital District

**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year
Term, Vote for One**

Robin Nault



**Whatcom County
Proposition 2017-6
Public Safety and Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax**

Language on the Ballot:

The Whatcom County Council passed Ordinance 2017-037 concerning a proposition to authorize a sales and use tax for public safety purposes, including new jail facilities. This proposition would authorize a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.002) for public safety purposes, including costs associated with construction, maintenance, and operation of jail facilities, plus incarceration prevention, medical and behavioral health facilities and programs, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450. Half of this tax (0.001) will expire upon repayment of the total capital cost of jail facilities, or December 31, 2048, whichever occurs first. Should this proposition be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Explanatory Statement:

State law requires the County to provide a jail. The County Council has determined the current jail does not meet existing and future needs. If Proposition 2017-6 passes, the County will build a replacement jail in Ferndale, demolish the existing jail and construct an inmate holding space at the County Courthouse. The Proposition would add a sales and use tax at a rate of 0.2% (two-tenths of one percent) to be used for public safety, including construction and operation of a jail, and facilities and programs for medical and behavioral health services and incarceration prevention, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450.

Statement For:

We need a safe jail. The current jail's deplorable condition places inmates and employees at catastrophic risk. Defective locks allow prisoners to assault staff and other inmates. Potential tragedies and lawsuits threaten. Lack of space to separate inmates with mental health or chemical dependency issues is unsafe and inhumane. The new design provides 36 designated beds for mental health and medical treatment.

Since 2013, an increasing County population raised felony filings by 20%. The existing jail is dangerously small; overcrowding often causes booking restrictions, transfers to facilities across the state away from family connections, and early releases.

At just 20 cents per \$100 of non-food items the small sales tax increase funds not only construction but also ongoing operations and incarceration prevention initiatives-- something a property tax increase can't do. The proposal helps cities fund public safety needs, including police and fire departments. The related agreement between Bellingham and Whatcom County designates an additional \$30,000,000 over 30 years to expanded incarceration reduction and prevention programs.

Delayed construction escalates cost by \$6,000,000 annually. All Mayors, City Councils, County Council, County Executive and Sheriff support this modified proposal, reached by listening and compromise. Vote yes for a safe and humane jail.

Statement For prepared by:

Gene Knutson, Jon Mutchler, and Scott Korthuis

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Building an expensive new jail because of broken locks and other maintenance issues makes no sense. Like the tax we rejected in 2015, this proposal takes 100% of our public safety tax for 30 years. Simply adding beds won't fix overcrowding. We need to fully fund treatment and diversion instead of warehousing the mentally ill and those who can't afford bail. Whatcom Democrats, local businesses, and others endorse a 'No' vote.

Statement Against:

Voters should say 'no' to the proposed tax increase for the same reasons we voted it down in 2015. Quite simply, the tax is too high and there are too many problems with the proposed jail. If this tax passes, all of the county's public safety tax revenue will be sunk into a large jail for the next 30 years. A county sponsored report concluded "Any attempt to ease overcrowding by building a new facility will not address the underlying causes of population growth, and the new facility will quickly become overcrowded." The Vera Institute report outlines many ways to achieve a safe, sustainable, and fair justice system. The proposed large jail and new sheriff offices in Ferndale will disrupt our efficient law and justice system in downtown Bellingham, producing new security concerns while separating inmates and the accused from their families and lawyers. We have been paying a 0.1% public safety tax since 2004. Since then the county has failed to do basic building maintenance at the jail. We deserve a better plan, not the same plan we rejected two years ago. Demand a better justice plan. Vote 'no' on the jail tax.

Statement Against prepared by:

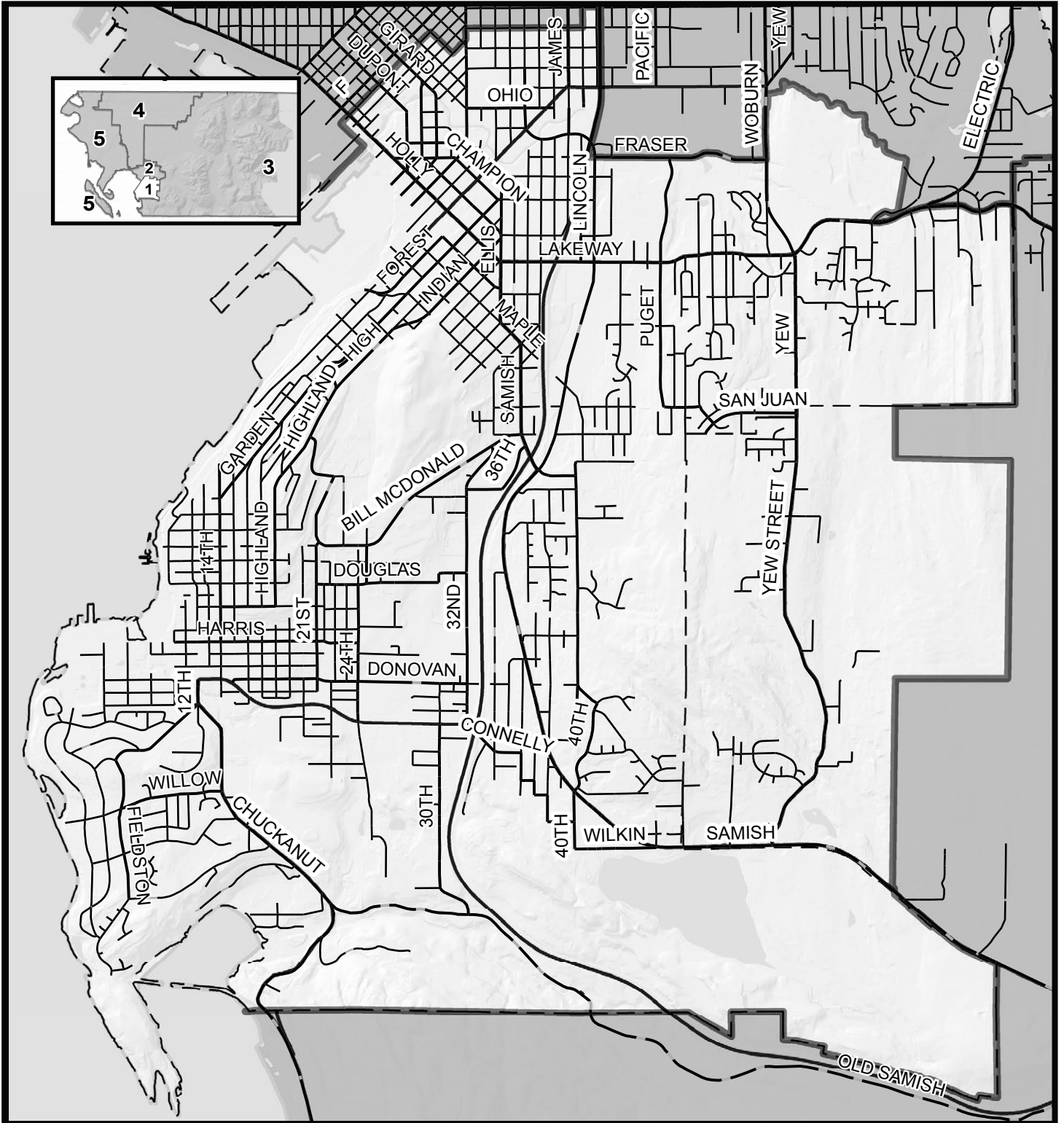
Josh Cerretti, Doug Starcher, and Dan McShane

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

This is a vastly improved plan from 2015. It funds operations, medical beds, mental-health treatment, and incarceration reduction and prevention programming along with jail construction. Unfortunately, costs will only get higher with further delay. The design facilitates future expansion if required by population growth. The 2004 tax enabled basic maintenance; the facility is now beyond economic repair. The I-5/Slater site is more convenient for local families and officers will return to patrols more quickly.

Map of Whatcom County Council District 1

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**Whatcom County - Council District 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term**Rud Browne**

Elected Experience: Currently Vice-Chair Whatcom County Council (elected at-large, 2013); Finance and Administrative Services Chair; Planning and Development Committee

Other Professional Experience: Former mechanic, commercial

fisherman, founder of Ryzex (a high tech green computer business) which created 360 jobs; won several environmental and "Best Work Place" awards. Recognized as one of Ernst & Young's Entrepreneurs of the Year in (2007)

Education: Studied Engineering, Mechanics & Marketing. Private Pilot.

Community Service: Brigid Collins Child Abuse & Family Support Center; Whatcom Community Foundation; Western Washington University CEME Board; Northwest Clean Air Agency, former Aircrew member US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Whatcom County Ethics Commission (partial list)

Statement: Since first elected, I have spent my time listening to people – both inside and outside Whatcom County government. I have learned from our county

workers, driven with first responders, walked farms, met with college students, environmentalists and employers. I've tried to combine this on-the-job county work with my business and environmental experience to make the best decisions I can – to make everyday life better for our residents.

Our water, air, open space, railroad traffic, jail, roads, economic development, environmental protections, and business regulations are but a few of the issues we have tackled and voted upon. All affect you.

Since January, we have a new set of challenges: dealing with a federal government like no other. Every day we face the demolishing of important Federal programs and policies that we fought hard to create: like the Environmental Protection Agency; vital healthcare for millions, and immigration changes which are negatively affecting our economy.

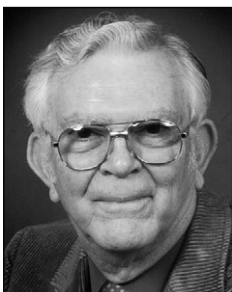
I simply cannot stand by and watch the best of what we are, what we have built, destroyed. I cannot think of a better use of my life at this point and time than to seek re-election. I would appreciate your vote.

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**Philip J. Morgan**

Elected Experience: Vast Experience with local non-profit community boards and organizations. No prior elected political office held.

Other Professional Experience: Sr. Electrical Engineer for energy companies, chlor alkali plant and

consulting firms (30 years experience). Engineer for commercial aviation (Boeing) and aerospace industry (Lockheed), Medic in United States Army.

Education: Studied at University of California- Berkley, degree from San Jose State University.

Community Service: We Care of Whatcom County, Life Church Bayside, Hillcrest Chapel, YMCA, Brookdale Retirement Center, Mt. Baker Toppers, election ballet observer, pro-bono electrical services for local non-profits.

Statement: My core beliefs and guiding compass come from the Christian values that have sustained me through my life. From my personal experiences, I have

proven that in our country you can start from the lowest of low and be successful.

If elected, I will listen to the electorate! The destruction of the ability to farm (through senseless over-regulation), illustrates the need to change membership of the County Council to grow a healthy and vibrant farm economy. Only new (fresh thinking) members of the council can accomplish this. If left to the current members of the County Council, the "pursuit of happiness" is a thing of the past in Whatcom County.

If elected, I will bring tax issues to the forefront. Community services and affordable housing do require fair taxes. Excessive taxation, brought on by oppressive property-use decisions of current council members is a burden none should bear. Here, again, new, fresh thinking council members are desperately needed.

If elected, I will look for new opportunities to secure a vibrant future for Whatcom County. The current council has jeopardized the ability of current and future generations to live, work and play in Whatcom County.

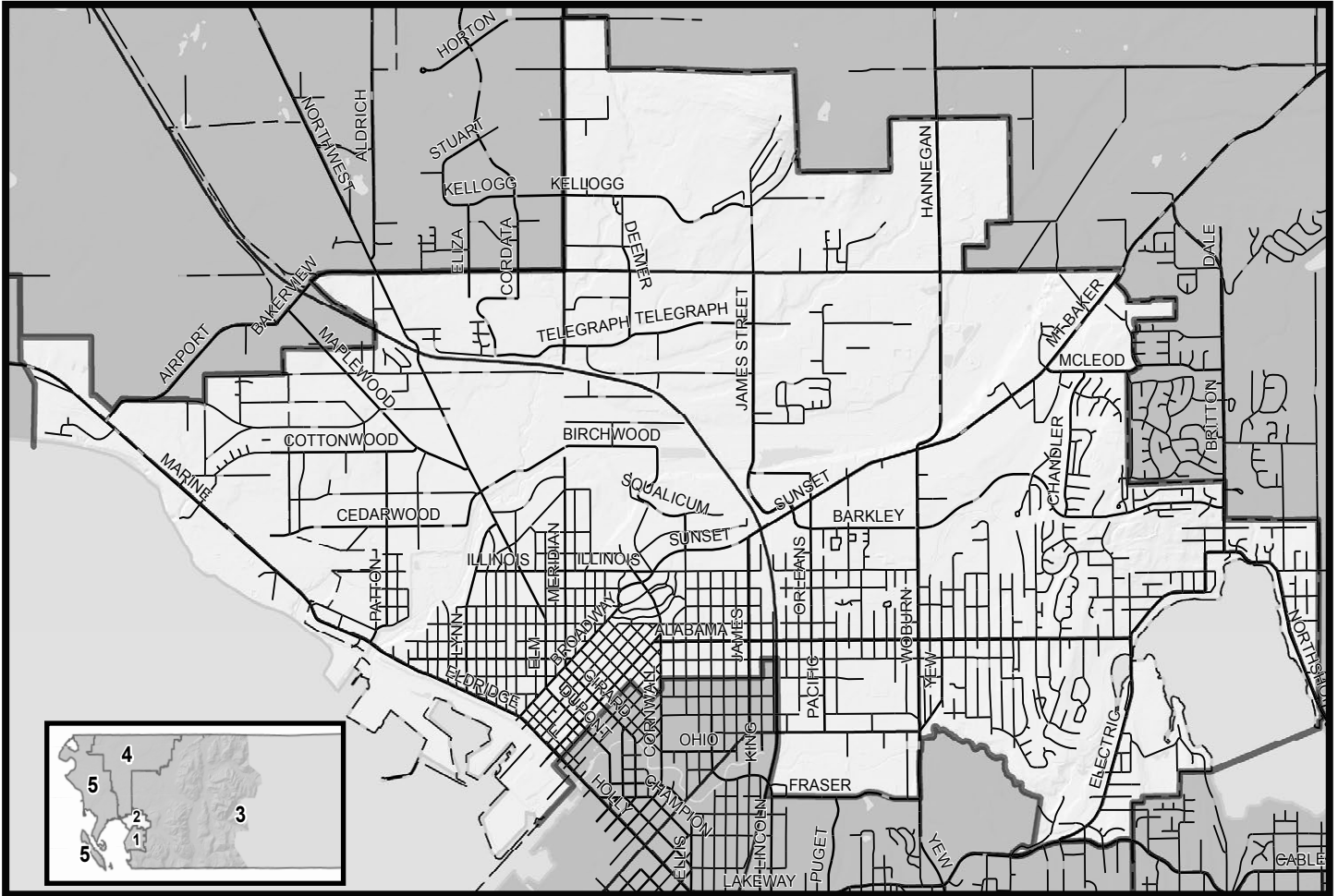
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Map of Whatcom County Council District 2

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



**Whatcom County - Council District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term****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, I am proud we moved Whatcom County

past coal – we enacted a moratorium barring a coal terminal at Cherry Point. I've also led the charge against Donald Trump. Our region spent over \$300,000 on security for his Lynden rally; I cosponsored a bi-partisan bill to request 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 it 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. Endorsed by Whatcom Democrats, Bellingham / Whatcom County Firefighters, Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood Votes, Washington Conservation Voters, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, Mayors Kelli Linville, Tim Douglas, Rep. Kris Lytton, and many more.

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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 empower the poor and the most vulnerable. Specific expertise in the treatment and prevention of child abuse. Direct service and management work with the US Army, State and local governments as well as non-profits and private practice.

Education: B.A. Social Services, University of New Hampshire; Master of Social Work, University of Connecticut

Community Service: Social work is in-the-trenches community service.

Statement: We spend 55% - 70% of our county budget directly or indirectly locking people up. Diversion from jail and preventive services including homes for the homeless, comprehensive triage, and enhanced drug, mental health and family courts are less costly and

more effective than incarceration. These initiatives will dramatically reduce our jail population, negating the need for a huge, wildly expensive jail. Sell the Ferndale property and fix or replace the old jail in town. As a fiscal conservative I can help save money, encourage effective humane services, that will keep the community safer.

Our present industries are important, but the future lies in the expansion of renewable energy businesses. Farmers, tribal leaders, municipalities and businesses must work together on the proper use and preservation of our water and environment while always honoring Native treaty rights.

A vote for me adds another progressive and woman to the council; it keeps my opponent on the council and avoids an undemocratic appointment by the council, where citizens have no vote.

Endorsed by you and Our Revolution, Planned Parenthood Act, Women's Political Caucus and preferred by Whatcom Green Party. Together, we'll put people first, enrich our business climate and enhance our quality of life.

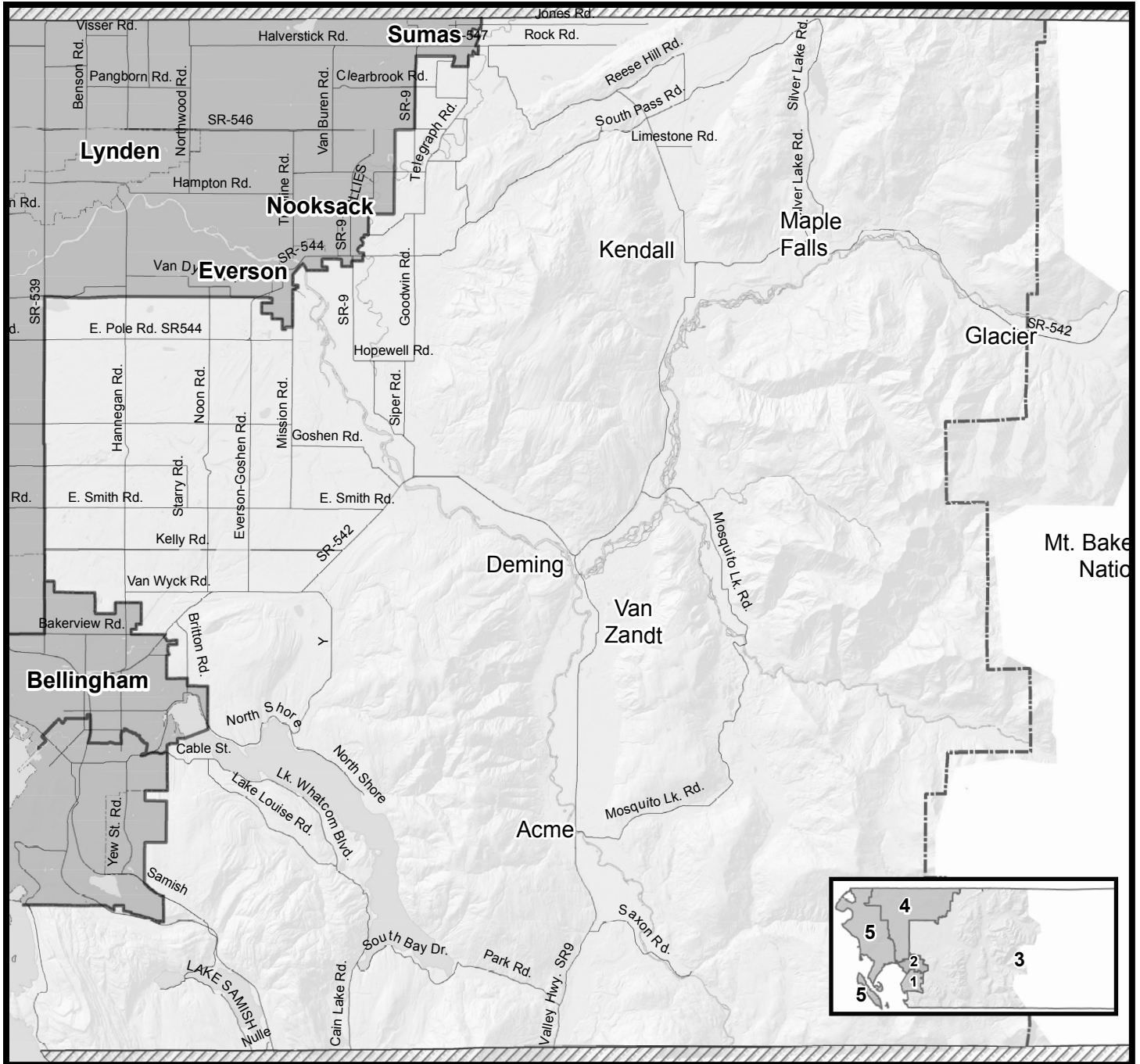
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Map of Whatcom County Council District 3

Only voters living in County Council District 3 may vote for candidates running in Council District 3.



**Whatcom County - Council District 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term****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 15 years, I've been a strong and consistent voice for community, tourism and economic development in East Whatcom. I'm excited to bring my skills and perspective to the Whatcom County Council.

My passion is making this community a great place to live. A healthy regional economy is the key to living wage jobs and opportunities. Protecting our environment while working to create jobs is how I'll represent you on the County Council.

I am aware of the need for support from the County in areas that feels distant from decision makers. District 3 is home to many of our County's most beautiful areas, these places are the gems of Whatcom County yet the people who live here sometimes feel unrepresented by the County Council. As someone who lives and works in the new Foothills and Lakes district, I'll be able to provide a voice to this large area and serve as a direct link to our community at the county level.

I'm endorsed by Washington Conservation Voters, Whatcom Democrats, The Riveters Collective, The Sierra Club, IAFF 106, and many other organizations and individuals. I'd be honored to have your vote!

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**Tyler Byrd**

Elected Experience: First run for public office

Other Professional Experience: *Current:* President/CEO, Red Rokk; Owner/Business Mentor, Invent Coworking/Incubator; *Past:* Director of Commercial Lending, Northwest Resource Federal

Credit Union; Co-Founder, Monster Pod Technologies; Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley. *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; Running Start, Whatcom Community College; International business classes at Linfield College

Community Service: *Current:* Rotary International; Whatcom Business Alliance; Bellingham Covenant Church; St. Paul's Academy. *Past:* Whatcom County Global Entrepreneurship Week

Statement: The County Council is a nonpartisan body. It should represent the people in a balanced manner. It doesn't. I'm saying no to partisan politics. I'm not seeking endorsement or money from any Party. Let's

start talking and actually listening to each other to solve our problems. Let's run on qualifications and issues not labels.

The County budget currently is about \$189,000,000; I'm the only candidate with experience with multimillion dollar budgets. The Council is overspending and preparing to raise taxes to cover the shortfalls; I believe we should operate within our means. Let's use common sense when making regulations, weighing the implementation costs with the expected outcomes.

Mayors across the county have endorsed me and believe I have the skills to work effectively with them, including Lynden, Nooksack, Everson, Sumas and Ferndale. So have the hard-working families of the Washington Farm Bureau and Whatcom County Association of Realtors.

District 3 is broad and diverse. It's the only district without government representation at any other local level. We have different needs and struggles than other districts. We need a strong, experienced person at the table to negotiate positive outcomes for rural residents. I would be honored to receive your vote.

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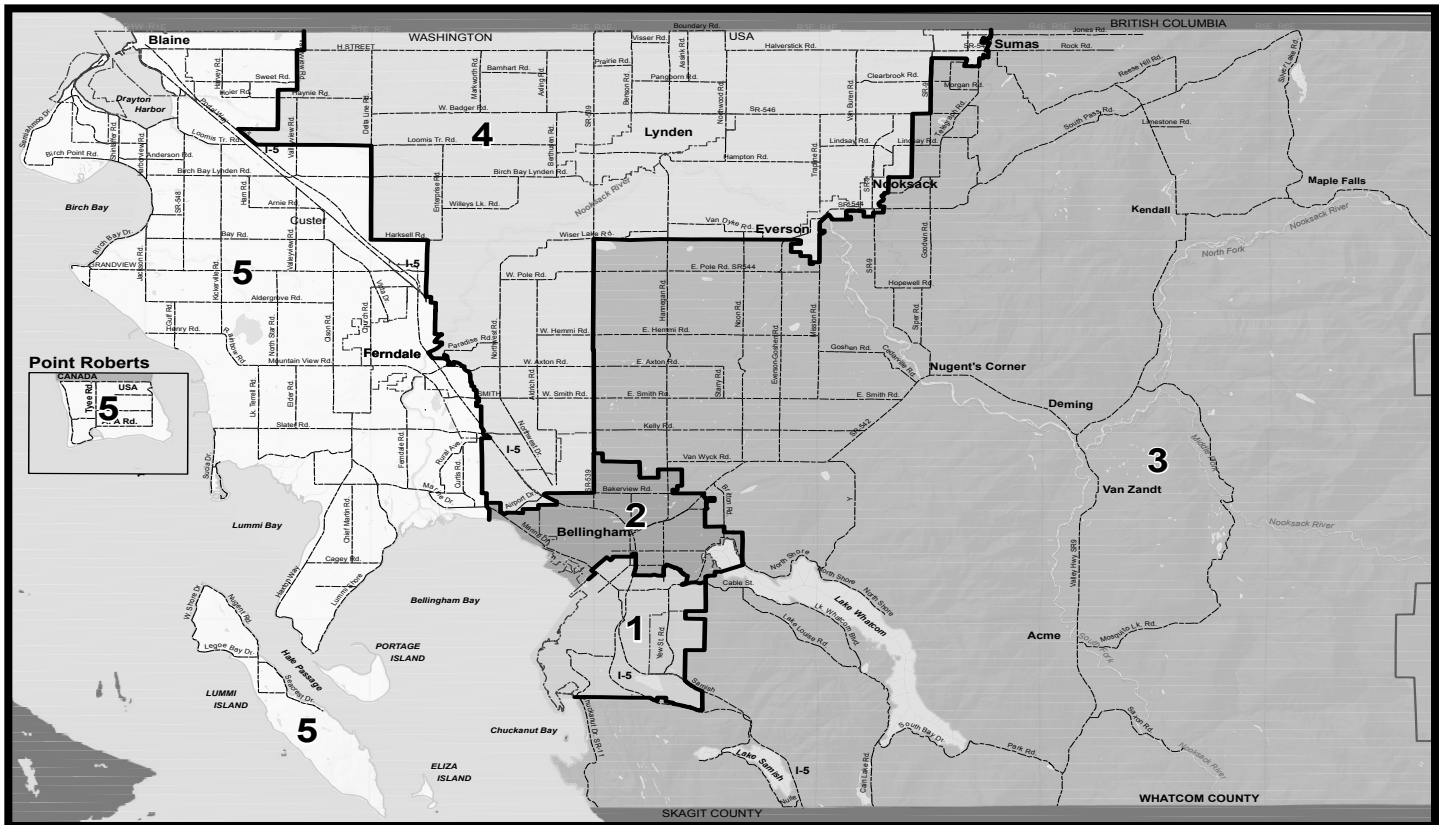
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Map of Whatcom County Council At-Large Position A

All registered voters in the county may vote for candidates running for the County Council At-Large Position A.

The County Council At-Large *Position B* will be on the ballot in 2019, along with District 4 & 5.



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To see the County Council member that represents you, log into MyVote.wa.gov (select My Elected Officials)

**Whatcom County - Council At-Large Position A** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term**Barry Buchanan**

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Council (elected 2013, elected chair 2016 and 2017); Bellingham City Council

Other Professional Experience: Owner, Buchanan Consulting; Vice President, Bianchi Group; General Manager, Doyle Training

Co; Supervisor, Heath Tecna Aerospace; Lead Engineer, Lockheed Missiles and Space Co.; US Navy veteran

Education: Graduate Bellingham High School; US Navy Advanced Electronics; Ohlone and San Jose City College, Computer Science

Community Service: Chair, Flood Control Zone Board of Supervisors; Emergency Management Services (EMS) Oversight Board, Board Member, Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce; Board Member, Northwest Economic Council; Board Member, Whatcom County Council of Governments; Board Member, Downtown Bellingham Partnership; Co-Founder Bellingham High School Alumni Band

Statement: Barry Buchanan is a fourth-generation Whatcom County native and a US Navy Veteran. His priorities are simple: Keep the great quality of life we've had here since his great-grandparents moved here over

a century ago. This means preserving our farmlands and our agricultural tradition by responsibly managing growth.

Barry has created jobs and revitalized Bellingham's waterfront by supporting a company to expand its operations; preserved jobs at Cherry Point by blocking plans to ship refinery jobs overseas; crafted the voter-approved levy to make countywide emergency medical services even stronger; reduced the need for an oversized new jail by working to implement alternative to incarceration.

Barry knows Whatcom County government needs to be responsible with our tax dollars. Barry has the experience to run our county efficiently – he is the current chair of the county council; a military veteran; and has worked on big projects like the space shuttle and Trident nuclear submarines.

Barry and his wife Judy have been married for over forty years and they are proud to call Whatcom County their home. Barry is honored to be endorsed by Bellingham/Whatcom Firefighters Local 106, Washington Conservation Voters, Whatcom Young Democrats, and the Teamsters.

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**Mary Kay Robinson**

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Currently broker, Windermere Real Estate. Previously, VP/branch manager, Banner Bank; executive director, Whatcom Symphony Orchestra; VP/branch manager,

Washington Mutual.

Education: Bachelor's degree, music education, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Master of Business Administration, University of Northern Colorado.

Community Service: I've been active in many community organizations, currently serving on the LAW Advocates board, Whatcom County Ethics Commission and Whatcom Community College Nursing Advisory Board. Last year I was president of the Whatcom County Association of Realtors. Awards: Finalist, 2014 Professional Business Woman of the Year, Whatcom Women in Business; 2016 Ambassador of the Year, Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce.

Statement: We have serious issues facing our community; rapidly rising home prices and rents, a moratorium on wells, living-wage jobs being threatened

and farmers are struggling with regulatory excesses. Too often the struggles of renters, landowners, business owners and farmers are ignored. It's time to listen, ask questions and change the conversation.

We need a fresh perspective and an open mind to find solutions to our complex challenges. As a longtime businesswoman, I've learned to seek both sides of an issue. It's possible to protect our environment and water supply while still making it possible for businesses and farms to thrive.

I'm endorsed by respected elected officials, including Lynden Mayor Scott Korthuis, Ferndale Mayor Jon Mutchler, Everson Mayor John Perry, Nooksack Mayor Jim Ackerman and Sumas Mayor Bob Bromley. I'm supported by many community leaders, including Rich Appel, Lesa Boxx, Carmen Denson, Mimi (Osterdahl) Eggers, Dennis Hill, Kamyar Monsef, Jon Soine, Rick Sucee, Allison Trimble and Debbie Vander Veen.

Vowing to serve all county residents, I humbly ask for your vote.

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



Michael Alvarez Shepard

Elected Experience: Michael served as Whatcom County Democratic Party Precinct Committee Officer from 2007-2009.

Other Professional Experience: Instructional Designer and faculty member for graduate programs in Environmental Studies and

Cultural Sustainability. Undergraduate Anthropology instructor for incarcerated student prison education program. Previously, an eLearning Director at Whatcom Community College and Cultural Documentation Coordinator at Northwest Indian College.

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

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

Statement: Thank you for our big primary win, we earned 59.3% of the vote! We all know that Whatcom County is a great place to live, but it is becoming a hard place to afford. I am running for Commissioner because I believe

the Port 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 growing income inequality. As Port Commissioner I will fight for family wage jobs, smart growth, and environmental sustainability – for *all* of Whatcom County.

I am endorsed by 14 labor unions, including Bellingham/Whatcom Firefighters. Additionally, I am endorsed by Whatcom Democrats, Washington Conservation Voters and Whatcom Commercial Fishermen's Association. On Commission, I will work to see the Waterfront Development reflect our community values, including immediate public access and diverse employment opportunities. I will advocate for our marine trades industries, agriculture, clean energy, and restoration of our waterways. Your Port should work for you, and I will work to make that happen. Your Port, Our Future!

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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., Interlube Sales, The Hama

Hama Company and Party Store Co.; Past Director, Bank of Washington and Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce

Education: Bellingham High School 1962; U.S. Army 1965-1971; Western Washington University, BA Industrial Technology; 45 years in business management; Ownership in 7 businesses; Director for 9 companies

Community Service: Counselor, 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: I am a life-long resident of Whatcom County. My wife, Kathy, is a retired school teacher. We have four children and eight grandchildren, most of them

live here. We love Whatcom County!

During my tenure, I've never missed a Commission meeting or a meeting of the Washington Public Port Association. I was elected President of the Commission twice in my four year term.

We have achieved many positive outcomes over the past four years, including saving local taxpayers \$860,000 by rewriting bonds; Securing a 300,000 square foot cold storage warehouse in Lynden; Getting the Bellingham shipping terminal working again; Creating 500+ jobs; Starting construction on the new waterfront district; Saving taxpayers \$1,400,000 by moving to self-insured health insurance; and Rehabilitating multiple structures in Blaine Harbor to support a working waterfront.

I want to continue to maximize Port property to attract businesses and tourists and to provide a quality waterfront for families to be proud of and enjoy. I humbly ask that you return me to the Commission so I can continue the great work we've been doing for our community. I ask for your vote for Port Commissioner.

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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 requires business expertise and a balanced outlook on what we need on our waterfront property. That is why I am running as a non-partisan candidate. Along with 3

other candidates in the County I have not accepted the endorsement of any political party. We have enough issues to wade through that we need to move beyond partisan divides.

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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**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 Ward 2* - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Gene Knutson

Elected Experience:

Elected in 1993, Re-Elected in 1997, 2001, 2005, 2009, 2013.
 Council President
 1995, 1999, 2006, 2010, 2015.
 Fire Pension Board
 1995, 1999, 2006, 2008, 2009.
 Police Pension Board
 2008, 2009, 2010. AWC Municipal

Leadership Award 1997.

Other Professional Experience: Employed at Bellingham Cold Storage for the last 42 years.

Education: Bellingham High School, Whatcom Community College.

Community Service: Bellingham Central Lions Club,

Bellingham Elks Lodge, United Way, Little League Baseball Coach for 20 years 1972-1992.

Statement: It has been my honor to serve on the Bellingham City Council for the last 24 years. I still enjoy my job because Bellingham is filled with wonderful people to work with, Council members, Mayor, City Employee's and most of all the citizens of Bellingham. Together we have built a great city and i will continue to work on keeping it that way. I have lived the Bellingham dream all my life and i want that for all the people of Bellingham. Together we can keep Bellingham "GREAT" I ask for your support.

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City of Bellingham - *Council Ward 4* - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Pinky Vargas

Elected Experience: Bellingham City Councilmember, Ward 4, Elected in 2013. President of City Council 2016. Committees: Finance and Parks and Recreation, Chair of Community and Economic Development.

Other Professional Experience:

Pinky has worked for Puget Sound Energy for 8 years, working with businesses, and communities on Energy Efficiency. Pinky was instrumental in spearheading the Bellingham Energy Prize. Nominee, Whatcom Professional Women of the Year, 2015.

Education: University of Phoenix/ Business, Leadership Whatcom, Project Management, Toastmasters.

Community Service: Pinky serves on the Boards for Bellingham Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Partnership, and Bellingham Whatcom Tourism. Past: Opportunity Council, Mount Baker Theater, Lake Whatcom Natural Resources, Greenways.

Statement: It's been a privilege and pleasure to serve on Bellingham City Council. I initially ran to be a voice for women, the environment, and social justice; a voice

that feels even more critical today.

I have a vision of a vibrant, healthy city and I'm focused on the most important challenges we're facing: Housing, Homelessness, and Economic Development. These are not Bellingham's challenges alone and cannot be solved in isolation. We are interconnected and need to work together for solutions where everyone thrives. My approach is to have a Regional Economic Strategy to explore the strength and possibilities of partnerships with our county, cities, tribes, and cross border opportunities.

I believe Bellingham is a city of vibrant people and I want our city image to reflect that. I'm proud of my Resolution to adopt the Bellingham flag. A strong symbol creates a sense of pride and a sense of place. I'm working on several exciting projects that can help our beautiful city tell our story.

I love this job and ask for your support to continue to work hard to create opportunities, housing, and jobs, and stand up for the rights of our residents and our environment. Thank you.

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**City of Bellingham - Council Ward 6** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term**Michael Lilliquist****Elected Experience:** Bellingham City Council**Other Professional Experience:** Paralegal; neuropsychometrist; behavioral neuroscience researcher; college instructor**Education:** BA History and BS Psychology, University of

Washington; PhD in Behavioral Neuroscience, University of Texas at Austin; Advanced Paralegal Certificate, Edmonds Community College; Certificate of Municipal Leadership, AWC

Community Service: Partial List: Teacher and youth mentor, Bellingham Unitarian fellowship; volunteer program coordinator, LAW Advocates' Street law program; Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services board member; WTA board member; Downtown Bellingham Partnership board member, Chamber of Commerce board member; Sustainable Connections board member, Lake Whatcom Watershed Advisory Board member, Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission, Larrabee Elementary Site Council, and School Superintendent's Parents Advisory Council**Statement:** I raised my daughter in Bellingham, in a

house here on these streets, volunteering in these schools, playing in these parks, with the people of Bellingham as neighbors and friends. My daughter changed my life, bringing me to a new level of engagement and dedication to our community, which led to running for City Council eight years ago. It would be a privilege to continue to serve as your representative.

Over these last two terms, my commitment has grown. I dig into critical issues by listening and learning, with an eye to solutions that benefit all of us, and that fit Bellingham's values.

This hard work includes: Championing more parks and sustainable development plans for the Waterfront, saving the Granary, and supporting local employers that provide the kind of jobs we want. Better programs for Lake Whatcom: We've moved beyond preventing future harm to now reversing and removing existing threats to our water quality. Improving safety for cyclists, pedestrians, and school children. Revising the way we measure park services: We will focus on equity and where needs are greatest. Resisting expensive sprawl, while looking for appropriate infill and responsible expansion. I ask for your vote to continue working for you

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**Quenby Peterson****Elected Experience:** Bellingham School Board, 2015 to present.**Other Professional Experience:** Former Whatcom County Budget Analyst; Financial/Statistical Analyst in the medical insurance industry; have also worked for the US Census Bureau and local small

businesses.

Education: Bachelor of Arts from Western Washington University in Sociology and Political Science, minor in Women's Studies.**Community Service:** In addition to serving on the Bellingham School Board, I currently volunteer in our schools, parks and with my daughter at the Whatcom Humane Society. I've also worked with the Bellingham Food Bank, Opportunity Council, Blue Skies for Children, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement, Mount Baker Theatre, and Habitat for Humanity.**Statement:** I enjoy serving the Bellingham community as an elected School Board member and was honored to be asked to run for City Council, Ward 6. I will

bring a fresh perspective and collaborative approach to moving our city forward with active listening and community engagement. I am proud to live and raise my children in Bellingham and will work to ensure we provide a safe and healthy culture and climate for all. I will continually advocate for non-discriminatory access for all to clean water and air, healthy food and shelter, safe and nurturing environments, and quality healthcare including robust mental healthcare and substance abuse treatment. Economic vitality for job retention and growth is essential; small and large businesses must feel valued and supported as we increase living-wage jobs. I am passionate about the arts and music and will continue to support the contributions of art to our vibrant culture. Bellingham is both big and small enough to meet the needs of our increasingly diverse residents while maintaining the unique neighborhoods and places that make this the place we want to call home. I humbly ask that you vote Quenby Peterson, a vote for our future.

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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 Washington Conservation Voters, Whatcom County Democrats, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest, Northwest Washington Central Labor Council and Whatcom County Association of Realtors.

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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 together we can build a better Bellingham 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 laws.

Issues that need attention are *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. When we work together for a better Bellingham it is possible to enact policies that are friendly to home owners, builders, renters, the environment, and higher wage job producers.

As the homeless population continues to grow, they 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.

My great-grandfather came from Sweden. I am the fourth generation of my family to live and work in Bellingham. I greatly appreciate your vote.

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City of Bellingham - *Municipal Court Judge* - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Debra Lev

Legal/Judicial Experience: Bellingham Municipal Court Judge/City of Bellingham; Elected Municipal Court Judge, 2002-2005; 2006-2009; 2010-2013; 2014 to present.

Other Professional Experience: Private attorney; Appointed Court

Commissioner of Bellingham Municipal Court; Judge Pro Tempore for the cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Sumas, Everson, Nooksack, and Whatcom County; Assigned Counsel (City of Bellingham); Deputy District Attorney (PA); Associate Editor (MI)

Education: Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, Stetson University College of Law; BA University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Community Service: School/Volunteer - Bellingham School District; Outreach programs providing court education to students; Volunteer Lawyer Program/Street Law; Boys and Girls Club of Whatcom County volleyball coach

Statement: It has been my privilege to serve as

Bellingham's Municipal Court Judge for the past 15 years. With 25 years of judicial experience, and working alongside our dedicated court staff, during my four terms Bellingham Municipal Court continues to implement many innovative programs meeting the growing needs of our community.

In 2004, I established Whatcom County's first Domestic Violence Court. For the past 13 years, it has proven to be very successful and a model program for other jurisdictions in Washington State. Bellingham Municipal Court has recently added a Mental Health Court with very positive results benefitting the member participants and the community as a whole. Other successful programs include community outreach opportunities with local elementary and middle school students. Our annual award-winning Law Day celebration continues to be a huge success with over 400 local eighth graders participating at Bellingham Municipal Court programs.

Thank You.

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City of Blaine - *Ward 1 Position 2* - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Bonnie Onyon

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City of Blaine - Council Ward 2 Position 4 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Charles Hawkins

Elected Experience: 3 terms on Blaine City Council.

Other Professional Experience: 35 years fishing in Puget Sound and Alaska on gillnetters, purse seiners, fish tenders and crab boats, operated a local cafe and I now work as a bus driver for Blaine

School District.

Education: I graduated from Blaine HS and attended Skagit Valley College and WWU.

Community Service: I have volunteered with Wings Over Water, The Plover, and Stafholt. I have been a member of the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Board and worked with the Port of Bellingham Advisory Board, Stormwater Committee, and the Blaine Park Board. Plus many more.

Statement: The responsibility of the Blaine City Council members is to represent the people in their Ward, and the city as whole.

As a Council member I will continue to make decisions in the best interest of the city of Blaine. I will strive to bring economic stability. I will focus on the issues that matter most. I will make it my goal to preserve our small town integrity while preparing us for the future.

My Blaine roots to back four generations, with both my fathers and mothers family.

My wife, Marsha and I have raised five children and now enjoy spending time with our grandchildren and extended family.

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Justin Ledesma

Elected Experience: Treasurer of the YDWC for one year

Other Professional Experience: General Manger for a local small business in Whatcom County. Budget Analyst for the Army Reserves. Four year of Active Duty military with one deployment to the Middle East

Education: 2 year degree from Whatcom Community College and am currently enrolled at Western Washington University for a 4 year degree in Human Services

Community Service: I work extensivley with local non-profits of Whatcom County through my job as a General Manager.

Statement: I have decided to run for City Council because I am tired of being upset with current politics

and never attempting to fix things.

My goal is to fight compacency at all levels of government by challenging myself and anyone who holds current office. No one should just be given an elected seat because there was not anyone to run against them. If I can challenge someone to work for their votes, be held accountable, and earn the seat, democracy gets stronger.

If elected however, I will work my hardest at the oppurtunity to represent my neighbors because I want to be the change. I can bring a young and fresh perspective to the Council, as well as my background in Social Services, Business, and Military ethics. I will do what I have always wanted, listen to the people around me and act as the people who voted for me want. Lets work together to be the change, and start from the bottom, up.

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**City of Blaine - Council Ward 3 Position 6 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term****H. Paul Greenough**

Elected Experience: Current Mayor Pro Tem of Blaine, completing my second full term on the Blaine City Council.

Other Professional Experience: Current Chairman of the Whatcom Transit Authority (WTA) Board of Directors. US Government

Foreign Service Officer specializing in sustainable economic development (USAID). Professor of Mathematics (Marshall University)

Education: M.A., Ph.D. in Mathematics from Indiana University, Bloomington Indiana. B.A. in Mathematics from DePauw University, Greencastle Indiana.

Community Service: Blaine Planning Commission. Volunteer emergency communication specialist in the Blaine Police Department Auxiliary Communications Service.

Statement: I have lived in Blaine for fifteen years, coming to cherish its unique character. But the Blaine we all love is facing an increasingly bleak financial

future. Each year costs rise faster than the City's income increases.

And our citizens want more than just preserving the status quo. We want more recreational opportunities. We want new facilities, including a larger library, a new police station, and a community center.

So far, we have been able to economize, and find new sources of income. This cannot continue – and this approach will not provide the improved facilities we all want. The only long-term solution is growth in population and economic activity, leading to growth in sales and property tax receipts.

Achieving this requires encouraging slow, careful growth. This in turn depends on two things: growth of a variety of housing options, and growth in employment, particularly in jobs that pay well. My twenty-five years of professional experience in fostering economic development has given me the experience and tools to evaluate options for sustainable growth with equity for all of our citizens. I appreciate your support of my efforts to make Blaine a better place for all of us.

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**Eric Davidson**

Elected Experience: This is my first time running for public office

Other Professional Experience: Work as Registered Nurse; Former Fiscal Manager at WWU Overseeing budgets for Public Safety forecasting balanced long term budgets;

US Air Force, Retired Major, Two deployments to Iraq as Director of Operations managing patient care, movement & evacuation, hospital operations and budget management; Previous restaurant owner

Education: BS Business Finance, CSU, Stanislaus; AS Nursing School, Whatcom CC; AS in Administration, Modesto JC

Community Service: Current Chairman of Blaine Public Works Committee; President and Founding Member of the Lettered Street Neighborhood Association and Co-Founder of G Street Neighborhood Watch; Member Blaine Revenue Task Force

Statement: It would my privilege to serve as a Blaine City Council Member, and to serve our families,

business owners, and community organizations. I believe a sustainable, long-term economic and fiscal plan is needed for our city's success in improving Blaine citizens' quality of life. We must work hard to attract businesses which create local jobs and work with educators who are preparing tomorrow's leaders. I believe my willingness to work together with businesses, families, churches, schools, neighborhood and community organizations for betterment of Blaine will help achieve this goal.

As a City Council Member, I recognize the council's ability to make real change in our community; the kind of change that does not lie in our state or federal government, but in our local community and government involvement. I will be a City Council Member that sees this involvement and new ideas about the future of Blaine as an exciting and essential part of what makes Blaine great. I will work tirelessly with and for citizens, local business, and community organizations to help continue to build the Blaine all our citizens want to see now and in the future.

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

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

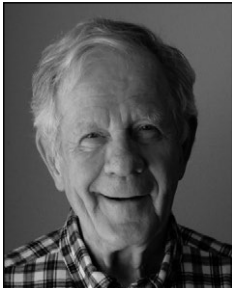
business owner in several cities. Her latest efforts came to fruition when she organized a group of 1400 parents, collaborated with elected officials and local business owners to successfully revitalize historic downtown Lafayette, Colorado.

Education: Graduated with honors with Master's in Social Work San Diego State University; B.A. in American Ethnic Studies and Psychology from University of Washington; 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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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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City of Everson - Mayor - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

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City of Everson - Council Position 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Jaleen M. Pratt

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City of Everson - Council Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Jennifer Lautenbach

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City of Everson - Council Position 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Matthew Goering

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience:
Owner - Herb Niemanns Steakhouses have worked in the grocery industry for over 25 years. Currently working for Fred Meyer.

Education: Graduated from Lynden High School

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I am excited to represent the Everson community with managing growth using common sense and collaboration for the future of our town.

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City of Everson - Council Position 5 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Year Unexpired Term
Alicia R. Oetting

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Thomas (Tag) Mills

Elected Experience: No previous experience.

Other Professional Experience: Senior Manager for a well-known medical company for the past 28 years both in Australia and the US. Previous Justice of the Peace in Australia and New Zealand.

Vietnam Vet – Royal Australian Navy Medic.

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Member of the Honor Guard for VFW Post 9301. Participated in the 2016 Memorial Day

Ceremonies Lynden and Greenwood Cemeteries. Also the 2016 Lynden, Sumas and Everson Parades. Proud to be the one to carry 'Old Glory' in each of the parades. Donated excess garden vegetables to the Everson Food Bank

Statement: I am proud to be an American and proud to live in Everson. My one goal is to give back to the community. I will do whatever I can to support my city and the people who live and work here

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Travis J. Remy

Elected Experience: Currently appointed to Position 5 on the City of Everson Council

Other Professional Experience: Personal Insurance Agent, 2016-Present. Bank Branch Manager, 2011-2014

Education: Lynden High School, Class of 2007. Whatcom Community College

Community Service: Active volunteer for the Lynden

Pioneer Museum. Lynde 500 Committee, 2011-present

Statement: I've been serving on the Everson City council since 2015, and hope to continue to do so for many years. As a citizen of Everson for 15 years, I feel as though it is my duty to ensure the City is cared for and it's citizens are heard, and the best way to do that is to continue to serve you on the Everson City Council.

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**City of Ferndale - Council Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - Short & Full 4 Year Term**Cathy Watson**

Elected Experience: City Councilmember since January 2012; Whatcom Transportation Authority Board; Public Works Committee; Liaison to Senior Center, Downtown Association, Arts Commission; Mayor Pro Tempore (Jan 2014-Dec 2015).

Other Professional Experience: Veteran, Coast Guard (active/reserves) and Navy reserves; NASA scientist, Webmaster, and space station experiment manager; middle school math and science teacher.

Education: B.A. Journalism, M.S. Meteorology, Middle School Teaching Certificate, AWC Certificate of Municipal Leadership.

Community Service: Volunteer, Ferndale Auxiliary Communications Service and Emergency Response Network, Chamber of Commerce, Community Meal, Friends of the Ferndale Library, Lego Mindstorms Club, Vista Girls Robotics Club, and Whatcom Unified Emergency Management Team.

Statement: My life is public service, first serving our Nation in the military and at NASA, then locally as a student mentor and volunteer. I believe that working as a

community allows us to achieve more than we could as individuals.

We must preserve existing jobs. But that is not enough; we must also create new family-wage jobs. Leading the *Ferndale Made* marketing campaign, I'm working to recruit entrepreneurs and existing businesses to our city. There is also work to be done on the Thornton Connector and other traffic flow improvements, projects that deserve and will receive the same attention I provided to our new Ferndale Library.

My work as a NASA scientist trained me to solve these complex problems facing our community within the constraints of limited resources and budgets, while maintaining high standards. My six years on City Council are notable for listening to and working with Ferndale citizens, businesses, fellow Councilmembers, and Staff to build a stronger, more prosperous Ferndale.

I would be honored to receive your vote so I may continue *working for you*, and together, we will make Ferndale a better place to work, raise a family, and thrive! Thank you for your support.

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**Derrick Watson**

Elected Experience: Never run for political office.

Other Professional Experience: Contractor at BP Cherry Point for six years. Owner Watson Legal Support. Founder and President of Watson Athletics. T-Mobile Account Expert.

Education: Political Science Major at Southern New Hampshire University. Accepted to Arizona Summit Law School.

Community Service: 21 years coaching youth sports. President of Policy Council for Head Start 2010-2011, Opportunity Council Board of Directors 2010 - 2011, President of the Bellingham Sea Hawks 2014 - 2017, Member of T-Mobile's Diversity and Inclusion Council 2016 - Present.

Statement: Derrick Watson is a leader. He brings a fresh and new perspective on how to responsibly grow the city and wants to work with the Mayor, Council Members and the Citizens of Ferndale to make sure

we protect our quality of life here in Ferndale. He and Jennifer have four children they are raising in Ferndale, and this is Jennifer's hometown, so the Watson family is committed to making sure Ferndale grows responsibly and benefits all families. Derrick understands the need to have retail stores to drive sales tax revenue and bring more jobs to the City and will work to bring more retailers here. He understands the importance that the Thornton overpass plays in alleviating congestion and will work hard to get that project completed. Derrick is opposed to tax increases and believes that if we grow Ferndale responsibly, we can keep taxes where they are, and he will work towards that end. He's not a politician. He's a Ferndale youth football coach that cannot wait to tackle Ferndale's issues head on and *Team Up to Grow Ferndale!* He would be honored to receive your vote for City Council Position 5 For more information go to www.votederrickwatson.com

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City of Ferndale - Council Position 6 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Connie Faria

Elected Experience: City Councilmember - 2008-2011

Other Professional Experience: Ferndale Planning Commissioner, Crisis Text Line Counselor, past Chairperson - Ferndale Parks, Recreation & Trails Board, past Kindermusik Educator, USAF -

1993-94

Education: Currently finishing my AAS at Whatcom Community College before continuing on to my BS in Human Services.

Community Service: Volunteer with Ferndale School District, Past Ferndale Library Storytime Volunteer, Old Settlers Association, Founding President of the MOMS Club of Ferndale

Statement: I was raised with parents that were involved in their community. I believe in continuing the tradition of service. After leaving the Air Force and settling down with my husband in Whatcom County, I have made an

effort to be involved in our community. Since 1999, I have volunteered at the Ferndale Library, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Cascadia Elementary School, the Old Settlers Association, and served as Chair of the Ferndale Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board. I was the founding President of the MOMS Club of Ferndale and was a Kindermusik Educator. My husband and I have three active children who attend school in Ferndale and participate in a variety of sports in our community. I look forward to bringing more recreational activities to Ferndale and having more retail shopping opportunities here. But, I know that it is up to us to have high standards when development comes here. As a Fiscal Conservative, I understand that it is important for growth to pay for itself and ensure that we are pursuing traffic solutions. I want to see Ferndale retain its small-town feel and plan for growth. I look forward to serving on your City Council again.

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Kate Hansen

Elected Experience: First time candidate

Other Professional Experience: Case Manager, community mental health organization; Program Manager, local homeless shelter; Teen Homelessness Prevention Specialist, YMCA; Librarian

Assistant, community college

Education: BA, Community Studies, University of CA; Elementary Education, Western Washington University

Community Service: United States Peace Corps, Project Homeless Connect, community health outreach and education, youth groups, middle school student mentor

Statement: Hi, my name is Kate Hansen, and Ferndale is changing. As one of the fastest growing cities in the state, our infrastructure will be pushed to its limits in the coming years. It is important that our water

treatment systems be up to the challenge. We need to push forward on improving our roads and traffic flow so we can spend less time getting home. I will support expanding our parks and trails to keep Ferndale's natural beauty the envy of our state. The families of Ferndale work hard and deserve nothing less.

For the last twelve years I have worked in human services, advocating for those around me; I want to use those skills to represent the citizens of Ferndale. I will listen to the concerns of working families, local business owners, and long-time residents to champion their needs. I am a creative problem solver who works well with others and am excited to tackle the many issues facing our city. I am ready and motivated to step into a role helping my community in a broader and more meaningful way.

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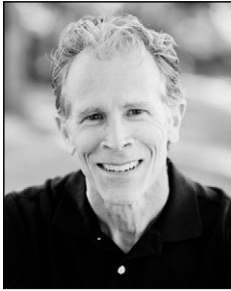
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City of Ferndale - Council Position 7 - Nonpartisan Office - Short and Full 4 Year Term



Fred Kennedy

Elected Experience: Ferndale Planning Commission Appointee, 2013

Other Professional Experience: Business professional with over 30 years work experience for engineering, procurement and construction firms, having built

projects in 20 states and 2 countries. Consulting business owner, contractor, patent developer and a prior service business entrepreneur.

Education: Bachelor of Science, Building Construction Technology, Purdue University, 1983. Dale Carnegie School, Effective Leadership Skills 2010, Sales Advantage 2011.

Community Service: Volunteer at Community Boating Center, Bellingham, BP REACH-Out program for Whatcom County families in need, Board of Directors, Ferndale Alliance Church, past volunteer youth hockey coach, prior president of Buckeye Land Management, Inc., and two HOA boards.

Statement: Fred has a history as a team builder guiding municipalities, developers and contractors towards common goals on roadways, water treatment, subdivision improvements, housing and recreation. Fred is well qualified to serve the City of Ferndale. His focus will be on traffic and infrastructure improvements along with well-managed, environmentally friendly growth. He wants to keep our fresh air, clean water and quality of life and develop opportunities for local jobs, new business, and to encourage more vitality in Downtown Ferndale.

Fred is raising 2 of his 4 children here, and like any other parent, wants to see children thrive and have strong community ties to Ferndale. He will listen to your ideas on how to make our great city even better. He will work for you with an open mind, and will work with the Mayor, city staff, councilmembers and committees to balance business interests, environmental stewardship and to promote Ferndale as a great place to live and work.

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City of Lynden - *Mayor* - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Scott Korthuis

Elected Experience: Mayor of Lynden (2010-present)

Other Professional Experience: Product Manager, Oxbo International Corporation (2017-1988); Process Engineer, Georgia-Pacific, Bellingham (1982-1988)

Education: University of

Washington, BS Chemical Engineering, BS Mechanical Engineering (1982); Calvin College, BS Engineering (1982); Professional Engineer, WA (1988)

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

Statement: As promised in his initial campaign in 2009, Mayor Korthuis has focused on *protecting* Lynden's

unique character, *promoting* a positive business climate, and *prospering* our community for the generations that follow.

Korthuis believes his leadership played a role in the revitalization Lynden has enjoyed in the past eight years. Headlining progress was a new \$32 million water treatment plant; creative solutions to securing additional water; new retail and commercial investments in the downtown core and in West Lynden; and expansion of the park and trail system.

Having worked hard to build consensus, alliances and momentum, Korthuis hopes other civic improvements will also be recorded during an additional term. He has many goals for Lynden and is optimistic for what can yet be accomplished.

Korthuis would be humbled and honored to continue to serve his fellow citizens in this office.

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City of Lynden - *Council Position 5* - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Nick H. Laninga

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I would like to thank the community for

your past support. It is my desire to represent you, the stakeholders of Lynden, for another term. These are exciting times for our city as we move forward with good planning.

In this election I encourage you to look at all those who are running for public office. Vote for the candidate of your choice. Check out the issues and above all remember to Vote !!!

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**City of Lynden - Council Position 6** - Nonpartisan Office - Short and Full 4 Year Term**Kyle Strengholt****Elected Experience:** None**Other Professional Experience:**

I am an Estimator and Project Manager at Strengholt Construction. I am the company's LEED Coordinator for required projects, and was part of the team which completed the first

LEED certified project in Whatcom County. I am the company's Recycling and Construction Waste Manager and its Safety Supervisor. I am also a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead.

Education: Calvin College, B.A. in Business Operations, concentrations in Architecture and Economics. Lynden Christian High School, graduated with honors.

Community Service: Lynden Planning Commission, appointed in May, 2015. Whatcom County Surface Mining Advisory Committee, appointed in March 2015.

Statement: Working in the construction industry, and by being part of a small family business, I have been able to work professionally with a variety of individuals

and companies that do business in our community; some of them reside in Lynden and some do not, which gives me good perspective on both the opportunities and challenges of working in Lynden. Over the last eight years I have rented and owned in Lynden, I have been part of a team managing rental units in Lynden, and have been serving on the Lynden Planning Commission. I want to use these experiences to benefit Lynden as she continues to grow. Lynden is doing well, but still faces challenges. Developing the Pepin Creek sub area, providing more local jobs, and rising home prices are just some of the questions we as a community are still facing. I feel that my background can make me an asset to the city as we address these issues.

This city is very special to me and my family. I would not choose to raise my family anywhere else. I'm truly excited at the possibility of being a part of the next generation to serve Lynden.

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**Jack Lathrop**

Elected Experience: Appointed to Lynden City Council Position 6 in February 2017.

Other Professional Experience:

Former New York Life Insurance Agent. Current Real Estate Broker for Kelley Right Reality and owner of Transport Auto Wholesale.

Education: Completed education and continued training for licensed Life Insurance Agent and licensed Real Estate Broker. Also 30 years training in sales and marketing.

Community Service: Volunteered for 5 years at Lynden Christian Health Care Center for Sunday morning chapel services. Also served as Lynden City Town Crier for Holland Days and led Sinter Clause into town at Christmas.

Statement: I have always enjoyed small town living. I married a Lynden gal, Saralee Rientjes Lathrop, 40 years ago. There were frequent visits to Lynden for

family gatherings as well as the Lynden Fair every summer. We always wanted to return to Lynden and retire here. We moved here 17 years ago and have owned our own home in Lynden for the past 16 years.

I was drawn to Lynden because of its principals and conservative ideals. I tend to love the old ways but I am aware that "Future" means change. We don't want to lose what has made us great. Change will happen as we diversify, but we need to keep in mind what made Lynden great in our past as we make decisions on what will make us great in the future.

I believe that I may be able to offer a different perspective about the future of our city. I was not raised in Lynden so it is not automatic that I live here. I have "chosen" to live here and make Lynden my home.

It would be an honour to serve you and our beautiful city of Lynden.

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City of Lynden - Council Position 7 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Mark H. Wohlrab

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience:

Board Member, Community Accountability Board (1985-1987) Grocery, Dairy Department Manager (1986-1995) Volunteer Firefighter (1990-2000) Counselor, Northwest Burn Foundation

CampIntalco Aluminum (1995-2000) Board Member, Project Santa Claus (2002-2005) President, Isom Elementary PTA (2015-present) Mentor, Lynden Schools "Be The One" Program Fire Department, ranks of Firefighter, Lieutenant, and Captain (2000-present)

Education: Western Washington University, Fairhaven College, Whatcom Community College, Bellingham Technical College, Washington State Fire Academy.

Community Service: I have been very fortunate to have played an active leadership role in our local schools and youth sports programs for the past seven years.

Statement: My name is Mark Wohlrab, and I'm running for your Lynden City Council. I bring a strong

moral compass, intelligence, loyalty, and a passion for Lynden in everything I do. I am very proud to call Lynden my home. The pillars that guide me through life are Honesty, Accountability, Responsibility and Faith. I feel these are the most important traits for your public representatives. As your Council Member I want you to know me for these characteristic, and a steady reliability that has served me well through life. I am a proud father of two young children, and make my living as a career Firefighter. I believe our actions make our community, and I have practiced this through my volunteer efforts and living as a dedicated public servant. Our contributions make Lynden the place we all want to raise our children. I understand the concerns, interests and priorities of Lynden families and will use that understanding to guide me as your Council Member. I am excited for the opportunity to work for you to guide our city and citizens in a prosperous and positive manner. I will be honored to represent you on your City Council.

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City of Nooksack - Mayor - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

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City of Nooksack - Council Position 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

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**City of Nooksack - Council Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term**Daniel Bennett****Elected Experience:** Nooksack City Council: 2011 to Present**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted**Education:** BA, Pacific Lutheran University**Community Service:** No information submitted

Statement: I was born and raised in northern Whatcom County and currently serve on the Nooksack City Council. Because of this connection, I care greatly about our community and the direction it takes. I believe it is our job to make sound decisions that not only benefit the community today, but also provide a quality foundation for tomorrow.

My formal work experience began young, working summers in the strawberry fields of Clark's and Jake Mayberry's berry farms. From this early experience, I learned at a young age the value of a dollar and the effect taxes had on my earnings. Originating from these early days, I believe we need to be diligent in stretching our city's minimal dollars to ensure the least financial impact on us, the citizens. This was never more evident than during the recent complete renovation of our community's wastewater treatment plant. Even though this was a costly endeavor, myself and the other council members fought to keep costs down to ensure the financial burden was not passed along to the citizens.

When elected, I will continue to work with my fellow council members to make quality decisions the people of Nooksack deserve.

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bennetdr@msn.com**Megan Shoemaker****Elected Experience:** First time candidate.**Other Professional Experience:** Lead Archivist and Public Records Management Specialist, Washington State Archives, Bellingham; Assistant Archivist, Washington State Archives,

Olympia; additional archival and records management positions with WWU, the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, and Whatcom Museum's Photo Archives.

Education: B.A., Humanities, Western Washington University, M.A., History – Archives & Records Management, Western Washington University

Community Service: Former Board Secretary, Bellingham First Christian Church; co-founded monthly, church-based community meal program for homeless and low income residents; former AmeriCorps member of the Washington State Reading Corps; former WWU Student Senator.

Statement: My goal as councilwoman is to help Nooksack move forward as a community while maintaining the small-town qualities that make it a

wonderful place to live. My husband and I moved to the Nooksack Valley seven years ago so our children could realize the benefits of a small town upbringing. But our community is growing; Nooksack's population grew approximately 12% between 2010 and 2016 and the majority of our residents are young families.

City leadership must engage with residents through social media and by making public documents like city council minutes available online. Convenient accessibility is an expectation and will help our growing city meet the needs and desires of its residents. Additionally, community-building services like parks and family events should be the heart of Nooksack. We must make our city park safer and more appealing to families. Community-building events such as an annual family fair could showcase local businesses and help families connect as a community and with each other.

We are blessed to live in a place where small town values are alive and well. Our city government must meet the challenges of growth and better serve families while honoring our small town culture.

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City of Nooksack - Council Position 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Tom Jones

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I am happy to serve the citizens and the City of Nooksack.

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City of Sumas - Mayor - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Bob Bromley

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Kyle Christensen

Elected Experience: Treasurer, Tillamook Fire District; Treasurer, Umatilla Tribal Fire

Other Professional Experience: Production Supervisor at Darigold (Lynden, 2014-present). In the past, I have owned and operated 3 successful small businesses. The

largest business was a Sears Dealer Store in Pendleton, Oregon which had gross sales of 1.3 million dollars.

Education: Blue Mountain Community College, General Studies; Ecola Bible School, Bible Certificate

Community Service: Over 20 years serving as a Volunteer Firefighter in each district where I have lived, being promoted to Lieutenant (Umatilla Tribal) and Captain (Tillamook). I serve as a Deacon and lead our

Outreach Ministry at Christ Fellowship of Everson.

Statement: Sumas is truly a great place to live and do business and I believe we have exciting things on the horizon for our city. I would like to take my experience in business and leadership and use it to further serve my community. As your Mayor, I would look for opportunities for improvement for today and into the future. My leadership style is to gather all the information about a situation, make an informed decision and move forward until the task is completed. I am optimistic for progress and believe community involvement and open communication is key. I welcome and encourage any ideas and recommendations to improve our city and look forward to finding ways to help our city grow and flourish.

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City of Sumas - Council Position 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

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City of Sumas - Council Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

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City of Sumas - Council Position 4 - Nonpartisan Office - Short and Full 4 Year Term

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**Bellingham School District 501 - Director Position 4 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term****Jenn Mason****Elected Experience:** N/A**Other Professional Experience:**

Former Development and Education Director and teen trauma counselor for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County; currently a small business owner working with nonprofit

organizations and government agencies on resource development, communication, and events

Education: Master of Public Administration, Seattle University; Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Sociology, Western Washington University**Community Service:** Committee Member, Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, Bellingham School District; Board President, Brigid Collins Family Support Center; Volunteer, Max Higbee Center; Instructor, Power of Hope Youth Arts; Board Member, Bellingham Farmers Market; Board Member, Riveters Collective; Home Chores Volunteer, Volunteer Chore Program**Statement:** For 15 years, I've worked on behalf of children and families—providing education and trauma counseling in every public middle and high school in Whatcom County—deeply connecting me with student

and District concerns. I've regularly worked alongside government agencies, and earned endorsements from elected officials, nonprofit leaders, and education professionals, as well as the Young Democrats of Whatcom County.

Today, my work includes parenting a daughter with cerebral palsy, who attends Bellingham School District's Developmental Preschool. I've witnessed firsthand the importance of acceptance, accessibility, and opportunity.

I'll stand for all families, including those like mine and those I've served. I'll work to reduce poverty's impact on children by urging universal preschool, reduced college prep fees, and support for families struggling to find affordable housing as priorities. I'll fight for equity and inclusion, including the adoption of culturally-responsive curricula and practices.

Students must feel safe that their physical, emotional, and mental health are cared for. I'll advocate to reverse trends of our students scoring below average for physical activity by removing barriers to extracurricular activities, integrating outdoor exploration in schools, and encouraging healthy habits at home. With your support, I commit to being a voice for *all* students and families.**For More Information:**

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**Teri Hill-McIntyre****Elected Experience:** None.**Other Professional Experience:**

Health Educator: Virginia Mason Medical Center, Swedish Medical Center, Group Health Cooperative 1989-2005

Education: Bachelor of Science, Community Health Education,

Western Washington University, 1989

Community Service: PTA/PTSA President Carl Cozier Elementary, Kulshan Middle School, Sehome High School; Sehome Auction Co-Chair; BSD 2013 Bond Co-Chair; BSD Levy Committee; various PTA/PTSA committees; Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent; Budget Committee; Middle School Report Card Committee; Middle School Conference Committee; Facilities Planning Task Force; High School Schedule Advisory Committee; Sehome Accreditation Committee 2016; Boys and Girls Club Coach; Girl Scout Leader; Girls on the Run Coach.**Statement:** My vision as your School Board member would be to increase opportunity for all students, providing an enriching and equitable education for children in Bellingham. My time volunteering in the

classroom, working with District administration, various schools, and teachers gives me a well-rounded view of the interworking of Bellingham School District.

Both of my daughters attended Bellingham Public Schools and graduated from Sehome. Over the last 14 years I have seen the accomplishments and challenges that our District faces on a daily basis.

I am passionate about public education and feel that it is a right for all children to have access to programs that are provided from pre-K to 12th grade. I also see that our education system is struggling to keep up with technology and preparing our students for their futures. I would advocate for more classes such as coding to be implemented in our schools as well as technical education that can help our students meet their needs in today's job market.

With my extensive experience and knowledge, I am qualified and prepared to work for students, families and staff district-wide. For dedicated, passionate, and experienced community leadership I ask for your vote.

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Bellingham School District 501 - Director Position 5 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Douglas W. Benjamin

Elected Experience: Bellingham School Director Position 5 - Appointed 2014, Elected 2015.

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

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

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

Statement: I was unanimously appointed to the Bellingham School Board in 2014, then elected by

voters in 2015, and now seek a full four-year term. I was elected Board President this year and I am very proud of the accomplishments we've made together. With district leadership we completed a fast-paced and phenomenal number of necessary capital projects: a new school at Happy Valley, major additions to Lowell and Parkview, the new Options High School, and started on a new school for Sehome. We passed the much needed and first-ever Transportation Levy, thanks to the tremendous support of you the voters! My five children all attended the Bellingham schools, the youngest still does, and I am a firm believer in the Board's strategic plan *The Bellingham Promise*, which holds the bar high ensuring *every child* gets the education they need and deserve, along with great teachers who get strong support. As we look forward, there is more to do; holding the State accountable for their constitutional mandate to amply and fully fund public schools, equity for *all* students and more. I look forward to your vote so we can continue this very important work.

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Ferndale School District 502 - Director District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Year Unexpired Term
Candice Wilson

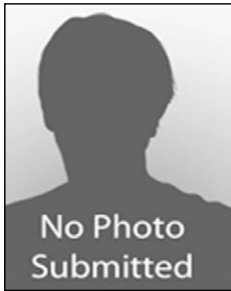
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Ferndale School District 502 - Director District 4 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term
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**Ferndale School District 502 - Director District 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term**Andrew McLaurin**

Elected Experience: 7 years of service on the Ferndale School Board 2008, 2011-Present

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: BA Communications UNC-Chapel Hill. MS Speech and Language Pathology UNC-

Chapel Hill. MBA UNC-Greensboro

Community Service: Ferndale School District Bond Planning Committee 2006. Former Scoutmaster. Numerous church committees and relief work

Statement: I am pleased to seek reelection as a Director of the Ferndale School District. It is an honor to represent my community in this way. I recognize the

value of a quality education and wish for every child in Ferndale to experience such quality in our schools.

Aside from my time on the Board, my 5 children have attended school in the Ferndale district. This and my service on the board have provided me with insight and understanding. I recognize the challenges facing our teachers and our leaders, but I also see their successes and know how dedicated they are to educating our children. I believe we are moving our district in the right direction but there is much more work ahead. I plan to support our district leadership and staff as they continue to aggressively pursue the best education for our children.

I look forward to continuing this work.

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Blaine School District 503 - Director District 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term**Joan Lotze**

Elected Experience: I was appointed to the vacant School Board Position # 3 in June, 2014 and then elected to that position in 2015.

Other Professional Experience:

I was an elementary teacher in public and private schools

in Washington and in international schools in China, Pakistan, and Nigeria.

Education: B Sc Elementary Education- Lewis and Clark College. Teaching Certification- Western Washington University.

Community Service: Coordinator of a financial management program with Love, Inc., Community meals- Blaine, Deacon- First Presbyterian Church.

Statement: Working with the School Board and administration in Blaine to improve the educational

experiences for all students is most important to me. We are in the middle of a building project that will not only remodel, expand and update the high school facilities, but improve safety for our students and enable us to use the latest in technology and curriculum to challenge and prepare our students for college and careers after graduation.

Teachers and administrators are vitally important in ensuring an excellent quality of education. We need to continue working hard to support our students with the best curriculum available and continuing professional development for the teachers to improve their quality of teaching. Having high quality schools was important to me personally when my four children were attending them and continues to be important as I will soon have grand-daughters in the Blaine schools.

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Blaine School District 503 - Director District 5 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term
Michael (Mike) Dodd

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Laura McKinney

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience:

Laura has over 20 years of economic development, communications and leadership experience. She was the Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce in

Tallinn, Estonia; Executive Director, SC Council on Competitiveness, the state's economic and workforce development organization; U.S. diplomat - Tbilisi, Rep. of Georgia, Vice Consul in Vancouver, British Columbia, and the Community Liaison Officer, U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana, Slovenia. She was the Director of Communications for the Council on Educational Travel International based in Bellingham, WA; and Director of Communications, Whatcom Business Alliance.

Education: BA University of Virginia

Community Service: Blaine School District Fiscal Committee, American Red Cross

Statement: My husband and I have 5 children, all have

attended Blaine schools. My husband's military and our diplomatic careers allowed us to raise our children all over the world; 3 are now enrolled in Blaine. Our youngest is in 4th grade, our oldest is a PhD candidate in theoretical physics at Cal Tech. We value education. We have experienced 7 different U.S. and 3 overseas educational environments. Jim retired in 2013, and we returned to our home in Blaine.

We love Blaine. I would like to share my experiences to benefit our home in any way possible. I am passionate about creating opportunities for students to reach their potential and prepare them for a better future. I want to ensure our children leave Blaine's education system college, career and citizenship ready. Blaine School District is the center - and the heart - of our community. As a member of the School Board, I will strive to help all of our citizens feel a connection to the school, to our students, and to their success. These children will create the future. We need to do things in a new way in a changing world, and give them the tools to succeed.

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Lynden School District 504 - Director Position 4 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Stephan Jilk

Elected Experience: Member of Lynden School Board for six years. Previously a member of the Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District.

Other Professional Experience:

Employed as City Administrator in Lynden for seven years, Director of

Economic Development and Marine Services for the Port of Bellingham and as General Manager for the Whatcom Public Utility District for eleven years.

Education: Bachelor degree in business administration, computer science and economics

Community Service: Volunteer in church, education, community events, mission activities

Statement: I am honored to serve the students of the

Lynden School District and the Lynden community as a School Board member. Public schools face a list of challenges in educating our youth today. Finding the resources and using those resources in the best way to serve our youth in a world of constant change impacted by funding, social media, technology is a real challenge. I am grateful to find a way to give back to and serve our community in this work. Our students deserve our support, our encouragement and opportunities we can provide for them in our schools. Our tax payers deserve the use of their tax dollars in the most efficient and effective manner to support our schools and our youth.

I would like to continue to be part of this important work for our students and the community.

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**Lynden School District 504 - Director Position 5 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term****Kelli Kettels**

Elected Experience: My vision for the Lynden school district is to bring together this amazing community and love on and support all of our kids teachers and families. I have the privilege of currently being on the board and learning all that goes into building and keeping our schools working,

not just well but above and beyond expectations.

Other Professional Experience: I'm a professional mother of 7 amazing kids. I've been a hairdresser at Creative Design for 15+ years

Education: LHS class of '96. Bellingham Beauty School class of '98

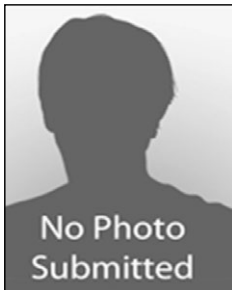
Community Service: New Way Ministries, Local school and community auctions and community outreach.

Statement: I am a mother of 5 boys and 2 girls, 3 in high

school, 2 in middle and 2 in elementary. I work everyday with parents, grandparents, students, teachers, our community. I have been a single mother, I have 2 adopted children, I have 2 step children, I have a child with an iep, I have children who do very well in school and others that struggle. I am a voice for all of you in the community. I feel like I will continue to give the board a different point of view, I feel like I will continue to work very well with all of the members and you to keep our children safe, happy, healthy loved, and valued. All of our kids are my passion, and its why I feel so strongly about continuing my position on the school board.

Please allow me to be your voice, and continue to strive for excellence for our children. The old saying goes.. It takes a village.. I would love to continue to be a part of yours. *Vote For Mom* Kelli Kettels Lynden School Board Director Position number 5

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**CJ Costanti**

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Professional pilot and flight instructor.

Education: Lynden High School; Big Bend Community College; Western Washington University - BA

Community Service: Co-Chair, Citizens for Lynden Schools (2014-2015); YMCA Volunteer Coach; Angel Flight West

Statement: My name is CJ Costanti, and I am running for director position number 5 on the Lynden School Board. I hope to bring an open mind to this important role, as well as a willingness to listen and learn from my fellow directors and community. I aim to be a good steward of our district's financial and physical resources,

and have a strong desire to honor our commitments to our students, staff and community. Strengthening the link between a teacher and student will be one of my guiding principles. I love being part of a team and had a great experience working with many of our fellow citizens as a leader for the successful bond campaign for our new Fisher Elementary and Lynden Middle School.

I would love the opportunity to serve on the board and humbly ask for your consideration this November. My wife, Angie, and I are both lifelong Whatcom County residents and proud graduates of Lynden Schools. We have three sons and all are or will be attending Lynden Schools as well. We are very happy with the quality of our experience in our district and excited by the possibilities going forward. Thank you.

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

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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Jeannie Castro

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: In the past I have managed a successful landscape business for 13 years alongside my husband, the owner. I have held 2 paid positions within the Meridian

school district and I am currently employed with the Ferndale School District as a Para Educator and as a trained facilitator for the Washington State University Strengthening Families program.

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

Community Service: Served on the Site Council for Irene Reither Elementary

Statement: As a nine year resident with 2 children in the Meridian School District, I am devoted to giving back and serving the Meridian community that we love. As a parent, I have actively participated in my children's educational experience by volunteering in the highly capable program by teaching the Great Books

curriculum, the music program, serving on the Site Council, Young Life, and happily supporting our Trojan athletic program.

As a community member, education has always been an important part of my life. I am someone who loves to learn and research new ideas and issues. I participated on the Curriculum Strategic planning committee and have been requested by administration to join hiring committees for the Meridian School District.

As a professional in the education system, I feel comfortable and confident working with our Meridian School board due to my understanding of the current issues faced by our education systems today. I currently work for the Ferndale Academic Community Transition program which assists 18-21 year old students in life skills. This experience, along with my personal knowledge of the highly capable program has broadened my perspective of the variety of learners that our district serves.

Thank you for the opportunity.

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Meridian School District 505 - Director District 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Brian A. Evans

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Nooksack Valley School District 506 - Director District 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Randall Wright

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Nooksack Valley School District 506 - Director District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Stephen A. Jones

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Mt Baker School District 507 - Director District 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Brian Kelly

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Mt Baker School District 507 - *Director District 4* - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Nancy Workman

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: 40 years experience as teacher of preschool, kindergarten and primary grades.

Education: Graduate of Mt. Baker High School, BA in Ed from Pacific

Lutheran University and MA from Lesley College in Curriculum and Instruction.

Community Service: I serve our church as pianist for services and 2 choirs. Helping Hands is an afterschool

group for elementary aged kids that I enjoy working with and I have been involved with musical fundraisers for the Lighthouse Mission and other needs in our community,

Statement: The Mt. Baker School District has supported my family and me for most of my life. As a retired teacher of the Mt. Baker School District, I have time now to serve the district and use the knowledge I have as a former student, parent and teacher to help make decisions that will support and enrich the lives of the students and families in the school district.

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Kelly Zender

Elected Experience: I have no previous experience as an elected official.

Other Professional Experience: I have owned my Company Welcome Construction Inc. since 1990. I am a member of the BIAWC of Whatcom County.

Education: High School diploma from Mt. Baker School District.

Community Service: Volunteer at the Foothills Food bank, advisor for the woodshop at MBHS. Coached numerous sports teams in the youth leagues for Mt Baker District, past assistant softball coach @ MBHS.

Statement: I believe that we need a change at the school board of Mt. Baker High School. I would like to help guide our district in the next few years using my

experience from running my own business. I believe that a school board member should represent the community & the tax payers of the district, to help assist the superintendent in financial decisions that effect the district.

I have lived my whole life in the district and graduated from Mt. Baker High School, as has my wife Becky. We are very involved in our community, our children and grandchildren live in the district and go to school in the district.

I want get involved with the school board to bring a new balance to the board. I thank the current members for their years serving our district, but I believe we need some new community members to step up and get involved. The demands & challenges are changing in our community and I believe it is a great time for change.

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Concrete School District 11 - Director District 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Hulda (Hildi) Parker

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Concrete School District 11 - Director District 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Janet Culver

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Concrete School District 11 - Director District 4 At-Large - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Allison Burton

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Fire Protection District 1 - *Commissioner Position 2* - Nonpartisan Office - Short and Full 6 Year Term



Randy VanderHeiden

Elected Experience: First time running for public office.

Other Professional Experience: I have been employed by the City of Bellingham Fire Department since 1990 where I have the privilege of serving as a Firefighter/Paramedic and Division Chief of Emergency

Medical Services.

Education: Nooksack Valley High School, Western Washington University, Bates Technical College (Fire Service Training), Bellingham Technical College (Paramedic Certification).

Community Service: I have served for the past 31 years as a volunteer with Whatcom County Fire District

#1 and 10 years as a Reserve Police Officer with Everson Police Department.

Statement: I have enjoyed serving the residents of Whatcom County Fire District #1 as a volunteer firefighter for the past 31 years and now I ask for the confidence of your vote. Our volunteer firefighters invest incredible amounts of time training and responding to hundreds of fire, rescue, and emergency medical events each year. These firefighters have my support and are well deserving of yours. I hope to join the great leadership team already in place; bringing integrity, professionalism, and financial stewardship to our Fire District. I look forward to enhancing the safety of our community and firefighters as a Fire Commissioner.

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Fire Protection District 4 - *Commissioner Position 2* - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term



Anna Melillo Trenouth

Elected Experience: First time candidate, former VP WCFD #18 Firefighters Association

Other Professional Experience: After having worked a variety of jobs in the private and non-profit sectors I have dedicated my career to the fire service. I served as

a Part-time Firefighter/EMT in our community for four years, and am now a career firefighter.

Education: Honorary Graduate of 2002, B.A of Communication, Western Washington University

Community Service: From a young age my parents instilled a solid foundation of commitment to serving our community. I have remained committed through volunteering efforts with the Arthritis Foundation, Burn Foundation, MDA and Relay for Life

Statement: It is with great enthusiasm that I seek your support for WCFD #4 Fire Commissioner. My interest in this position stems from my passion in serving the local

community. I'm a long-time resident of Whatcom County and enjoy living in this beautiful district with my husband and four children. As a career firefighter in Arlington, and a former volunteer in Whatcom County, I am committed to the fire service and protecting the community. This opportunity to serve at a local level again brings my dedication to service, home.

The responsibility of a fire commissioner is to govern the direction of the department to meet the needs of the community while staying fiscally responsible. My position gives me knowledge of fire department operational complexities. This knowledge will help me to ensure our department continues to stay ready, equipment stays maintained, and qualified individuals continue to be recruited.

If elected, I am committed to seeing District 4 continue to be good stewards of community tax dollars and to use my knowledge and community values, in leading our department into the future.

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**Fire Protection District 5 - Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term**Bill Meursing**

Elected Experience: Point Roberts Fire District Commissioner since 2004; Chairman eight years. Point Roberts Water District Commissioner five years.

Other Professional Experience: Sargent Royal Netherlands Army.

In my career, I was a pilot flying Hercules C130 and DC8 for Martinair (Netherlands) and Pacific Western Airlines (Edmonton and Vancouver). Designated Canadian Ministry of Transport flight test examiner and flight instructor. After retiring, my wife and I owned a restaurant on San Juan Island, WA for 14 years.

Education: College and law school in the Netherlands.

Community Service: San Juan County volunteer fire fighter, four years. Appointed to San Juan Airport advisory committee, five years.

Statement: Immigrated to Canada in 1971 and then to the United States in 1986, gaining US citizenship in 2002. Point Roberts full-time resident since 2000. Through my tenure on the Fire District board, we have undergone consistent progress. In 2004 we had minimal fire and emergency medical services. Today, we have 95% round-the-clock coverage located at the station with the remaining hours covered by local department volunteers. We've accomplished this primarily through the leadership of Chief Christopher Carleton and a strong board of commissioners. We are also grateful for the 2010 levy that was approved by 60% of the voters. I am an enthusiastic supporter of the emergency preparedness groups PREP and CERT. I have worked hard for this community and am proud to be part of this organization. I ask for your vote to continue this vital work.

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**Judson Meraw**

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Having owned and operated a General Contractor Business, Paint Roberts Real Estate Improvement Services, I am familiar with issues property maintenance and

management including Contractor relations. Experienced at specifications, negotiations, working with teams, helping provide solutions to project challenges, defining objectives.

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Point Roberts Emergency Preparedness (PREP), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Point Roberts Auxiliary Communication Services (HAM Radio Group), Point Roberts Taxpayers Association, Economic Development Plan 2014, Point Roberts Event Sign, Lubzinski Center for Innovation, Fight the Towers, New Library Project, Community Garden, Sustainability Open Forum, Inventors Network.

Statement: Thanks for the work done by previous Commissioners. But I see a need for change now. Its time to get beyond present day conflicts and seek win/win relationships with all community organizations.

Community inputs are a key to having a democratic culture of constant improvement resulting in involvement and innovative outcomes. I intend to listen to what people are concerned about and there ideas, ending up with what is best for Point Roberts and Fire District 5.

Chief Carleton continually demonstrates doing things that help the community. I think we can work well together. My goal is to do good things for the Fire District and provide great value to the community of Point Roberts.

I'm a true believer in the sustainability of our community. The art of decision making comes with accomplishing benefits for the community while staying on focus to the Fire Districts mission.

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Fire Protection District 5 - Commissioner Position 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Year Unexpired Term

Pat Harper

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience:
No information submitted

Education: BA in Biological Science from California State University, Chico 1973 (Botany and aquatic ecosystems, elective focus chemistry and geology).

Community Service: Local activities include: PREP, CERT, Friends of the Library, Voters and Tax Payers Associations. Prior to moving to Point Roberts I was involved in fund raisers for our children's schools, swim club; leader in our 4-H club, and chaperoned at 4-H and church summer camps. Military Service: U.S. Navy (active 1963 – 1965, reserves 1965 – 1969)

Statement: Retired after 35 years with the U. S. Forest Service. My wife (of 39 years) and I moved to Point Roberts 8 years ago. In that time we bought land, built a house, barn and became immersed in the community. Prior to moving here I worked in Wildland Fire Support:

in the Finance Sections of fire teams tracking equipment usage and maintaining the associated contracts. I later switched to the Logistics Section and became the Logistics Section Chief for NORCAL Incident Management Team 2 (members are from Federal, State, County, and City governments). During my tenure at the Forest Service I worked in Construction Engineering: Inspector of buildings and road construction including materials sampling and testing. Served as the principal Forest Contracting Officers Representative on contracts involving construction of administrative and recreation facilities, utilities, wells, bridges, roads and surfacing, sewer and waste water facilities, plant nurseries, stream restorations, and boating facilities. I have great admiration for the outstanding group of volunteer fire fighters and the fire chief. There are challenges in providing Point Roberts with adequate fire protection services and there is a need for community education. I believe I can help with that

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Donna Gillespie

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience:
A residential & commercial property manager since 1977, husband Tom and I retired to Point Roberts after 27 years in Seattle area. Now I'm cook for PR

Senior's.

Education: B.A.A. (Ryerson University) Instructional Media

Community Service: Seattle-Tacoma American Red Cross First Aid Instructor. WA State Extension/UW Arboretum & Gardens Tour leader, visitor reception & fundraising team. Tacoma Area Literacy Council - educator & coach. Co-op Art Gallery Non-profit - As Member of the Board, used marketing & business management skills that ensured gallery's success in a new location with community partners.

Statement: I respectfully ask for your vote to continue our fire department's commitment to excellent service.

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**Fire Protection District 7 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term****Paul Kelley**

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: Ladder Truck Certification Commercial Driver License CDLSupervision Management

Community Service: Volunteer Ferndale FFA Security Ferndale Football High School

Statement: I have been a volunteer with the Whatcom County Fire District #7 from 1979 to the present time- 37 years. When I started in its program, we had only 30 members. I was #12. About half way in my membership, I became a Truck Captain, and with the help of others,

we started the Cadet Program for young adults from 16-20 years of age. This has been a very successful program and is still going strong today. I have to thank everyone who helped to make the program successful. Some Cadets have gone on to become Paramedics and full time paid Fire Fighters.

I received the *Bob Howard* Award for starting the Cadet Program. This is one of the highest awards that a fire fighter can earn. I am very proud of this accomplishment. The Fire Dept. has been one of the best parts of my life. It is a family of great people with whom I have been involved. This whole experience has enabled me to support my community with professional firefighting and First Responder training.

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**Eric Grant**

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Volunteer Firefighter/ EMT, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Whatcom County Corrections Deputy and C.E.R.T member, Currently Working for the Ferndale Police Department.

Education: Fire department/ First responder Training and EMT certifications 1990- 2008, Sehome High School 1993, Correctional Worker Core Criminal Justice Training 2001, Basic Law Enforcement Academy 2008.

Community Service: Eighteen years as a Volunteer Firefighter, Toys for Tots with the U.S. Marine Corps, Ferndale Veterans Memorial Board Member, Police Department Association President (Ferndale community Charitable Organization), Member of CBAA (nonprofit).

Statement: At the age of sixteen I started volunteering as a Firefighter in Whatcom County. I spent the

next eighteen years Volunteering at three different departments. Ten of those years were with District Seven.

My wife and I have lived in Ferndale for the past nineteen years. We have enjoyed, and continue to appreciate raising our children in this amazing community.

I have had the desire to get back to serving the community through the Fire Department. I feel this venue is that perfect opportunity for servitude. As a volunteer I have experienced first hand working with Chief Russell and Commissioner Metzger. I plan to continue their legacy of keeping the highest level of service while staying fiscally responsible.

I am also fortunate, and grateful for the endorsement of Whatcom Seven Firefighters.

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Fire Protection District 8 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Year Unexpired Term

David Lehmann

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Fire Protection District 8 - Commissioner Position 4 - Nonpartisan Office - Short and Full 6 Year Term

Keith Neher

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Dustin Gleaves

Elected Experience: First time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: Dustin has 6 years experience as an administrator of environmental health and safety training at Boeing, and is now an instructor of environmental studies coursework at Western Washington University.

Education: Dustin has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, with an emphasis in terrestrial ecology from Western Washington University. He is currently a Master's degree candidate in Environmental Studies at Western Washington University.

Community Service: Volunteer with Port of Seattle triennial aircraft collision exercise emergency responders drill, 4-H camp counselor providing youth opportunities to experience nature, and with NSEA restoring salmon habitat throughout Whatcom County.

Statement: As a trainer of environmental health and

safety at Boeing, I know first-hand that preventative measures stop accidents, and that effective emergency response saves lives. As an academic of science and geography, I am versed in methods of optimizing geographic systems and in EMT response where seconds matter, improving dispatch saves time and saves lives. Most importantly, as a homeowner and husband I know the importance of security provided by having a prompt and effective fire district. I seek to ensure that our EMT and fire response continues to be effective, fiscally responsible, and supportive of the volunteer and career firefighters who have dedicated their lives to protecting ours.

Public service to improve one's community is the duty of every citizen. As a 6-year resident of Bellingham and current resident of Lummi Nation, I intend to provide my public service as a member of the board of fire commissioners for our district. I hope you will see fit to permit me this opportunity to serve.

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Fire Protection District 8 - Commissioner Position 5 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

L. H. (Butch) Markhart

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Fire Protection District 11 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term



Wendell Terry

Elected Experience: 8 years as a Whatcom County Fire District #11 Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience: 17 years as a Manager for US WEST and AT&T Communications.

Education: Electrical Certification from a 3 year course at Bellingham

Technical College.

Community Service: 14 years as a Support Officer for

Whatcom County. 23 years in the Jail Ministry in both King and Whatcom County.

Statement: It has been my honor to have served the citizens of Lummi Island for the past 8 years in an effort to ensure the highest level of EMS/FIRE service for the community. I will continue to serve you as your Commissioner for Whatcom County Fire District #11 Position #2 in providing an Essential Public Service.

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Fire Protection District 14 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term



Leonard (Shorty) Bjornstad

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I have enjoyed and it's been an honor to serve as a commissioner for Fire District 14. I'm looking forward to 6 more years.

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Fire Protection District 16 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - Short and Full 6 Year Term

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Fire Protection District 17 - Commissioner Position 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Unexpired Term

Susan A. Garlock

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Fire Protection District 17 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - Short and Full 6 Year Term

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Fire Protection District 17 - Commissioner Position 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Year Unexpired Term

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Fire Protection District 18 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

Socorro Ruiz

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Fire Protection District 21 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - Short and Full 6 Year Term

Bruce Ansell

Elected Experience: Fire Commissioner - Chair – KCFD #45/Duvall– 1989-1995, Fire Commissioner- North Whatcom Fire District #21 – appointed-March 2016 -present.

Other Professional Experience: Bellevue Fire Department 1983-

2013:

Education: University of Washington – Zoology/ Biology–Bachelor's degree, U of W/ Harborview – Paramedic Certification, Bellevue College - Fire Command and Administration, King County Fire Training Officers - Officer Development Academy

Community Service: Habitat for Humanity volunteer builder, 2014 founded Un-Wined Barrels of Hope, repurposing used wine barrels into home décor and furniture, with all of the profits given to local charities.

Statement: I have nearly 40 years of experience in the fire service beginning in 1978 as a volunteer in Bothell. In 1983 I began a rewarding 30 year career with the Bellevue Fire Department, serving in multiple capacities.

I was elected to chair the board of commissioners in Duvall KCFD 45 from 1989 until 1995. As a primarily volunteer department, it was an honor to have been a part of the transition team that laid the groundwork for a thriving department today.

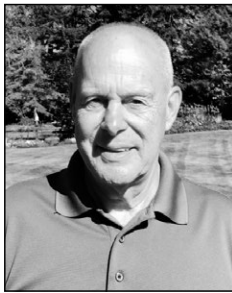
I have extensive leadership and labor relations experience serving as my local's union president for 10 years, representing over 200 employees and 3 bargaining units. I am proud to say that I maintained very positive working relationships with 3 different Fire Chiefs.

My wife and I have been married for 37 years with 2 sons and 7 grandchildren. We currently reside in Birch Bay and enjoy the outdoors and giving back to the community.

In 2016 I was appointed to fill a vacated position at North Whatcom Fire District 21, based upon my background and experience, and would consider it an honor to continue to serve as your commissioner for another term.

For More Information:

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**Fire Protection District 21 - Commissioner Position 4 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term****Rich Bosman**

Elected Experience: Three terms as Fire Commissioner

Other Professional Experience: Retired Washington State Trooper (25 years) 20 years of experience as a successful small business owner

Education: Bachelor of Arts

Degree - Western Washington University Highway Traffic Safety Programs - Indiana University

Community Service: History of board membership and volunteer work at various local nonprofit agencies including Cornwall Church, Jungle Master Ministries, and Beyond Our Borders

Statement: Whatcom County Fire District 21 is a full-service, community-based emergency fire and medical services provider. The District is funded through property taxes and ambulance transport user revenues. The District serves approximately 45,000 residents, has a fiscal 2017 budget of \$7.8 million, and is governed by a board of five elected commissioners.

As Commission Chair I have seen the board of commissioners make significant strides in collaboration which has translated to improving the organization greatly. The District has experienced excellent financial audits and the board has approved and started implementing a strategic plan so it can keep pace with the community's needs.

I take seriously the burden of fiscal responsibility I have to the district taxpayers. I will look for ways to streamline processes and look at new and innovative ways to provide service. I will continue to work with staff, fellow commissioners, and community stakeholders to build relationships and meet the challenges of the future. I will also treat everyone with trust and respect including those with differing opinions. Debate of the issues often leads to the best decisions.

I am asking voters for another term to continue the important work of the Fire District.

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**Reid Campion**

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I am a resident of Blaine WA. and I am part of a family that helped build this town. My family

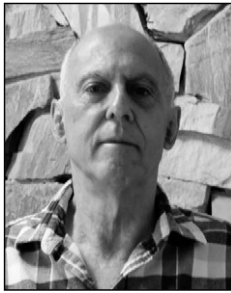
built mine sweepers during World War II at the Berg Shipyards. Berg Shipyards was a fourth generation family business from Dakota Creek. This business was built on trust and integrity - where a handshake meant something and your word was your word.

I am running for fire commissioner because I would like to return integrity and commitment to the Commission.

I ask for your vote to help mend this broken system.

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Fire Protection District 21 - Commissioner Position 5 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

Larry McPhail

Elected Experience: I have worked 8 years as a fire commissioner.

Other Professional Experience: I worked 30 years as an inspector

Education: I graduated from High School and a community college

Community Service: I have been on several board of directors for different community organizations

Statement: I wish to continue working for this fine fire district as one of their commissioners.

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Glacier Fire and Rescue - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

Jan Eskola

No statement or photo submitted.

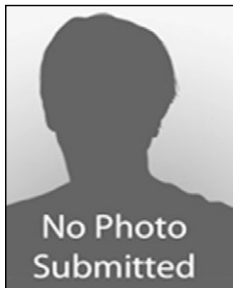
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South Whatcom Fire Authority - Commissioner District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

James Willson

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South Whatcom Fire Authority - Commissioner District 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

Bob Ekdahl

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I have 27 years as a Fire commissioner. I am a retired volunteer firefighter. I am a husband, father, grandfather and a lifetime resident of Whatcom County. I would appreciate your vote.

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

Jon "Pete" Rittmueller

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Point Roberts Water District 4 - Commissioner District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

Scott Hackleman

No statement or photo submitted.

For More Information:

Water District 7 - Commissioner District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term



George Kaas

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I want to serve my community of Water District 7 to help protect the sustainable availability and quality of safe drinking water. Fire and emergency water supplies are essential to the well being of any community. As a commissioner I will serve to maintain and improve water services to residents of Water District 7.

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Birch Bay Water and Sewer District - Commissioner District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term



Don Montfort

Elected Experience: Birch Bay Water and Sewer District, Commissioner - 23 years
Northwest Park and Recreation District, Board Member - 2 years

Other Professional Experience: Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts, President - 1997 and 2013; Interim Executive Director - 1 year
Washington State Public Works Board, Board Member - 8 years
Lummi Tribal Sewer and Water District, General Manager - 5 years
Evergreen Water-Sewer District, start-up District Manager - 1 year

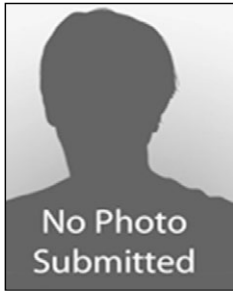
Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce, President - 1 year
Whatcom Self-Help Homes, Board Member - 19 years

Statement: The Birch Bay Water and Sewer District is one of the most efficient and well-staffed utilities in the state. Its early Commissioners laid out a practical, wise approach, and built its systems and facilities to the highest standards. Standing on their strong foundation, as your Commissioner, my efforts are always to preserve and enhance their commitment to excellence
Please vote.

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Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District - Commissioner District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

Todd Citron

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: The Water and Sewer District takes pride in providing a safe and superior workplace which enhances and facilitates my ongoing commitment to deliver the highest quality and safest drinking water to our customers, to remove waste-water from the watershed while protecting the lake and environment, and to do so with economic efficiency and fairness.

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Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District - Commissioner District 4 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Unexpired Term

Curtis Casey

Elected Experience: Appointed to the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District (LWWSD) as Commissioner, position 4, in January 2016. No prior elected experience.

Other Professional Experience: Over 28 years in business, product

development and operations management in aerospace and defense with Fortune 100 companies and advanced technology start-ups. Positions in executive management as Director, Vice-president and Corporate Officer. Military 21 Years: military officer; fixed and rotary-wing aviator; logistician.

Education: MS Management 1977; BS Management 1974; Textron Executive Management Course – Harvard University, School of Business 1985

Community Service: Sudden Valley HOA Board of Directors; 10 year chair/member on various HOA committees.

Statement: I wish to continue engaging in public service and my recent appointment to the Water District has only reinforced that commitment. While there is still much to learn, I believe that I can contribute to the successful operation of this district and to its customers.

The management and administrative staff are top rate, collegial and willing to assist in providing answers and knowledge in the processes involving operations, maintenance, and interfacing with various city and county agencies. I have come to better understand the workings of my community at large and the people charged with achieving its success.

It requires a group of success-oriented people, working together, to achieve positive results in any endeavor. I should very much like to be part of that effort as a LWWSD Commissioner.

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Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District - Commissioner District 5 - Nonpartisan Office - Short and Full 6 Year Term
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Samish Water District - Commissioner District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

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Water District 13 - Commissioner District 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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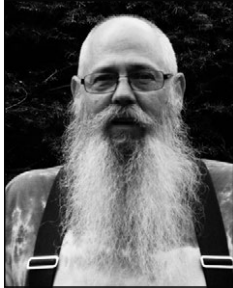

Glacier Water District 14 - Commissioner District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

Deborah Ellen Baker

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Columbia Valley Water District - Commissioner District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

Carl McDaniel

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Research, consulting, computer network maintenance, construction management, and customer service.

Education: WWU-Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, Physics,

Astronomy: WWU-Master of Science, Mathematics: OSU-Ph. D. candidate Mathematics

Community Service: I have volunteered in several areas in Kendall including: Creation of a parks district, PTA, Kendall watch, Columbia Valley Connections meeting, Maintain Cimarron from entrance to Poppy, working with health department to keep roads safe for walking, removing garbage from blight properties, help those in need get around and assist with tasks, helping at the local schools in several ways, assist community leaders in their projects, assisted in identifying water issue

Statement: I, Carl McDaniel, have lived in this district for 16 years. During that time, I have raised my family and now I am enjoying walks with the grandkids. I care deeply about the Kendall community and have worked hard to be as involved as possible to better the area. I am running for water commissioner to bring my vast experience in several disciplines to help the water district run as efficiently as possible. I have been attending the meetings since 2009 and have been appointed a committee of one by the board to find valuable information. I also keep myself educated on all the current issues related to the water district and can apply that knowledge to better our district. My volunteer experience has allowed me to speak with many of my neighbors and I feel that puts me in a unique position as someone who is accessible to listen to what people in the area want. As commissioner, I will reach out to the community to hear their concerns and be their voice.

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Shane J. Janitscheck

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I have served on the Board of Columbia valley water for the last five and a half years. I have supported the district with honesty, integrity and full disclosure for the people of the district. My first year in office was the first balanced budget the district ever obtained.

During my term we have moved forward with improvements to the Water system without having to borrow money. We have had rate increases but I have always worked to keep them as low possible. I also was instrumental in bringing Solar power to the District Office. But it should not stop there! I can see a time that we have battery backup. So we will have no need for a generator. Are Street lights should be changed to L.E.D's. which will save in cost to the District. These to should be powered by Solar. The district is advancing, are excellent Staff is doing a great job. I wish to serve as your Commissioner again.

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Columbia Valley Water District - Commissioner District 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Year Unexpired Term



Brian Gillis

Elected Experience: I've lived in the district since 2004 where I have been a volunteer on the Kendall Fire Department since 2005 and EMT since 2006

Other Professional Experience: I am employed by the City of Bellingham on the water

department where I have gained knowledge of water systems, construction and providing clean safe drinking water to the public.

Education: While working for the City of Bellingham I

have completed classes to receive my water distribution manager level 2

Community Service: I have helped the Lions club with several events and installation of wheelchair ramps. I have also been involved in Scouts for the last 9 years

Statement: As commissioner I want to continue focusing on improvements to our system that is much needed to keep providing the members of our community with clean safe drinking water.

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Rosemary Rich

Elected Experience: This is my first time running for Public Office.

Other Professional Experience: I managed an Engineering office for 25 years. For the past five years I have managed the Education Department at Joann Fabric Stores in Bellingham and Arlington.

Education: Attended Capilano College, North Vancouver, Canada

Community Service: I have spent most of my life volunteering in one way or another: as a scout leader, for community events and for other organizations. I have held positions on a number of boards including President, Vice President and Member at Large.

Statement: My name is Rosemary Rich. I have owned, and now live, in the Maple Falls Paradise area for the past eleven years.

While we all understand the concept of rising

costs and how they invariably affect us, strict fiscal responsibility has to remain our primary focus. We need to balance the necessity of upgrading our aging infrastructure with the difficulties faced by our community members who cannot afford the seemingly never-ending rate increases. As a woman, who for decades kept households and raised two children, I know the value of a dollar and understand that some of our residents are on fixed or limited incomes.

I will be open and available for you to bring your concerns and questions and will do my best to bring transparency and accountability to the Columbia Valley Water District. Because of my previous experience on various boards, I will be able to work with the other Commissioners and I will bring a voice of reason and civility to the board.

If elected, I promise to represent only your interests. I welcome the opportunity to serve you and thank you for support.

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Acme Water District 18 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

Gabe Harder

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Acme Water District 18 - Commissioner District 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Year Unexpired Term

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Cemetery District 3 - Commissioner Position 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Unexpired Term

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Cemetery District 3 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

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Cemetery District 4 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

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Cemetery District 5 - Commissioner Position 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Unexpired Term

Mary Boice

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Cemetery District 5 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

Kenneth John Ferry

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Cemetery District 6 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - Short and Full 6 Year Term

Brandi Tilton

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Cemetery District 7 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

Mario Bonilla

Elected Experience: I am currently serving District 7 as Cemetery Commissioner and ask for your vote to continue in this position.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information

submitted

Community Service: I have served on the board of the Ferndale Boys and Girls Club. I am currently volunteering for Junior Achievement and serve on the

board of Brigadoon Service Dogs. I also serve on the planning committee of the Ferndale Police Assc. 5K Fun Run.

Statement: I believe one of the traits of a great society is the willingness of it's members to give of their individual time and treasure to support activities and services that provide for all of it's members. I ask for your sustaining vote to continue to work with a wonderful group of people.

Mario Bonilla

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**Cemetery District 8 - Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term**Dan Bourks**

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Cemetery District 9 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term**Tod Arnason**

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Cemetery District 10 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term**Troy Luginbill**

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Cemetery District 10 - Commissioner Position 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Year Unexpired Term**Micah Moses****Elected Experience:** Appointed in January of 2017**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted**Education:** No information submitted**Community Service:** No information submitted**Statement:** Since being appointed in January of 2017, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve the community as Cemetery Commissioner guided by an excellent and detailed staff.**For More Information:**

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Cemetery District 11 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term**Gerald Tenkley**

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Point Roberts Park & Recreation District 1 - Commissioner Position 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term**Sonya Erica Liu**

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Point Roberts Park & Recreation District 1 - Commissioner Position 4 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term**Arthur S. Reber**

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Blaine-Birch Bay Park & Recreation District 2 - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Sheli Moore

Elected Experience: I am currently serving my first term as a commissioner for Blaine-Birch Bay Park & Recreation District 2.

Other Professional Experience: I currently work as a bookkeeper for a local company. I have had great fun coaching volleyball to players

in grades K-12.

Education: Graduate of Blaine High School and Edmonds Community College.

Community Service: I am involved with my Neighborhood Associations annual plant sale at Blaine's Gardener's Market. I organized multiple fundraisers for Blaine Volleyball and Track & Field teams for 10 years and recently have been a judge for the Sand Sculpture Contest in Birch Bay.

Statement: I am a lifelong resident of Blaine. I have been married for 27 years and have 3 adult children.

I have enjoyed serving my first term as a commissioner. During my term the District has formed a number of lasting partnerships. Some of the amazing results are Marine Park Playground and new exercise equipment for the Senior Center.

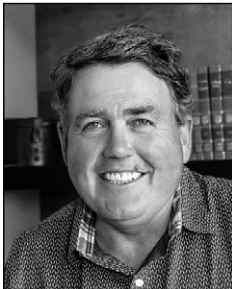
Our District continues to create new partnerships to pursue planning and building a non-motorized trail connecting Blaine and Birch Bay.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to help develop recreational opportunities that are enjoyed by our Park & Recreation District residents and visitors alike.

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Blaine-Birch Bay Park & Recreation District 2 - Commissioner Position 4 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Billy Brown

Elected Experience: Current President Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce, Vice President Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce, Director Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Other Professional Experience: Self-Employed Real Estate Broker

28 years.

Education: Antelope Valley High School, Lancaster Calif.

Community Service: Director, Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce, Birch Bay Beach Park Advisory Committee member, School for Birch Bay Advisory Committee member, Bay to Bay Trails Committee member, Toys for Tots, Cub Scouts, involved with Blaine Birch Bay Park and Rec. Dist., Senior Center, Bridges Community Counseling Center, Windermere Service Day at Boys and Girls Club, Lions Club Horizon Park, Lidia Place.

Statement: I live in Birch Bay Village with my significant other, Lisa. I have been a member of the Blaine and

Birch Bay Community since 1987. I am a father of two girls and the grandfather of three grandsons. It is my belief that the Blaine and Birch Bay communities should work together in all respects for the betterment of our community as a whole. Our Park and Recreation District has a huge responsibility to provide recreation, maintain our park facilities and trails with the tax dollars provided by our citizens. Problem solving and working within a limited budget is a challenge, which I am good at. I have learned these traits through years of working with the Chamber of Commerce and my Real Estate career. The planning and construction of a Trail connecting the Blaine and Birch Bay communities will be a priority for me. Maintaining our park facilities and supporting recreation programs for our senior citizens, young adults, teenagers and our children will be my main focus should you decide to support me. I will take this responsibility very seriously and would be honored to serve as your Blaine Birch Bay Park and Recreation commissioner.

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Lynden Regional Park & Recreation District 3 - Commissioner Position 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

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Rick Lair

Elected Experience: Chapter Management Vice President Bellingham Jacees.

Other Professional Experience: Quality Assurance Manger, Quality Control Inspector, Bellingham Parks Department, Department of Ecology Road Cleanup crew.

Education: Bellingham Technical College Graduate. Management Training Professional, API Above ground Certified Inspector, American Welding Society Certified Inspector, Leadership Essentials, Leadership development program, Code of Bussiness Conduct and Ethics, Motivating Employees, workplace Harassment, Security Awareness.

Community Service: 30+ Years community service, Lynden Youth Sports Board Member, LYS Program Coordinator. AAU Basketball Coach, Youth Football Coach, Youth Baseball Coach.

Statement: I am willing to give freely of my time and talent to help our Lynden Regional Park and Recreation Board further it's mission statment as well as to help create new programs for our growing community.

I am a good listener. I am open minded. I will spend time in board meetings. I work well with others. I will help Develop, maintain and update-long range plans. I am motivated to servce the Citizens and Community. I will use good judgement and make fair decisions.

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Lynden Regional Park & Recreation District 3 - Commissioner Position 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Year Unexpired Term

Tyler (T.J.) Timmermans

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Lynden Regional Park & Recreation District 3 - Commissioner Position 4 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Nell McKay

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: BA Sign Language Studies, Madonna University; MA Counseling, Oakland University; Ph.D Interdisciplinary Studies,

Union Institute & University

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I was raised in Michigan. Being from a state that is surrounded by the Great Lakes and has many wonderful national, state, & local parks gives me a love of these special spaces that is in common with my Lynden community. I appreciate the beautiful park areas and would like to give back for that gift by helping to protect and preserve our parks. Thank you for your consideration.

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Bob Johnson

Elected Experience: Republican Precinct Committee Officer Lynden 2015-present Jan95-Dec96 Ingham County Commissioner Responsible for determining property taxes, adopting budget, establishing management policies and appointing officials to county boards and commissions Bath Township Board of Review

Jan.97-Dec 2000 Responsible for determining if township Assessor properly calculated value to houses in township. Chaired this position for 3 out of 4 years

Other Professional Experience: Husband & Father of three daughters Christina Joanna Annemarie Vendor & Commodity Purchaser August 1st 2005-Present Trivan Truck Body LLC

Education: Business Classes LCC College High School Graduate - 1983

Community Service: A founding member of PRO family organization

Statement: I have several years of experience as an elected official, overseeing budgets, human resources, etc. that I thought could be put to good use! I love my community. Lynden is a great town. I have the skills and experience and would love to serve the community in this way.

Lynden is a city with a community minded spirit. Families are prominent. Family businesses and family events are two examples of this. Our city is growing. My vision is one that embraces this growth, and encourages it, while at the same time continues to keep the safe, family friendly environment for which Lynden is known.

For the health of all the citizens of Lynden I would like to continue to sustain the quality of the parks we have and the ones that are soon to come!

I hope you would support me this coming election.

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Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District - Commissioner Position 4 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term
Donnell (Tank) Tanksley

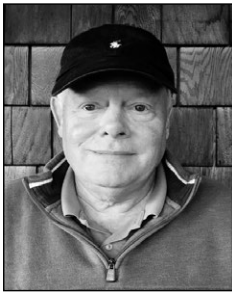
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Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District - Commissioner Position 5 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term
Jessica Bee

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**Lummi Island Park and Recreation District* - Commissioner Position 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Or 4 Year Term****Robert (Bob) Auld**

Elected Experience: This is my first public candidacy

Other Professional Experience: I recently retired from Merrill Lynch after 35 years serving as a financial advisor and investment manager.

Education: Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Seattle University

Community Service: Lummi Island Volunteer Fire Department, Firefighter, EMT, EMS Evaluator, Firefighters' representative to the Lummi Island Fire Commissioners, Founding member of the Bellingham Bay Rotary Club, Former board member Lummi Island Heritage Trust, Member and active volunteer Lummi Island Grange

Statement: Our group came together as a response to the reduced capacity of both the Church and the Grange buildings. After nearly a year of research, discussions, and exploration, we concluded that we need to go beyond traditional private fund raising. Private fund

raising efforts tend to concentrate the funding burden on a limited number of active residents and many on the island are beginning to experience fund-raising fatigue.

Our goal is to create a sustainable replacement to the facilities created by our parents and grandparents. I am running for PRD Commissioner because I believe the PRD structure and levy are the best mechanisms to accomplish this goal.

My wife, Rose Ann, and I have lived full-time on Lummi Island for 15 years. Rose Ann's island roots go back to the early 1950's. We both enjoy living an active community life. In 2009, I joined the Lummi Island Volunteer Fire Department. I then earned my Emergency Medical Technician Certification, and later became an EMS Evaluator. I am currently the Firefighters' Representative serving as liaison between the volunteer firefighters and the Lummi Island Fire Commissioners.

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Lummi Island Park and Recreation District* - Commissioner Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Or 4 Year Term**Janice Holmes**

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Lawyer practicing criminal defense and low income tenant representation as well as a general practice assisting with wills, probate and real estate issues. Army Corps of Engineers Park

Ranger, Manager and Outdoor Recreation Planner in District, Division and National offices.

Education: Gonzaga University Juris Doctor graduated Magna Cum Laude, University of Oregon MS Park Planning, Radford University BS Outdoor Recreation

Community Service: LIHT board member/president, LICA roadside cleanup and other events, Grange member, FOIL fundraisers. LAW Advocates volunteer providing civil legal services to low income individuals. Spokane Interplayers Theater, board member/President. Spokane Human Rights Commission

Statement: I have been part of the PRD research group initiated in 2016 by Tamia Sorensen when the capacity of our island facilities was reduced by the Fire Marshal. The group is comprised of Tamia Sorensen, Randy Smith, Ian Kirouac, Bob Auld and myself. Our varied

backgrounds make this a strong group of people with the experience to get an organization up and running. We all come with strong ties to the community and the various organizations that make island life a good thing.

Since having the good fortune to move to Lummi Island I have engaged with many organizations as a volunteer and donor. Including working with the LIHT to draft policies and procedures that helped secure national accreditation, LICA's roadside cleanup, LIFE Theater Camp and FOIL.

As an Attorney I have a great deal of experience in interpreting and complying with statutes and regulatory authority. Prior work experience with the Corps of Engineers included day to day management of park and recreation facilities, budget preparation, contract management and policy development.

I believe in the importance of knowing your neighbors, being part of the community and helping out wherever you can. Community involvement will make the PRD a success.

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Lummi Island Park and Recreation District* - Commissioner Position 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Or 4 Year Term

Ian Kirouac

Elected Experience: This is my first time running for public office and I'm very much looking forward to the challenges and the many rewarding experiences that are sure to follow.

Other Professional Experience: Lummi Island Wild, Partner.

Legoe Bay Shellfish, Partner. Small business mentor. Wilderness Leadership Trainer and back-country guide, Wilderness Education Association. Multiple diversity trainings.

Education: The Evergreen State College: B.A., with special focus on community collaboration, alternatives to violence, outdoor leadership, environmental studies.

Community Service: 4-H challenge course facilitator.

Statement: When I discovered Lummi Island in 2002 it was love at first sight. I found a welcoming community, and the perfect opportunity to use my background in small business to indulge my passion for the environment. I take pride in the partnerships I built with Lummi Island Wild Coop, and later with Legoe Bay

Shellfish, which helped to bring jobs to the island, and spotlighted these efforts as national examples for green business.

I am dedicated to continuing to build partnerships and working collaboratively to create space and activities for our community that will benefit all Islanders. Public space will support and enhance our community, and help keep it strong and healthy. A new district is a sustainable solution that will empower us to create a multi-use community center through an open, collaborative, community-driven vision.

Working with the highly skilled and dedicated Park and Recreation research team, including Tamia, Bob, Janice and Randy, has already been a great experience. Their diverse backgrounds and skills are a huge asset to the team, and at every opportunity they have demonstrated their commitment to putting the Island community first. Thanks for your support and for being part of the solution.

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Lummi Island Park and Recreation District* - Commissioner Position 4 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Or 4 Year Term

Randy Smith

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: USAFRes Retired with 21 years service, Vietnam veteran, Air Force Intelligence Officer, Underwriting Manager Safeco Insurance, Principal/General Manager—Conover Insurance, Partner Apple

Tree Golf Course, Partner RSmith LLC (Real Estate Investments).

Education: Graduate Everett High School, Cum laude graduate Linfield College, Distinguished Graduate USAF Officer Training School.

Community Service: President of People For People (job training non profit), President of Yakima Valley Allied Arts, President of Capital Theater Board (Yakima), Washington State Arts Stabilization Committee, Volunteer Lummi Island Grange (started Country

Living Series), Volunteer Lummi Island Heritage Trust, Volunteer Lummi Island Library, Volunteer LICA, Volunteer Beach School, Volunteer LIFE.

Statement: I'm running for PRD Commissioner to complete the work our research committee initiated when the capacity of the Grange and church were reduced. I have significant experience in business management and real estate development. I have been on six non-profit boards and President of three of them. I have volunteered for many island organizations and projects. I strongly believe I have an obligation to work hard to improve my local community and set an example of volunteerism. I recognize that we will need the ideas, energy and insights of many community members to make a community center a reality.

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**Lummi Island Park and Recreation District* - Commissioner Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Or 4 Year Term**Noelle Maher**

Elected Experience: I have participated and served on a number of ethics panels both as a student and professionally in the healthcare setting. I am a tireless advocate for the uninsured and under insured populations. I also have HOA experience.

Other Professional Experience: I have worked in healthcare for last 17 years. The last 10 of which, as a Registered Operating Room RN and Case Manager, serving a diverse demographic

Education: Shorecrest Senior High School, Shoreline, WA 1989, North Seattle Community College, Seattle, WA- AAAS, RN, University of Washington, Seattle, WA- BSN

Community Service: Local community fund raising and sponsorship, neighborhood clean up, Old Dog Haven Foster family, fundraising.

Statement: I am a lifelong Washington Native, born in Seattle. My parents are also Washington natives.

I am a tireless animal rights advocate, working with various agencies to educate and inform the public as to the inhumane practices occurring in the factory farming industry. I am a fierce defender of our food and water supply from environmental toxins. I am a strong supporter of local organic farmers and support all of my local farmers markets, community growers as well as locally made goods and services. I have always invested in my community and have strong relationships with many of the Assisted Living Facilities and Skilled Nursing facilities in Whatcom, Skagit and Snohomish Counties. I enjoy partnering with them and collaborating on ways to improve and provide better care for vulnerable and elderly populations that we frequently serve. If selected by my community, I feel I would bring a balance to the table. I am a fair, objective and a responsible steward of our community resources as well as would be a fiscal watch dog to ensure that community buy in was priority as well as disclosure of all expenditures, options, bids etc. I would like to explore alternatives to taxation first.

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**Tamia Sorensen**

Elected Experience: My first candidacy for public office

Other Professional Experience: 25 years of experience as a management consultant and executive recruiter specializing in Investment Management in Boston, London, and the Pacific

Northwest. 9 years of experience as a business owner. Career counsellor to MBA students and recent graduates of WWU College of Business & Economic

Education: MBA, Loyola University of Chicago and BA, Sociology, University of Alaska

Community Service: President and Secretary of Lummi Island Grange, event chair annual pancake breakfast, VP, Treasurer, and Secretary of Civic Club, event chair annual plant expo, Volunteer Lummi Island Heritage Trust trail maintenance, Volunteer LICA island clean-up

Statement: I have been lucky to call Lummi Island home for eight active years and I am now running for the opportunity to serve you as PRD Commissioner. As a member of the PRD formation team, I am dedicated to finding a sensible solution to our aging infrastructure.

As Grange President I demonstrated conscientious leadership, promoting broad volunteer involvement and a respectful culture where every member matters and deserves a voice. As a consultant and former business owner I built strong relationships by telling the truth, staying frugal, listening, and having a good sense of humor.

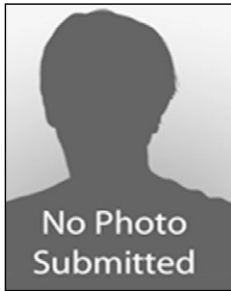
As the one-time mother of a school-aged child on the island, I am acutely aware of the need for youth activities as well as before- and after-school care for children. As a member of our growing over-50 population, I believe that our seniors are profoundly under-served. As a Lummi Islander today, I want to honor Islanders who have come before me by working hard to ensure that I leave the community even stronger for those who come after me.

Please consider selecting me to serve you as PRD Commissioner.

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***If Proposition 2017-4 fails, Proposition 2017-5 and commissioner positions shall be null and void.**

*Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted and are not checked for grammar, punctuation, spelling, or accuracy.


Chuckanut Community Forest Park District - Commissioner Position 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Year Unexpired Term

John McLaughlin

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: For almost two decades, I have worked to apply science to appreciate the place we now call Chuckanut Community Forest. With your vote,

I will continue to serve our community in thoughtful conservation, restoration, and stewardship of CCF now and for future generations. I will support cooperative efforts among community members, the Parks Department, and CCF commission to provide for responsible recreational uses, ecological restoration, and a lasting community legacy. I fully support policies of the Commission to focus on timely repayment of the Greenways inter-fund loan and subsequent sunseting of the park district.

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Chuckanut Community Forest Park District - Commissioner Position 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term
Susan Kaun

No statement or photo submitted.

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Chuckanut Community Forest Park District - Commissioner Position 5 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

Frank James

Elected Experience: President University of Washington Medical Student Association, National Vice-President of the American Medical Students Association, President of the Whatcom County Medical Society.

Other Professional Experience:

Dr. James is active in teaching, research and medical practice, focusing on health promotion and disease prevention.

Education: Magna Cum Laude graduate of Fairhaven College, worked toward a PhD at Boston University but stopped to complete a medical degree at University of Washington.

Community Service: Community Service Dr. James also served as Board Director Jhamtse International, Institute for Village Studies, Responsible Development, and ReSources as well as other community service and social action boards.

Statement: I have worked for nearly 20 years for the preservation of the 100-Acre Wood, now known

as Chuckanut Community Forest. Along with many community neighbors I have worked to preserve this precious part of our community for our children and grand children. But there is still more to be done. I want to be sure that this task is completed and the property is permanently preserved.

In addition to the responsible management of fiscal issues, other issues also remain. Reintroduction of beavers into the ponds in the forest is one important goal but perhaps the most important is the development of a plan that allows for many diverse uses of the property while still preserving the ecological integrity of the wetlands and wild lands for both humans and animals now and well in to the future.

Please support me in continuing this work. I want to hear from everyone and to act in accordance with the community's views, goals and values. Creating spaces were biking and running, exploration and learning, studying and seeking solitude can all happen in balance with nature is the highest priority.

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**Hospital District 304 - Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term**Chuck Ruhl**

No statement or photo submitted.

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cstlruhl@comcast.net**Hospital District 304 - Commissioner Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term**Jeri Kaufman****Elected Experience:** She has served 6 years as a Hospital Commissioner for Public Hospital District 304.**Other Professional Experience:** no information submitted**Education:** She graduated from Westminster College with a

Bachelor of Science Degree

Community Service: As a member of the Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, Mount Vernon and Anacortes Chambers she has assisted with events as needed. She has been a guest artist in the Mount Vernon Downtown Art Walk is a member of the Burlington-Edison Kiwanis and a member of the 2017 Leadership Skagit class. As a Hospital District 304 Commissioner she also serves on the Peace Health UGMC Community Collaboration Committee and the District Foundation Board.**Statement:** Ms. Kaufman places a high priority on the Health and Wellness of the citizens of Hospital District 304. The changes that have occurred and continue to take place in healthcare delivery as well as the health and wellness programs that are delivered through

District Programs for which she advocates increase continuously. Those programs through CHOP, WIC and the Wellness Center serve all communities in our 2000 square mile district.

Clinical services at Peace Health United General Medical Center have provided district citizens with world class services right here at home. We took a bold step and it has been a great decision.

She was one of the Commissioners that knew 4 years ago that the District would be under financial constraints and is proud to say not only did we increase our cash on hand, but we increased the programs to serve our district.

She is aware of the diversities of our district including financial, education, aging population and access to healthy food and healthcare and continues to work and advocate for all district constituents.

If you see her dancing with her husband Jerry. It is a great way to exercise your brain to help prevent Alzheimer's. Get dancing

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jerikaufman2@gmail.com**Point Roberts Public Hospital District - Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term**Robin Nault**

No statement or photo submitted.

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**Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1
Proposition 2017-7
Regular Property Tax Levies**

Language on the Ballot:

The Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Park and Recreation District No. 1 adopted Resolution No. 17-4 concerning the following question: To support its programs and operations and replace an expiring levy, will the Point Roberts Park and Recreation District be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of \$0.215 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on property within the District for each of six consecutive years, commencing with a levy in 2017 for collection in 2018 and ending with a levy in 2022 for collection in 2023, as provided in District Resolution No. 17-4. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes _____ No _____

Explanatory Statement:

This proposition renews the expiring authority of the Board of Commissioners of the Point Roberts Park and Recreation District #1 to levy a regular property tax to pay for the District's recreational programs and operations. As provided in District Resolution #17-4, the authorization lasts six years, with taxes to be collected beginning in 2018 through 2023. The levy will be set each year by the District's Board, subject to a maximum rate limit of 21.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, and subject also to the 101% limitation on annual increases in tax collections, as provided in state law.

Statement For:

For decades, the Point Roberts Park and Recreation District has been the faithful guardian of the publicly owned lands and facilities of Point Roberts. The Community Center hosts the Seniors Program, Food Bank, Library, Historical Society, annual Kids Camp, and a multitude of regular meetings and special events. Baker Field provides a skate park, baseball and football facilities, wooded trails, and play area for the Point Roberts school. Commissioners have been donating approximately 35 hours each week of their own time (without compensation) to maintain these facilities and operate the many programs. The current Park levy for maintenance of facilities and programs is low. Even with the proposed increased levy, Park and Recreation will operate at a fraction of the cost of other local tax Districts. No other District depends on its commissioners to donate so much of their personal time to the basic operations that the entire community enjoys. It is necessary and fair that the District be allocated funds to hire a manager who can assume responsibilities to ensure smooth operation and provide a modest functional reserve for the District. If it fails, it is only a matter of time before these vital resources are lost.

Statement For prepared by:

Rhianon Allen

Statement Against:

No statement submitted.

The complete text for this ballot measure can be found on page 76.



**Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2
Proposition 2017-8
Authorizing Continuing Property Tax Levy**

Language on the Ballot:

At their July 11, 2017 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2 adopted Resolution No. 2017-02 for continuing a property tax levy of \$0.10 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a six (6) year period (2018-2023) to fund staffing, operations, community program support, maintenance and capital improvements. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes _____ No _____

Explanatory Statement:

The Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District Board of Commissioners propose a continuing property tax levy of \$0.10 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a six (6) year period (2018-2023) to fund: Activity Classes, Sports Opportunities, Community Recreation Events, and Leisure-Time Activities for All Ages Year-Round in the Blaine-Birch Bay communities.

The funding also supports 2 Indoor Recreation Facilities, 2 New Parks, Developing Kids Playgrounds, and Expanding Inter/Intra Urban Bike/Pedestrian Trails.

Households receive this for \$20.00 per year (\$1.66 per month) for a residence with the assessed valuation of \$200,000.00 per year.

Statement For:

Vote Yes for Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Rec. District to continue funding Activity Classes; Sports Opportunities; Community Recreation Events, and Leisure-Time Activities for All Ages Year-Round in the Blaine - Birch Bay communities.

The funding also supports 2 Indoor Recreation Facilities; 2 New Parks; Developing Kids Playgrounds; and Expanding Inter/Intra Urban Bike/Ped Trails.

Families receive all this for just \$20 per year (\$1.66 per month) for a residence with the assessed valuation of \$200,000 per year. It's a bargain!

Statement For prepared by:

Vote Yes for Parks & Rec;
Kathy Berg, Billy Brown, and Doralee Booth

Statement Against:

No statement submitted.

The complete text for this ballot measure can be found on page 77.



**Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District
Proposition 2017-2
Establishing Six Year Regular Property Tax Levy**

Language on the Ballot:

The Board of Commissioners of Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 01-2017 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$0.60 or less per \$1,000.00. This Proposition would authorize the District to establish and maintain its regular property tax levy of \$0.60 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2018 through 2023 subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes _____ No _____

Explanatory Statement:

This measure establishes a six (6) year regular property tax levy rate for the new Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District. This levy will be the primary source of funding for services to be provided by the District. Because the District was recently formed by voters, it has no funding. Passage of Proposition 2017-2 establishes a levy rate of \$0.60 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a six (6) year period as otherwise authorized by law. Voter approval of Proposition 2017-2 will allow the District to begin constructing and maintaining parks within the District's boundaries.

Statement For:

With the establishment of the Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District (CVPRD) we as a community overwhelmingly voted yes on the value of opportunities for recreation and casual gathering spaces in our neighborhoods. Our community will benefit greatly from local parks near our homes. To do this work the CVPRD will need the support of the residents in the form of a levy tax.

This tax will allow equipment and land to be purchased for the formation of 3-4 local parks. These community gathering spaces will be planted in different neighborhoods so that no one need walk more than a half mile to visit a park!

A vote of Yes will also allow continued maintenance of these spaces. We encourage each citizen to envision our community with parks for the young and old of our community and vote once again, resoundingly Yes to parks.

Statement For prepared by:

Jesica Bee, Richard Whitson, and Vern Yadon

Statement Against:

No statement submitted.

The complete text for this ballot measure can be found on page 85.



**Formation of
Lummi Island Park and Recreation District*
Proposition 2017-4**

Language on the Ballot:

This proposition concerns the formation of the Lummi Island Park and Recreation District. This proposition would create the Lummi Island Park and Recreation District, to be governed by five elected Park Commissioners. Should this proposition be enacted into law?

Yes _____ No _____

Explanatory Statement:

If successful, this ballot measure will create the Lummi Island Park and Recreation District for the development of park and recreation facilities for public use on Lummi Island. The Lummi Island Park and Recreation District will be governed by a board of 5 (five) elected volunteer commissioners that reside within the Lummi Island Park and Recreation District boundaries. The successful passage of this measure will also have the effect of creating a taxing district.

Statement For:

Vote Yes to support the Lummi Island Park and Recreation District (PRD). A Yes vote will establish a public entity representing islanders and dedicated to providing facilities and programs to promote the social, cultural, and recreational well-being of our Lummi Island community.

The PRD will be managed by five unpaid commissioners chosen by you. All meetings, planning and decisions will be public ensuring transparency and financial accountability.

A Park and Recreation District has the ability to form beneficial partnerships with a variety of organizations: school district, fire department, county, YMCA, church groups, land trust, private businesses and others. The PRD will create an ADA compliant community center with a commercial kitchen where we can meet to learn, share and celebrate. It will also serve as a properly equipped emergency shelter.

Beyond physical infrastructure, the PRD can provide programming developed specifically for the needs and interests of Lummi Islanders. Programs could include childcare, youth development, healthy living for seniors, extended learning, physical fitness and recreation to enrich our community. A Yes vote is an investment in the future of Lummi Island.

Statement For prepared by:

Pro Lummi Island Park and Recreation;
Tamia Sorensen, Randy Smith, and Ian Kirouac

Statement Against:

We are being asked to form a new government entity, a PRD, to build a new community center. This is a huge decision with many short and long term consequences that deserve careful deliberation. It's tough to make an objective assessment of this project without even a rough vision of the facility, estimated costs, and a timeline. Also, there are no cost estimates for the PRD's long-term obligations including employees, operations, maintenance, legal fees, and insurance.

Lummi Islanders have a long history of coming together to fund facilities and activities (the library, LICA grants, the Grange, the Beach School). Continuing in that tradition, an island organization recently presented detailed plans and cost estimates for a privately funded 200 person facility with islanders' property taxes. A serious question is whether our small community can support two similar large projects along with other ongoing island needs.

We urge a No vote. Islanders of all ages and circumstances deserve assurance they will benefit from a PRD before being asked to approve this proposition.

Statement Against prepared by:

Patricia Dunn, Michele Morrissey, and Wynne Lee

Rebuttal of Statement For:

A PRD is a solution in search of a problem. Islanders don't need government to meet our social and cultural needs. We already have so many activities that we can't attend them all. Tantalizing wish lists aren't proof that a PRD will enhance our lives. All PRD activities also would be subject to government rules and regulations. #DontRecOurIsland (Note: The private facility referenced above is not funded with taxes. We regret our typo.)

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Our plan, by design, does not dictate. It will involve the whole community, so that everyone has ownership in creating a truly representative community center including design specifics and location. The vision is for a modest community center with a commercial kitchen. That start-up funds will be required is a certainty. The levy lets us offer programs now, making use of existing facilities for child-care, youth and senior activities, and extended learning.

***If Proposition 2017-4 fails, Proposition 2017-5 and commissioner positions shall be null and void.**

The complete text for this ballot measure can be found on page 87.



Lummi Island Park and Recreation District*
Proposition 2017-5
Establishing Six Year Regular Property Tax Levy

Language on the Ballot:

This proposition would authorize the district to impose a property tax levy of \$0.60 (60 cents) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for six (6) years to fund recreational facilities. Should this proposition be enacted into law?

Yes _____ No _____

Explanatory Statement:

If successful, this proposition will assess a tax levy for the Lummi Island Park and Recreation District to be used for the development of park and recreation facilities for public use on Lummi Island at the rate of \$0.60 or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for 6 (six) years. Oversight in the use of these funds will be governed by a board of 5 (five) elected volunteer commissioners that reside within the Lummi Island Park and Recreation District boundaries.

Statement For:

Vote Yes to support the Lummi Island Park and Recreation levy. A Yes vote for the levy is an investment in our community's future. It is our legacy for our children and all who follow us.

Over half of Lummi Island properties are second homes owned by non-residents. A levy on all property owners, not just full-time islanders, helps everyone share in the cost of maintaining our services and infrastructure all year. Invest in the Park and Recreation District levy of 60¢ per \$1,000 assessed property value. This levy on a \$300,000 property would cost the taxpayer \$15 per month, roughly the cost of a trip to town, and will give us a stable funding source for the creation of a safe, modern, ADA accessible community center.

Our community facilities are over 100 years old, built by those who came before us. This levy gives us a chance to step up and provide our own legacy.

Our cemetery levy helps us honor our past. Our fire and EMS levies help keep us safe. Please vote Yes to support the Lummi Island Park and Recreation levy and invest in a robust, rewarding community life here and now.

Statement For prepared by:

Pro Lummi Island Park and Recreation;
 Tamia Sorensen, Randy Smith, and Ian Kirouac

Statement Against:

Islanders are being asked to approve the maximum allowable PRD tax, about \$300 annually for a \$500,000 home. This would provide the PRD roughly \$150,000 annually, or \$900,000 over the years of the levy. Proponents claim this will allow the PRD to be sustainable but they have not provided estimates for land, building, programs, operating, maintenance, or administrative costs. They've written they would seek additional public and private funding. Government projects usually cost 5%-30% more than similar privately funded projects.

The request for this property tax does not thoughtfully consider islanders' diverse personal and public spending priorities. This new tax could siphon support from personal needs, well-established organizations, and spending at local businesses. The increased tax burden will be hard for some islanders to bear.

Public funding will be needed for the county jail, the ferry and dock, and more. Let's use our tax dollars to solve specific pressing problems with smart accountable plans. A PRD is a luxury, not a necessity.

We urge a No vote. Lummi Islanders deserve more information to decide if this significant new tax obligation is truly worthwhile.

Statement Against prepared by:

Patricia Dunn, Michele Morrissey, and Wynne Lee

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Living on Lummi Island already costs more than mainland living. Many of the imagined PRD benefits already exist and are privately funded, so the value of a new property tax is unproven. We deserve evidence that another community facility and more services are truly justified and welcome. This tax levy would bring significant long term financial and regulatory commitments to our small island community without clear benefits.
 #DontRecOurIsland

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

This levy costs the average islander roughly the same as a monthly trip to town, and gives a stable initial funding source. A levy spreads investment among all property owners. A municipal corporation will enable us to compete for tax monies paid by islanders for years with no benefit. Even those against taxes should consider that an island tax district run by five unpaid islanders must listen to concerns and priorities of island residents.

***If Proposition 2017-4 fails, Proposition 2017-5 and commissioner positions shall be null and void.**

The complete text for this ballot measure can be found on page 87.



**Complete Text for Whatcom County Proposition 2017-6
Public Safety and Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax**

**PROPOSED BY: Browne, Weimer, Sidhu
INTRODUCTION DATE: June 27, 2017**

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-037

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE COUNTY A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX OF TWO TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES, INCLUDING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FINANCING, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF JAIL FACILITIES, AND INCARCERATION PREVENTION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING MEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS, ALL PURSUANT TO RCW 82.14.450

WHEREAS, ensuring the protection and safety of the residents of Whatcom County is an essential priority; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council has determined that the present countywide jail facilities on Prospect Street and an interim jail on Division Street in Bellingham, which are owned, operated, and maintained by Whatcom County, do not meet existing and future County and cities' inmate incarceration needs; and

WHEREAS, the health, welfare and safety of the residents and businesses of Whatcom County necessitate that the County provide replacement jail facilities; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of jail inmates and the safety of the County jail staff necessitate that the County provide new jail facilities that are consolidated; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Jail Planning Task Force has recognized the need and recommended to replace the existing County Jail, the Whatcom County Jail Stakeholders Workgroup unanimously recommended to the Whatcom County Council the financial agreement needed to develop the funding mechanism and cost-sharing allocation to build a new jail, and the County Sheriff and the County Executive have collectively submitted a recommended plan for the building and operation

of a new County jail located on LaBounty Road in Ferndale; and

WHEREAS, the new jail will include jail housing, booking and administration facilities, expanded medical and behavioral health facilities and jail alternative programming space to serve the needs of the community for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide funding for public safety purposes, including the costs associated with financing, construction, maintenance, and operation of jail facilities, and incarceration prevention programs, including medical and behavioral health facilities and programs, it is deemed necessary and advisable for Whatcom County to submit a ballot proposition to the voters for authorization to impose an additional local sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.002 -- 20 cents for every \$100), as authorized by RCW 82.14.450; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council, pursuant to the passage of Resolution 2017-031, has authorized and approved the Whatcom County Executive to enter into long-term agreements in the form of the Jail Facility Financing and Use Agreement (JFFUA), with the Whatcom County cities to share in the costs of the construction and ongoing operating costs of a new jail and jail-related facilities that serve the future needs of their city and county inmates with the proceeds of a sales and use tax; and

WHEREAS, the parties of the JFFUA, recognize and fully support the goals of the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force ("IPRTF"), established through Ordinance 2015-025, to reduce incarceration and recidivism. The IPRTF is charged with continually reviewing Whatcom County's criminal justice and behavioral health programs and make specific recommendations to safely and effectively reduce incarceration of individuals struggling with mental illness and chemical dependency, and minimize jail utilization by pretrial defendants who can safely be released. This includes increasing the availability of Alternative Jail programs, including Electronic Home Detention, Work Release and Work Crew programs, the establishment of a County pretrial supervision program, and the expansion of the Crisis Triage Facility.

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Complete Text for Whatcom County Proposition 2017-6
Public Safety and Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax

WHEREAS, to ensure public safety and to support the goals of the IPRTF, the Whatcom County Council urges the Cities of Whatcom County to continue to fund incarceration prevention programs. The Whatcom County Council requests the City of Bellingham to commit at least 25% annually (projected at \$255,632 in 2019) of the City's net sales tax revenue, in excess of the City's portion of the capital cost of the new jail, to fund these programs. Since Whatcom County is not projected, in the first few years, to receive net sales tax revenue, in excess of Whatcom County's portion of the capital cost, the Whatcom County Council commits to use sales tax revenue or other legitimate funding sources on a dollar for dollar match, up to an annual amount of 25% of the County's net sales tax revenue or \$300,000, whichever is greater. If both jurisdictions commit to this funding, this amount would be projected to be \$30,193,628 over 30 years, and shall last until repayment of the total capital cost of jail facilities, or December 31, 2048, whichever occurs first. This commitment is intended to accomplish the continued implementation of the criminal justice and behavioral health programs recommended by the IPRTF.

WHEREAS, following passage of a voter-approved proposition for a sales and use tax and signing of the JFFUA, the County will issue general obligation bonds for the construction costs of the new jail and the Whatcom County cities will pay capital payments commensurate with those outlined in the JFFUA; and

WHEREAS, as soon as practical after December 31, 2048, or when the total capital cost of the new jail has been paid for by all the Cities and County, whichever occurs earlier, the Cities and County have agreed that collection of one half of the two tenths of one percent (0.001) of the sales and use tax shall expire;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that:

Section 1. a ballot proposition shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the County pursuant to RCW 82.14.450 to authorize the County Council to fix and impose a local sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.002 -- 20 cents for every \$100) to provide

funding for public safety purposes, including the costs associated with financing, construction, maintenance, and operation of jail facilities, plus incarceration prevention programs, including medical and behavioral health facilities and programs; and

Section 2. that the County Executive is hereby authorized and requested to initiate the appropriate action necessary to ensure that a proposition in substantially the following form be submitted to the voters of Whatcom County:

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PROPOSITION NUMBER 2017- _____
PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES SALES AND USE TAX

The Whatcom County Council passed Ordinance 2017- 037 concerning a proposition to authorize a sales and use tax for public safety purposes, including new jail facilities. This proposition would authorize a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.002) for public safety purposes, including costs associated with construction, maintenance, and operation of jail facilities, plus incarceration prevention, medical and behavioral health facilities and programs, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450. Half of this tax (0.001) will expire upon repayment of the total capital cost of jail facilities, or December 31, 2048, whichever occurs first. Should this proposition be:

Approved _____

Rejected _____

Section 3. that the County Auditor shall cause notice of the proposed proposition to be published in accordance with the state constitution and general law, and shall place the proposed proposition upon the ballot of the county-wide general election to be held on November 7, 2017.

Adopted this _____ 11th _____ day of July, 2017.

ATTEST: Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council; Barry Buchanan, County Council Chair; Jack Louws, County Executive; **APPROVED AS TO FORM:** Daniel L. Gibson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor.



**Complete Text for Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1 Proposition 2017-7
Regular Property Tax Levies**

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Park and Recreation District No. 1, Whatcom County, Washington, providing for submission to the qualified electors of the District at the election to be held on November 7, 2017, of a proposition authorizing the District to levy regular property taxes at a rate of 21.5¢ or less per \$1,000 of assessed value of property in the District for six years, commencing with a levy in 2017 for collection in 2018 and ending with a levy in 2022 for collection in 2023, which taxes will pay operating expenses of the District.

WHEREAS, for the past six years Point Roberts Park and Recreation District No. 1, Whatcom County, Washington (the "District"), has had in effect a voter-approved regular property tax levy to enable the District to pay for its recreational programs and operations; and

WHEREAS, the District's regular property tax levy is the primary source of revenue for its programs and operations; and

WHEREAS, the District's current regular property tax levy expires at the end of 2017; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.69.145 authorizes the District to impose regular property tax levies for another six years with voter approval; and

WHEREAS, at the November 7, 2017 election, the District wishes to submit the question of whether regular property taxes may be levied to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF POINT ROBERTS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Authorization of Levies. To support the District's programs and operations, the District authorizes the levy of regular property taxes at a rate of 21.5¢ or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the District for six years, commencing with a levy in 2017 for collection in 2018 and ending with a levy in 2022 for collection in

2023. Subject to approval by the voters, as provided in Section 2 of this resolution, the actual levy for each of those six years will be fixed by the Board in accordance with state law and with regulations of the Whatcom County Treasurer and Whatcom County Assessor and subject to the levy increase limitations of chapter 84.55 RCW.

Section 2. Authorization of Election and Approval of Ballot Proposition. The Board hereby finds that the best interests of the District require submitting to the qualified electors of the District the proposition of whether the District will be authorized to levy a regular property tax in amounts not to exceed the maximum rate described in Section 1 for their ratification or rejection at a special election in conjunction with the general election to be held in the District on November 7, 2017.

The Whatcom County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Whatcom County, Washington, is hereby requested to conduct the election to be held within the District on November 7, 2017, and to submit the proposition to the qualified electors of the District in substantially the following form, as provided in RCW 29A.36.210(1):

PROPOSITION NO. 1
POINT ROBERTS PARK AND RECREATION
DISTRICT NO. 1
REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

The Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Park and Recreation District No. 1 adopted Resolution No. 17-4 concerning the following question: To support its programs and operations and replace an expiring levy, will the Point Roberts Park and Recreation District be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of 21.5¢ or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on property within the District for each of six consecutive years, commencing with a levy in 2017 for collection in 2018 and ending with a levy in 2022 for collection in 2023, as provided in District Resolution #17-4.

YES []
NO []



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The Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Whatcom County Auditor prior to August 1, 2017.

Section 3. Notices Relating to Ballot Proposition.

For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the (a) President of the Board, Linda Hughes, telephone 360-306-4638 and email: prparks@pointroberts.net, and (b) bond counsel to the District, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, P.C., David Thompson, telephone: 206-829-3006 and email: dthompson@sycr.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor would provide such notice. The President of the Board is authorized to approve changes to the ballot proposition, if any,

deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution will become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Point Roberts Park and Recreation District No. 1, Whatcom County, Washington, at a special meeting held on July 24, 2017 with the following commissioners being present and voting. By: Bennett Blaustein, Stephen Falk, Sonya Liu. ATTEST and CERTIFICATION: Lynn M. VanBuskirk, Secretary, Board of Commissioners.

**Complete Text for Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2 Proposition 2017-8
Authorizing Continuing Property Tax Levy**

**Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District #2
Resolution No. 2017-02**

Resolution Provided For the Submission of Levy

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Park Commissioners of Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District #2, Whatcom County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a general election to be held on November 7, 2017, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing the District to maintain a regular property tax levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for the district's General Fund to pay for general expenses of staffing, operations, maintenance, capital improvements and community program support in the Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District #2, such levy to be made in 2017 and collection in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary to fund staffing, operations, maintenance and capital improvement in the provision of recreational and leisure time activities, classes, sports and programs for people of all ages in the greater Blaine - Birch Bay area.

WHEREAS, in order to provide recreational and leisure time activities, classes, sports and programs to people of all ages in the greater Blaine - Birch Bay area and develop parks, sports fields, trails and the like, funding is necessary.

WHEREAS, in order to provide the necessary revenue to pay the costs of providing recreational opportunities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure continuation of such services, the District shall collect beginning in 2018, pursuant to RCW 36.68.400, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits. This property tax levy would be collected for a six (6) year period, 2018 through 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District #2, Whatcom County, Washington as follows:

There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a general election in November 7, 2017 in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular

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property tax levy of the District should be set at \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation in 2017 and be collected for the following six years, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Whatcom County Auditor as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections is hereby requested to call such special election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Shall the Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District #2 continue a property tax levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a six (6) year period (2018 - 2023) to fund staffing, operations, community program support, maintenance and capital improvements.

**Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District #2
Whatcom County, Washington
Proposition No. 1
Authorizing Continuing Property Tax Levy**

At their July 1, 2017 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District #2 adopted Resolution No. 2017-02 for a continuing property tax levy for a six (6) year period (2018-2023) of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation to operate, maintain and improve recreation, leisure time activities and opportunities including park facilities and trails for people of all ages in the greater Blaine - Birch Bay area.

Approved _____
Rejected _____

Signed by the Board of Commissioners of the Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District #2: Jeff Carrington, Doug Robertson, Richard Sturgill, Katy Montfort, and Sheli Moore.

**Complete Text for Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District Proposition 2017-2
Establishing Six Year Regular Property Tax Levy**

**COLUMBIA VALLEY PARK AND RECREATION
DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 01-2017**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Columbia Valley Parks and Recreation District (the "District"), Whatcom County, Washington providing for the submission to the voters of the District at an election to be held therein on November 7, 2017, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$0.60 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for each of six (6) consecutive years. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$0.60 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for 2017 to be collected in each year succeeding the year of the levy for six (6) consecutive years pursuant to RCW 36.69.145 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations, all as more particularly set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the District was formed in 2016 pursuant to a vote submitted to the voters within the District boundaries under Chapter 36.69 RCW for purposes of constructing and maintaining public parks within the District's boundaries, and;

WHEREAS, the District has no regular property tax levy authority unless the voters of the District vote to approve a six (6) year regular property tax levy pursuant to RCW 36.69.145, and;

WHEREAS, without the voters' approval for a regular property tax levy, the District has no funds with which to permit the District to begin constructing and/or maintaining public parks within its boundaries, thereby rendering the District unable to provide new sources of recreation within the District, and that it is, therefore, necessary that the regular property tax levy of the District be set at \$0.60 or less per \$1,000.00 for a six (6) year period on taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided

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otherwise by law), in order for the District to have funds to begin undertaking the purposes for which it was created, 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 the Columbia Valley Parks and Recreation District as follows:

Section 1. The Auditor of Whatcom County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), in conjunction with the State general election to be held on November 7, 2017, to submit 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 \$0.60 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed value for six (6) consecutive years; such levy to be for collection in 2018 and thereafter in each of the allowed six (6) years, on all the taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), and the dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 36.69.145, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations.

Section 2. Pursuant to RCW 36.69.145 and 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:

**COLUMBIA VALLEY PARKS AND
RECREATION DISTRICT
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PROPOSITION NO. 1
ESTABLISHING SIX YEAR REGULAR
PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

The Board of Commissioners of Columbia Valley Parks and Recreation District, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 01-2017 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$0.60 or less per \$1,000.00. This Proposition would authorize the District to establish and maintain its regular property tax levy of \$0.60 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2018 through 2023 subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. 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. 01-2017 showing its adoption by the Board at least 84 days prior to the date of such general 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 Commissioners of Columbia Valley Parks and Recreation District, at an open public meeting thereof this 8 day of June, 2017, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting: Jessica Bee, Rebecca Boonstra, Kelly Vogel, Richard Whitson, and Vern Yadon. ATTEST and CERTIFICATION: Kelly Vogel, District Secretary.



Complete Text for Formation of Lummi Island Park and Recreation District, Proposition 2017-4* and Proposition 2017-5 Establishing Six Year Regular Property Tax Levy

PROPOSED BY: CITIZENS
INTRODUCTION DATE: JULY 11, 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-040

ORDERING AN ELECTION TO DETERMINE FORMATION OF THE LUMMI ISLAND PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT, IF FORMED, TO IMPOSE A SIX-YEAR REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO FUND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2017, a petition proposing the creation of a park and recreation district on Lummi Island was delivered to the County Council Office; and

WHEREAS, the petition met the requirements of RCW 36.69.020; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2017, the County Council approved Resolution 2017-036, officially receiving the petition into the record and scheduling a public hearing on the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing on the petition on July 11, 2017, as required by RCW 36.69; and

WHEREAS, the next step in the park and recreation district formation process requires the Council to establish the boundaries of the proposed district, establish its name, and call for an election of the property owners residing within the proposed district boundaries to determine whether the district shall be formed and if a property tax levy of \$.60 (sixty cents) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation shall be imposed for a six (6) year period to fund recreational facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the proposed district shall be known as the Lummi Island Park and Recreation District.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the boundaries of the proposed district, as submitted by the petitioners, shall be as outlined in Exhibit A to this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a ballot proposition authorizing the formation of the Lummi Island Park and Recreation District shall be submitted to the voters of the proposed district in substantially the following form:

LUMMI ISLAND PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT FORMATION

This proposition would create the Lummi Island Park and Recreation District, to be governed by five elected Park Commissioners. Should this proposition be:

Approved _____
Rejected _____

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a ballot proposition authorizing the imposition of a six-year property tax levy of \$.60 (sixty cents) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to fund recreational facilities shall be submitted to the voters of the proposed district in substantially the following form:

LUMMI ISLAND PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX LEVY

This proposition would authorize the Lummi Island Park and Recreation District to impose a property tax levy of \$.60 (sixty cents) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for six (6) years to fund recreational facilities. Should this proposition be:

Approved _____
Rejected _____

BE I FINALLY ORDAINED that the Whatcom County Auditor shall cause notice of the above proposed propositions to be published in accordance with the state constitution and general law, and shall place the propositions upon the General Election ballot as appropriate.

ADOPTED this 25th day of July, 2017.

ATTEST: Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council; Barry Buchanan, County Council Chair; Jack Louws, County Executive; APPROVED AS TO FORM: Karen Frakes, Civil Deputy Prosecutor.

EXHIBIT A
(ORDINANCE FORWARDING PROPOSED LUMMI ISLAND PARK DISTRICT PROPOSAL TO AUDITOR)
PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARIES:

The district boundaries generally will include all of Lummi Island located in Whatcom County, being parts of Township 36 North, Range 2 East; Township 37 North, Ranges 1 and 2 East, and part of Township 38 North, Range 1 East, W.M., and all tidelands abutting said island.

**If Proposition 2017-4 fails, Proposition 2017-5 and commissioner positions shall be null and void.*



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