

Whatcom County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



Primary Election Tuesday, August 6, 2019

When returning your ballot, remember to:

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

Ballots are Mailed July 17.

If you haven't received your ballot by July 26, contact the Election Division.



Register to vote or change your address until 8:00 pm on Election Day by coming into the Whatcom County Auditor's Office.
(See page 2 for more information)



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Dear Voters,

This past session at the Washington State Legislature they approved covering the costs of mail balloting. You'll be able to drop your voted ballot in any mailbox anywhere, no stamp required. Our caution would be, however, in order for the ballot to be received on time you should not put it in a USPS box after the Sunday before election day. County ballot drop boxes will be available throughout the election period until 8 p.m. on election day as always.

Another change the Legislature made is that registration to vote will be available in the Auditor's office until 8:00 pm election day, while online registration is available only through July 29. This may result in some lines in the office so we ask for your patience.

This primary election contains the races where more than two candidates applied. The complete slate of offices will be on the General Election in November. It is important you vote to get the top two that will move on.

Hope you're having a great summer!

Sincerely,

Debbie Adelstein
Whatcom County Auditor



Ballot Drop Boxes are open until 8:00 pm on Election Day, August 6.

(See page 24 for locations)

MyVote MyVote.wa.gov

MyVote has personalized voter information:

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



Whatcom County Auditor's Office - Election Division Contact Information

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

*Open until 8:00 pm on August 6, Election Day

Thank you to Election Tools for the use of the icons (electiontools.org).

A special thanks to the GIS Analysts at Whatcom County & the City of Bellingham for providing the maps included in this Voters' Pamphlet.



The Legislature recently passed expanded registration deadlines!

If registering to vote online or by mail, or if changing your address online or by mail, the Auditor's Office **must receive** the information 8 days before Election Day.

OR

Register to vote or change your address by coming to the Election Division of the Auditor's Office until 8:00 pm Election Day.



Accessible Voting Unit (AVU)

An accessible voting unit (AVU) is equipped with visual and audio technology. Voters requiring reasonable accommodation or assistance may vote on the AVU in the Auditor's Office starting July 17.



Participating Jurisdictions

The following districts are included in the August 6, 2019 Primary Election: 40th Legislative District, Whatcom County, City of Bellingham, City of Blaine (Ward 2), City of Ferndale, City of Lynden, Blaine School District 503, Fire Protection District 7, Fire Protection District 21



More Contact Information

Public Disclosure Commission:

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To Register to Vote, You Must Be:

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

How to Register to Vote or Change Your Address in Time for the Primary Election:



Go to MyVote.wa.gov on or before July 29 if you have a current Washington State driver license or I.D. card.



Complete and return a Washington State Voter Registration Form. Forms must be received in the Auditor's Office by July 29. Registration forms are available at city halls, libraries, online, or by contacting the Whatcom County Auditor's Office.



Come into the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division, by 8:00 pm on Election Day.

Registration Deadlines for the Primary Election:



Voter registration and address changes online or by mail **must be received by July 29.**

After July 29, visit our office to register to vote or change your address by 8:00 pm 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.

You are Responsible for:

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

Voter Information Available to the Public

(see RCW 29A.08.710):

The following information **is** public record:

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

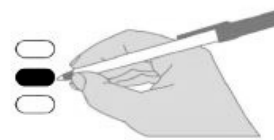
The following information is **not** public record:

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

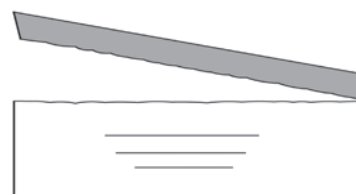
1. The ballot packet for the August 6 Primary Election will be mailed to you on July 17. The packet will include your official ballot, a security sleeve, and a postage-paid return envelope.



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



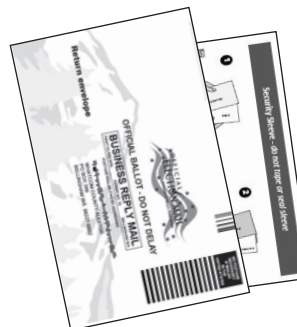
3. Remove the stub at the top of your ballot. *If you forget to remove the stub, your ballot will still be counted.*



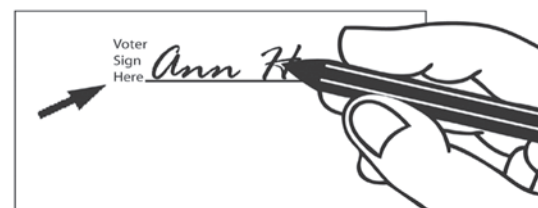
4. Place your voted ballot into the security sleeve. *If you forget the security sleeve, your ballot will still be counted.*



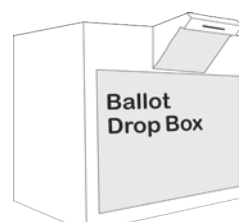
5. Put the ballot/security sleeve into the return envelope and seal.



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



7. Return your ballot to the Whatcom County Auditor's Office by ballot drop box or mail. See page 24 for more information on returning your ballot.



Or



Ballot must be in the drop box by 8:00 pm, August 6

Or

Ballot must be postmarked by August 6



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

READ: Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

State Partisan Office	
State Senator; Legislative District 40 1-year unexpired term	
Elizabeth (Liz) Lovelett <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i>	
Daniel Miller <i>(Prefers Republican Party)</i>	
Carrie Blackwood <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i>	
Greta I. Aitken <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i>	
Whatcom County Nonpartisan Offices	
Executive	
Karen Burke	
Jim Boyle	
Tony Larson	
Satpal S. Sidhu	
Council District 4	
Kathy Kershner	
Brian A. Estes	
Brad Kelly	
Council District 5	
Ben Elenbaas	
Jaime Arnett	
Natalie McClendon	
Council At-Large Position B	
Bill LaFreniere	
David Ramirez	
Brett Bonner	
Carol Frazey	
City of Bellingham Nonpartisan Offices	
Mayor	
Pinky Vargas	
April Barker	
Garrett O'Brien	
Seth Fleetwood	
Council Ward 3	
Ashanti Monts-Treviska	
Raymond A. Straka	
Daniel Hammill	
Council At-Large 2-year short & full term	
Von Emeth Ochoa	
Dana Briggs	
Hollie Huthman	

City of Blaine Nonpartisan Office	
Council Ward 2 Position 3	
David Gallion	
Garth Baldwin	
Jodi Greene	
Steven Tojek	
City of Ferndale Nonpartisan Offices	
Mayor	
Jon Mutchler	
Keith M. Olson	
Robert J. Pinkley	
Daniel Sydney Hevenor	
Greg Hansen	
Council Position 2	
Dave Mattson	
Paul Bulanov	
Ali Hawkinson	
Council Position 3	
Erin Gunter	
Mike Reilly	
Anya Milton	
Council Position 7 2-year unexpired term	
Todd McKernan	
Ramon Llanos	
Maralise Fegan	
City of Lynden Nonpartisan Offices	
Council Position 2	
Jack Lathrop	
Darren Johnson	
Ronald DeValois	
Kris DeGroot Keene	
Council Position 4	
John C. Pitcher	
Jen Marion	
Brent Lensson	

Blaine School District 503 Nonpartisan Offices	
Director District 2	
Todd Berge	
Prudence Welch	
Dougal Thomas	
Director District 4	
Charles Gibson	
Tana Perkins Reneau	
Katie Smith	
Fire Protection District 7	
Proposition 2019-3 General Obligation Bonds - \$3,500,000	
The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District 7, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 19-0411-01, concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to acquire and upgrade fire vehicles, apparatus, and equipment; issue no more than \$3,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 16 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to pay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 19- 0411-01.	
Should this proposition be: Approved/Rejected	
Fire Protection District 21 Nonpartisan Office	
Commissioner Position 3	
Dean Berkeley	
Scott Fischer	
Kathy Berg	

- Vote for only one in each contest or measure.
- You are not required to vote for every contest and measure.
- Your votes will be counted for the contests and measures you do vote on.

What is a Sample Ballot?

A Sample Ballot shows all the contests in the election. Not all contests will be on your ballot.

Candidate Statements in this pamphlet will be printed in the order they appear on this Sample Ballot.

Duties of County Elected Officials	
Executive	Chief Executive Officer of the County. Supervises and manages county administrative and executive departments other than those of other elected officials. Responsible to Council and citizens for enforcement of all ordinances and statutes, budgets, comprehensive and capital improvement plans, contracts, claims and deeds, as defined in the Charter.
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.



40th Legislative District, State Senator - Partisan Office - 1 Year Unexpired Term

**Elizabeth (Liz) Lovelett***(Prefers Democratic Party)***Elected Experience:** Washington State Senate (appointed 2019); Anacortes City Councilmember, 2015-2019.**Other Professional Experience:** Owner-Operator of The Business, 2004-2010; After-School Art Educator, Anacortes School District.**Education:** Current student at WWU; graduated with honors from both Anacortes High School and Skagit Valley College after participating in Running Start program, 1998.**Community Service:** Board Advisor, Anacortes Farmers Market; Capital Facilities Committee, Anacortes School District; President, Whitney PTA, 2015-2016; former Council Committee member: Affordable Housing and Community Services, Public Works, Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, Marine Resources, Depot Master Planning; mother of two active girls.**Statement:** In my first session as your State Senator, I was proud to champion the values and priorities of the 40th District. I am part of a team of new progressive legislators that pressed for record higher education funding, overdue tax reform,

and clean energy investments. As a lifelong area resident, mom, and community leader, I sponsored and passed legislation to protect our beloved orcas, win needed school funding, permanently protect Blanchard Mountain, and invest in projects including the Lopez Swim Center, Mount Vernon Library, Skagit Emergency Communications, and the Port of Bellingham waterfront.

I'm proud to have hit the ground running, but there is more to do as we face threats to our rights, environment, healthcare, and most vulnerable community members. We are stronger together and I'm proud to have earned the endorsement of unions like SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, Firefighters 1537, Washington Education Association, and the Washington State Labor Council. I am also supported by Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Bellingham Councilmember Pinky Vargas; Mount Vernon Mayor Jill Boudreau and Councilmember Iris Carias; Anacortes Mayor Laurie Gere and Councilmember Ryan Walters; Anacortes Port Commissioner John Petrich; San Juan Commissioner Rick Hughes; Skagit Commissioner Ken Dahlsted; and my Senate Democratic colleagues.

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LizLovelett.org**Daniel Miller***(Prefers Republican Party)***Elected Experience:** Was the winner of the Republican primary for the Wahington State legislature LD40 several years ago. Helped others run for the Washington State Legislature as well as city positions.**Other Professional Experience:** Past owner of a popular antique store (New England Collectibles) in Friday Harbor

Wa. I know how to manage a bussines in good times and bad! Worked on Public Policy issues in Washington state and California.

Education: B.A Evergreen state college, Public Policy and Enviromental studies Olympia Wa. University of Washington, Legal Studies, Seattle Wa.**Community Service:** Relay for life, Community Dinners, including very good Thanksgiving Dinners!**Statement:** This is a very important special election, there are many important issues we need be worked on in olympia next year, from keeping Washington beautiful to careful spending of your tax dollars.

We need to work on Educational policy , Healthcare policy, Freedom and Liberty and government finance as well as Banking reform.

In olympia we need to find ways to pay for what we need to pay for with out an Income and Tax and skyrocketing Taxes and Fees. would like to see washington state, and the 40th district stay a great place for families, workers such as construction, retail, Landscapping! and Hotel, restaurants entertainment and of course business owners.

Please consider voting for Daniel Miller for State Senate in 2019-Thank

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mountainsnow08@gmail.com**Carrie Blackwood***(Prefers Democratic Party)***Elected Experience:** First run for office**Other Professional Experience:** At law school Carrie had a tough choice: defend the environment or defend working people. She chose to be a labor lawyer because she believes that when people's needs are met, they can better work to protect our shared environment. Today she's in private practice and teaches labor studies at WWU.**Education:** J.D. Mitchell Hamline School of Law, B.A. Law, Diversity and Justice Program at Fairhaven College WWU, Washington HS, Tacoma.**Community Service:** Appointment to Washington State Bar Association Diversity Committee, Community to Community (C2C) Volunteer, Student Mentor, Law Advocates, Happy Valley Yes in My Backyard (YIMBY), Progressive Campaigns.**Statement:** I'm a mother, a Chicana, and an attorney living in Bellingham with my husband and two children. My life began with my deaf-mute father watching for Border Patrol as my mother, in labor, swam across the Rio Grande toward

opportunity. I was placed in foster care and then adopted by a Vietnam Veteran serving in the Army Nurse Corps. In youth, I battled drug-addiction, dropped out of school, and fought deep depression. With the help of family and community I went on to become a lawyer.

For over two decades I have organized, negotiated, marched and advocated for equity and social justice; including twenty years representing workers. I believe we build strength from the bottom up.

I'm running because too many are suffering in the midst of abundance and prosperity. We need progressive champions to break through the status quo. I will press for restructuring our regressive tax system, fully funding education, bold climate action, criminal justice reform, health care for all, and tackling the housing crisis. I will be the tireless advocate the 40th deserves.

Endorsed by trusted local leaders: former Rep. Kris Lytton, Lummi Nation Chair Jeremiah 'Jay' Julius, Kirsten Barron, Crina Hoyer, Dr. Larry Estrada.

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www.carriehblackwood.com**Greta I. Aitken***(Prefers Democratic Party)***Elected Experience:** None previously**Other Professional Experience:** State Certified Spanish Interpreter; Intern at Sinclair Broadcasting Television KATU in Portland, Oregon.**Education:** University of Washington, BA Comm Major, Politics Minor, 2011**Community Service:** No information submitted.**Statement:** Born in Lima, Peru of Scottish ethnicity, known community leader since 2002 when she ventured to open a tax and check cashing agency.

Her travels to Egypt, Jerusalem, Hong Kong, Dubai, Turkey, Peru, Pakistan and Mexico has made her culturally sensitive permitting Greta to be a future Senator candidate as this state grows annually in ethnic diversity as well as its necessities. She is courageous, motivated, humble and humorous. Fluent in Spanish/English, studied French and is presently studying Arabic. A recycler by supporting local thrift stores, a supporter of empowering youth and adults to be actively seeking intellectual and emotional growth, committed to seek solutions for housing, homeless and substance abuse individuals.

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Whatcom County Executive - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Karen Burke

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: I have 18 years of executive leadership experience: 12 years as Executive Director of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County, 6 years as Director for the Lummi Nation Tribal Court.

Education: Bachelor of Arts - Cultural Studies, Women's Studies, and Communications: Western Washington University. Certificate- Nonprofit Executive Leadership Institute: University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs.

Community Service: Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee Vice Chair; Bellingham/Whatcom Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence Member; Rotary Club International Committee Chair; Wolf Camp and The Conservation College Fundraising Chair; Mount Baker Ski Area Mountain Host; Licensed Foster Parent.

Statement: Whatcom County is ready for fresh, innovative leadership. I have spent my career standing up for our community's most vulnerable, and I will use that experience to stand up for you. My vision is for Whatcom County to be

healthy, safe and equitable for all who live here.

Throughout my career, I have seen connections between the social, economic and environmental issues in our County. I have witnessed how untreated mental illness and addiction leads to homelessness and repeated incarceration; how the success of our farming, fishing, and recreation industries are dependent on the health of our natural environment; and how affordable housing can diversify and strengthen our economy.

To address the challenges facing us, we need to respectfully listen and carefully consider all sources of problems as well as the unintended impacts of potential solutions. Decisions should be made openly and inclusively. At a time when division is continually being amplified, Whatcom County needs to stick together. We are first and foremost neighbors.

With my executive management and public leadership experience, I will bring people together to get things done — for our children, grandchildren and the generations that follow.

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Jim Boyle

Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: Vice President, Philanthropy – Organization for Tropical Studies. Senior Director, Philanthropy – University of Washington Medical Center. Executive Director – Community Counselling Service. Owner – Clearwater Communications. Executive Director – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Washington.

Education: Master's Degree in Environmental Management – Duke University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Bachelor of Science – Washington and Lee University.

Community Service: Vice Chair – Whatcom County Flood Commission. Founding Board Member – Washington Legends of Soccer. Volunteer – Mountain Environments Research Institute. Whatcom County NFL Punt, Pass and Kick. Cub Scout Leader. Coach for youth soccer, basketball, and robotics.

Statement: Let's get Whatcom County working for all of us.

Whatcom County is a wonderful place to live with beautiful surroundings and thriving communities. However, it's getting harder to make ends meet, find

affordable housing, drug and mental health issues are increasing, and we're seeing the impacts of climate change.

I'm running because we need leadership that can tackle these challenges. Together, we can make a difference on the issues that matter most to Whatcom County: sustainable economy with living wage jobs that support current and future generations, a healthy environment for fish, farms and families, and a criminal justice system that is effective and ensures equity. Overarching these issues is my commitment to run a county government that is inclusive, responsive, and transparent ensuring that everyone has a voice in solving these issues.

Whatcom County is on the right path, but we need a steady hand to build a bright future for our families and future generations. I bring decades of experience leading organizations through difficult times. From nonprofits, to nationally renowned academic institutions, to international environmental organizations, I understand what it takes to implement positive change. Let's come together to get Whatcom County working for all of us.

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Tony Larson

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Council

Other Professional Experience: President, Whatcom Business Alliance; Publisher, Business Pulse Magazine; Business owner, 31 years.

Education: Bachelor's degree, Economics and Finance, Western Washington University.

Community Service: Tony has been involved personally and through his businesses with many local non-profit organizations including the Light House Mission, Bellingham Food Bank, Boys and Girls Club and his church. He has held numerous leadership positions on boards including president, WWU Alumni Association; executive board, United Way of Whatcom County; chairman, Northwest Private Industry Council; Junior Achievement volunteer and leadership award recipient; volunteer, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and Evergreen Christian school board.

Statement: Born in Whatcom County, I spent my summers picking berries and bucking hay bales. I feel fortunate to raise my family in this wonderful community. I want others to have the same opportunity.

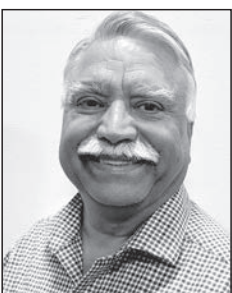
I'm a husband and father, youth coach and business owner. I've been active in community service my entire life. A particular passion is building up young people and preparing them for a productive future. I was a leadership award recipient for Junior Achievement and led the launch of the Whatcom Business Alliance Youth Engagement Initiative and Youth Employment Services.

Our economy is a key driver of our quality of life and sustainable environment. Without a strong and prosperous economy, families, schools, and organizations that support our most vulnerable neighbors and environment are at risk. To build a prosperous future and maintain our quality of life will require principled, proven leadership and experience that I offer.

As your County Executive, I will bring a new and refreshing perspective to county government. I will fight for job creation; support only those regulations that work with, not against, our farmers, employers, and families; and focus spending on programs with clear objectives that create fair and equitable outcomes for everyone.

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Satpal S. Sidhu

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Councilmember, Chair of Finance and Administrative Services Committee

Other Professional Experience: Small business owner (Spice Hut and LyndenBerry) in Whatcom County; senior business executive, project manager, professional engineer, Dean at Bellingham Tech and community volunteer. Worked in petroleum, solar and technical education sectors for 35 years.

Education: MBA, BS Electrical Engineering, BS Physics & Math; Fulbright Scholar

Community Service: Board Member at Northwest Agricultural Business Center; Whatcom Community College Foundation; Northwest Clean Air Agency; Whatcom Transportation Authority; PeaceHealth Citizen Council; Whatcom Counselling & Psychiatric Clinic; Bellingham Police Diversity Committee; Meridian Public School District Foundation, and more.

Statement: My values are the American ideals of hard work, strong ethics and community service.

I have 40 years of leadership experience—working with people, building

companies, managing projects and multi-million-dollar budgets, educating the next generation and making government work for people. On the council, I'm known for carefully listening to diverse views and offering a voice of reason. I keep a sharp eye on the budget and always respect you, the taxpayers.

I am proud to be endorsed by fellow councilmembers and Washington Conservation Voters. I will be a proactive leader for the environment, seeking practical solutions to climate change factors, water rights, water quality and economic growth. I'll use my experience to attract 21st century businesses and jobs and facilitate growth of local enterprises. I see future job growth in export-focused industries, including value-added ag processing, as we find solutions to issues facing our farms and small businesses.

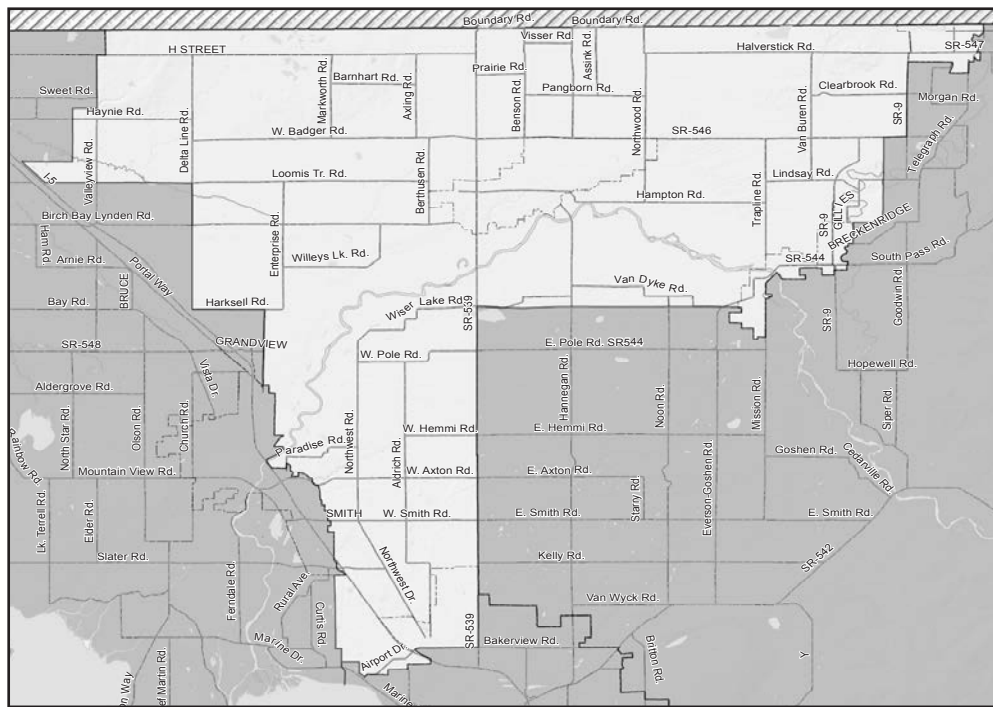
I will provide leadership to promote civil and meaningful dialogue to address common issues of housing, homelessness, criminal justice, mental health services, the opioid crisis, and the jail. My wife Mundir and I have been married for 40 years and have lived in Lynden for 30 years.

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



Only registered voters living in County Council District 4 may vote for the representative for District 4. The map to the left shows the boundaries for Council District 4.



Kathy Kershner

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Council, 2010-2014. County Council Chair, Flood Control District Board Supervisors Chair, Board of Health Chair, Council Finance Committee, Election Canvassing Board

Other Professional Experience: U.S. Navy Officer, retired, 22 years service. Founder of Advocations, a small business evaluating state-funded programs that enable adults with developmental disabilities to lead safe,

independent lives in our communities. Partnered in \$22 million human services agency providing jobs and support to individuals and families of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Education: Bachelor of Science, Family Resources, University of Hawaii

Community Service: VFW Auxiliary, Lynden Youth Sports, North Sound Mental Health Advisory Board, Council of Governments

Statement: Faith, family, and hard work - the priorities we value in District 4. Four generations of my family call Whatcom County home. We are all blessed

to enjoy the many opportunities and quality of life Whatcom County offers. I will work hard to preserve our way of life for future generations.

You deserve a county government that works for you. Small towns like Sumas, Everson, Nooksack, and Lynden are often overlooked. My top priority will be to ensure that our traditional values are considered as decisions are made that impact the needs of rural and agriculture communities. I have a proven track record of leadership and working with diverse groups in our communities to solve complex and challenging issues with results that ensure everybody wins.

It's time for a County Council member from the heart of the county who honors your hard work and faithfulness and will listen to you. I am grateful to have received the endorsement of all six small town Mayors in Whatcom County, the Deputy Sheriff Guild, and Whatcom 7 Firefighters. I am honored to have represented you on the County Council and it would be a privilege to receive your vote to return to service.

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Brian A. Estes

Elected Experience: This is my first time running for office

Other Professional Experience: U.S. Government Accountability Office, Senior Analyst; King County Auditor's Office, Senior Principal Management Auditor; Real Estate Agent; American Society for Public Administration, Past President of Evergreen Chapter; Association of Local Government Auditors, Chair, Education Committee

Education: Master's in Public Administration from the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Washington; BA in Political Science, UCLA

Community Service: Boy Scout Troop 591, former Chair; Redmond United Methodist Church, former Chair, Board of Trustees; National Alliance on Mental Illness, Whatcom County, Advocate; Arc of Whatcom County, Member

Statement: The Farmlands District deserves a representative who will deliver results that matter. I've dedicated my professional career to serving as a government watchdog, saving taxpayers hundreds of millions over the past 36 years. We need someone on County Council who will prioritize efficient, effective government and ensure accountability.

A little bit about me: I've been married to my wonderful wife Jill for 38 years. We have three adult children and one granddaughter.

Our rural communities face mounting challenges. Our farmers and home builders face uncertainty about water and our entrepreneurs are hobbled by a lack of reliable infrastructure. We're locking our neighbors in jail when all they need is a doctor. Our mental health system is overloaded; families can't get the healthcare they deserve; others face limited treatment options for pain medication dependence. As a real estate agent, I hear concerns about housing costs constantly. The lack of high-wage jobs means families working full-time still struggle living paycheck to paycheck.

We need fresh, innovative approaches to these challenges. I have streamlined and identified cost savings in dozens of government departments and programs. I've spent my career finding creative solutions. Hire me as your watchdog on Whatcom County Council.

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Brad Kelly

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Worked at Hillview Builders Inc. Owner and operator of Kelly's Piano Service Inc. since 1995.

Education: Attended Lynden Christian Schools and University of Wyoming.

Community Service: Community Toy Store, Zacchaeus Learning Opportunities, Lighthouse Mission Ministries, Lynden Music Festival, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Hope of the Pokomchi', Journeys of the Heart Adoption.

Statement: Having owned my own business, raised a family, and grown up all in Whatcom County, I have established deep connections in our community. Over the years I have traveled almost everywhere in Whatcom County and have met thousands of people from all walks of life and listened to their stories. Because of this, I am mindful of all the issues our county is encountering.

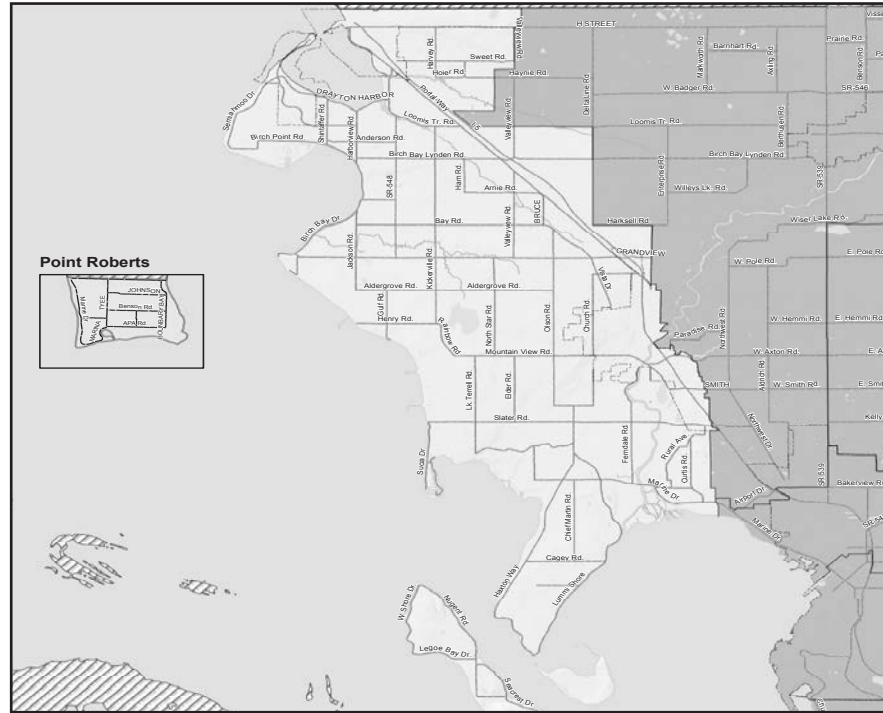
Being a successful business owner in my industry makes me qualified to sit on the council. Business and industry are too often being demonized by local government. Scores of employers, the backbone of our economy, provide good paying jobs and deserve our support. I will be an advocate for business and agriculture so they can thrive in the modern economy, stop unnecessary regulations, and work to open more opportunities for high-paying jobs from these businesses. Overall I want everyone to be able to thrive socially and economically.

Whatcom families should be able to afford a home, build on their own land, save for the future, and be able to give to those in need. Whatcom County's best days lie within our grasp. I would be honored to receive your vote.

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Whatcom County Council District 5 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Only registered voters living in County Council District 5 may vote for the representative for District 5.

The map to the left shows the boundaries for Council District 5.



Ben Elenbaas

Elected Experience: Appointed to Whatcom County Planning Commission 6/12-9/15. Elected Chairman of the Whatcom County Charter Review Commission 2015.

Other Professional Experience: Farmer. President of WC Farm Bureau. V.P. WC Cattlemen's Assoc. Operations Foreman BP Cherry Point Refinery since 2001. 10 year member of CP Emergency Response Team.

Education: Graduate Lynden High School. Studied at Huxley College of the Environment Earning my degree at Western Washington University, BA Natural Sciences, minors in Environmental Studies and Geography.

Community Service: Volunteer with children's 4-H club. Little league football coach. My wife and I work with Main Street Mutt Rescue fostering dogs.

Statement: We have an affordable housing issue, a homelessness crisis, the agricultural and fishing industries are struggling. Local jobs are under attack. All this while we struggled to pass a school bond to accommodate our children's

future. Why? Is it a lack of understanding about the industries in our district? Or an extreme agenda? We deserve better.

While studying at WWU, I chose to design my own major through Huxley College of the Environment. I knew that understanding science and our impacts on the natural world would serve me well in the future. I grew up on a farm. I work at an oil refinery. I produce things that people need every day. Activists say we can't have clean water and agriculture. They say we can't have clean air and thriving industries. In the world I live in we have both, we must have both. This is the perspective I will bring to the council. I will seek to facilitate land use policies that will reflect the reality that healthy economies are vital for healthy environments and communities.

To restore balance to local government for a sustainable community that Whatcom County residents deserve, I ask you to vote Ben Elenbaas.

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Jaime Arnett

Elected Experience: Blaine City Council, 2019

Other Professional Experience: Administrative Executive for Boundary Fish Company in Blaine and Grant Writer for Animals as Natural Therapy. Worked as a housing advocate for Habitat for Humanity in Whatcom County and Central Oregon.

Education: BA, Western Washington University; Blaine High School

Community Service: Helped bring a bullying awareness/leadership workshop to Blaine School District; Religious Education leader, Free Church Unitarian; former Little League coach; assisted Blaine/Birch Bay Healthy Youth Coalition secure a School Resource Office for Blaine School District, Miss Blaine 1997, sat on focus groups to address homelessness and affordable housing in Oregon, Blaine Farmers Market organizer.

Statement: Blaine and the coast of Whatcom County has been my family home for generations. In the 5th District we live along the Salish Sea with a unique

identity and way of life. Farming, fishing, and small towns are our heritage; I'll be working to protect them for our future. I'll advocate for solutions that honor our heritage and traditional values and speak to our optimism.

I'm a hardworking parent who wants nothing but the best for our children and families. From healthy and safe communities to affordable housing, jobs, and opportunity, I will stick up for you on the County Council just as I've spoken up for you on the Blaine City Council.

I'm bold, and I'm passionate about protecting clean water for people and for fish. I'll work to find more resources for mental health intervention and treatment.

This is the first election for District 5 and I'm the only candidate who is from here. I'm not running to represent a political party; I'm running to represent you and make sure the people of our district have an equal voice on Council. I know your issues, my roots are here; I'd be honored to have your vote

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Natalie McClendon

Elected Experience: Elected Chair of the Whatcom County Democrats, 2007-2012. Currently serving second term representing the 5th District on the Whatcom County Planning Commission.

Other Professional Experience: Small business co-owner Turner Photographics, 1994-present. Teacher of At-Risk students, Timber Ridge High School in Whatcom County; substitute teacher in Ferndale and Blaine schools.

Education: BA Environmental Politics and Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln 1977. Secondary Teaching Certificate, Social Studies, Career & Technical Ed, WWU 1999.

Community Service: Sierra Club Mt Baker Group Executive Committee. Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee member. Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA-1) Environmental Caucus member.

Statement: As a grandmother of an adorable toddler, I focus every day on how I can make a better world for her and future generations. The Coastal District needs a representative on the County Council who will work tirelessly to meet

the challenges of climate change. We must transition to a clean energy economy while also ensuring clean water for fish, farms and families, and build shared prosperity.

As a teacher of at-risk teens, I saw first hand their daily struggles to develop healthy relationships with peers and their families, and worked hard to give them a successful start in life. We need a County Council representative who will support resilient families with mental health and substance abuse treatment and hometown healthcare access.

As a local small business owner, I'm always paying attention to market trends, disruptive technology, and changing regulations. To support our families, we need strong communities of 21st century family wage jobs, affordable housing, and rural broadband. With your support, I'll roll up my sleeves and get to work for you.

Endorsed by Port Commissioner Bobby Briscoe, Pinky Vargas, County Councilmembers Todd Donovan, Rud Browne, Satpal Sidhu, Ken Mann (former), Lummi Indian Business Councilman Henry Cagey.

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Whatcom County Council At-Large Position B - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

**Bill LaFreniere**

Elected Experience: Although I was a candidate for County Council 20 years ago. I flunked out at the primary.

Other Professional Experience: Small Business owner since 1979. Performed a variety of trades. Autobody painting, metal fabrication, industrial painting, sandblasting. Carpentry, roofing, remodeling contractor, drove dump truck and transport truck. Retired from many of these because of back problems. Goal of being an engineering consultant.

Education: High School graduate. Tech schooling; auto body, machine tools.

Community Service: Served the public as a small business operator. A leader providing political advice on Craigslist. Have given advice to local governments on how to deal with the homeless.

Statement: We are living in scary times. Socialists are trying to control our State and Country. This means all we have worked for will become property of the state. We will no longer have private industry. With 50 million illegal immigrants to care

for, our social security system will fail soon. Government must stop supporting people capable of supporting themselves. People need jobs to prosper. For union people to prosper, non-union people will be deprived. Government has been unionized since the Kennedy Presidency. The union experiment has not been a positive one. We have numerous scandals over pensions. Unions have been supporting candidates for elected offices. That comes with string attached. I accept no funds from unions. Follow the money to other candidates.

Trying to get a Steel Mill and other industry to Cherry Point. Puget Sound is the best area for ship building. Industry need not pollute. Universities need to train students to help industry rather than oppose it. With China out of the picture, we need to utilize recycled waste. I am helping to design a steel mill that will utilize waste plastic, scrap steel and cardboard. I will help the county deal with today's problems.

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**David Ramirez**

Elected Experience: Experience with local nonprofit community boards and organizations. No prior elected political office held.

Other Professional Experience: Current: District Manager for Clean Harbors covering PNW and Alaska. 20+ years Experienced Senior Manager with proven record of establishing cross-functional partnerships. Accountable for multi-million dollar budgets and allocating resources.

Education: Brigham Young University, Utah; Brigham Young University, Idaho, Business Management

Community Service: Boy Scouts of America, Whatcom Family and Community Network (President and Treasurer), Member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Master Mason, Home Front Therapy CFO (providing leading edge therapy for our combat veterans and their families).

Statement: As a concerned citizen I have watched our elected officials govern with the special interest in mind. They have embraced their own agenda which

will have consequential effects in our region. I believe it is the obligation of the county council to represent all residents, all businesses, and all organizations that call Whatcom County home.

We need someone with an open mind to find solutions to the challenges we face in our county. It is possible to protect our environment while still making it possible for business of all kinds to thrive. Instead of building barriers between the council and business, we need to build a lasting partnership.

The Pacific Northwest is a beautiful place to live and I am blessed to call it home. I am a father of nine and I have four grandchildren. I am lucky to have most of them live in Whatcom County and I want to make sure that they live in a county that is protecting their interest as future leaders of our community.

I vow to serve all residents of Whatcom County. I would be honored for your support and vote.

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Brett Bonner

No photo or statement submitted.

**Carol Frazey**

Elected Experience: 2018-present Whatcom County Council At-Large Member.

Other Professional Experience: President of Fit School, Inc., Whatcom County; Community Education Instructor at Whatcom Community College; elementary and middle school teacher; collegiate athletic coach.

Education: Pennsylvania State University, B.S. Elementary Education; University of Colorado, M.S. Kinesiology.

Community Service: Current Board Member Northwest Regional Council and Whatcom County Generations Forward Task Force; Past Board Member Whatcom County Childhood Obesity Task Force, Run Like a Girl, and Assumption Catholic School Foundation; Bellingham School District Teacher Enrichment Instructor; Volunteer for Girls on the Run; Past Chair, Assumption Catholic Church Pastoral Care Commission.

Statement: Carol Frazey brings a broad and open perspective to the issues facing Whatcom County. Carol is a business owner, a former public school teacher, and an active community volunteer. She is dedicated to preserving opportunities for all residents in our community.

Carol grew up on a farm and is the granddaughter of coal miners. Coming from this background, she understands the delicate balance between preserving agricultural livelihoods and maintaining environmental protections. Carol knows that supporting current Whatcom County businesses and attracting innovative industries will provide the living-wage jobs that are essential to the continued growth of our economy.

Carol is the mother of two teenagers who attend Sehome High School and UW, and her husband, Paul, is an instructor at Whatcom Community College. Carol and Paul have been married for 26 years, and have lived in Whatcom County for two decades.

Carol cares about Whatcom County's future and is dedicated to examining all sides of any topic considered by the County Council. She asks questions, researches the issues, and ensures that all Council members hear your voice. Carol will be honored to continue to serve all of Whatcom County on the Council.

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City of Bellingham Mayor - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

**Pinky Vargas**

Elected Experience: Bellingham City Council, Council President, Mayor Pro Tem, Currently Chair Finance, Community and Economic Development.

Other Professional Experience: Successful 25 year career as a businesswoman, including 9 years working for Puget Sound Energy, working throughout Whatcom County with businesses and communities on energy efficiency. Mentor of women in energy and politics and was as a nominee for Whatcom Professional Women of the Year.

Education: UOPX Business, Leadership Whatcom, Project Management, Toastmasters.

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

Statement: As Mayor, I'll focus on the most important challenges were facing: creating a strong local economy, housing affordability and addressing climate change. These are not Bellingham's challenges alone but the solutions start

here. I'll continue my work with our partners at the county, port, cities, and tribes to meet them head on.

The Mayor is responsible for 90,000 residents, 900 employees, and a 500 million budget. I've spent years working on economic development and growing our economy. I have 25 years' experience in business, managed multimillion-dollar budgets, and supervised teams of 100s of people. I led us to adopt the Bellingham Flag, the Climate Plan and Task Force.

We cannot go backwards. I stand in support of a woman's right to choose, LGBTQ, social and economic equality, protection for our environment and the civil liberties of all. Everyone deserves to be safe, have a home, a job, and opportunity to succeed.

I believe my energy and experience makes me the best qualified to tackle this job. Bellingham is the 13th largest city in Washington and we deserve to shine - we are doing new and inventive things here and should be a model for other communities in Washington.

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**April Barker**

Elected Experience: Bellingham City Council Ward 1, 2016 to present: Chair of Planning and Community Development, Member of Justice and Public Works/ Natural Resources Committees. Council Liaison: Library Board of Trustees, Sustainable Connections, Bellingham International Airport Advisory Committee. Board Member: Whatcom Transportation Authority, Opportunity Council (2016-18). President, Birchwood Neighborhood

Association (2012-2015).

Other Professional Experience: Small business owner. Educator, Bellingham Public Schools. Community Engagement Fellow.

Education: MS, Western Washington University; BS, Fort Lewis College

Community Service: Member: League of Women Voters Racial Equity/Healthy Democracy Committee, Whatcom Democrats, 42nd Democrats, Bellingham City Club, Amigos de Birchwood. Participate in a variety of my children's programs.

Statement: I'm running to become your next mayor, because I believe in Bellingham! I'm a leader who gets things done and finds solutions that put community, fairness, and climate first. By closing the gap on wealth inequality,

eliminating racial disparity, and tackling climate change we will improve our quality of life and sense of community - creating a legacy of Bellingham that future generations can believe in too.

As your City Councilmember I heard you and answered, leading the charge on local climate action, housing, protections for people who rent, and ensuring everyone has access to parks and greenways. I'm the only candidate who opposed the large, expensive jail; I'm committed to reducing incarceration.

We are a rich, resourceful community with remarkable people. We will address gaps in seniors' and families' housing and care needs, build housing for the jobs we have, provide substance use disorder and behavioral health treatment, and protect our environment. Every candidate will talk about climate and climate action. How I'm different: I believe there will be no lasting climate solutions without justice. I will focus on both.

We have the building blocks to make Bellingham a national leader. Vote April Barker for Mayor. Let's get started!

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**Garrett O'Brien**

Elected Experience: This Mayoral election is my first campaign for public office.

Other Professional Experience: I launched my career as a small business owner right after college graduation. Over the past 15 years, my homebuilding company has employed skilled local workers and successfully managed projects with seven-figure budgets.

Education: Graduate from Bellingham High School and Central Washington University, with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management

Community Service: City of Bellingham Planning Commission 2012-present, City of Bellingham Housing Loan Review Board 2018-present, Sunrise Rotary member, former youth wrestling coach at Sons of Thunder Wrestling Club, after-school homework tutor at Shuksan Middle School

Statement: These past months many of you have welcomed me into your homes, community centers, churches, and businesses. I have heard your hopes for the future and I share your vision of Bellingham being an inclusive and vibrant city of opportunity. The current lack of housing and jobs is putting opportunity

out of reach for many people, especially our youth. This is a defining moment for Bellingham.

I will provide the vision, passion, and balanced leadership needed to create housing solutions and economic hope. We will create pathways for housing to be built that meets the needs and affordability of working families, individuals, and students through my Housing Innovation Project.

We need to make bold investments in technology infrastructure and clean energy. I want Bellingham to lead in the next wave of innovation and job creation, providing the financial resources needed to empower our community and break the cycle of homelessness, substance abuse, and incarceration.

The mayor is responsible for leading daily operations of our city, prioritizing a responsible budget, and ensuring ordinances are faithfully enforced. I promise to remain open-minded and accessible to you throughout my leadership. I ask for your vote to serve as your next mayor.

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**Seth Fleetwood**

Elected Experience: Two terms Bellingham City Council. Two terms Whatcom County Council.

Other Professional Experience: Self employed lawyer for 25 years. Before that, various jobs such as house painter, fisherman, construction trades, and congressional aide.

Education: Sehome High School, Bellingham, WA. 1981. University of Washington, 1986. Willamette University

School of Law, 1992.

Community Service: Former or current member: Bellingham Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission; Bellingham Community Growth Forums; Whatcom Council of Governments; Whatcom Transportation Authority; Volunteer Lawyer, Street Law; Bellingham City Club; Countywide Housing Affordability Taskforce; Bellingham Greenways Advisory Committee; Whatcom Climate Advisory Committee; People for Puget Sound.

Statement: During the last 25 years, as a private citizen and elected official, I have taken the lead on the most pressing issues facing our community. These issues include improving housing affordability, supporting public safety, fighting

for justice, addressing climate change, building parks and trails, and maintaining the livability of Bellingham in the face of growth pressure.

I offer you my record of accomplishments, experience, and recognized acts of leadership. My collaborative and practical approach to the toughest issues while serving on the Whatcom County Council and the Bellingham City Council has earned recognition and awards from diverse groups including Whatcom County Realtors, RESources for Sustainable Communities, Jobs with Justice, the Office of the Governor, and three times as "Best Public Official" by the readers of the Cascadia Weekly.

Under my leadership I will harness the power of Mayor to ensure Bellingham becomes a truly inspired model of what an exciting, vibrant city can and must be: beautiful, thriving, prosperous, diverse, inclusive, green and living. I want us to grow in ways that only improve the quality of life in Bellingham. It would be an honor to serve as Mayor of my hometown and I ask for your respectful consideration.

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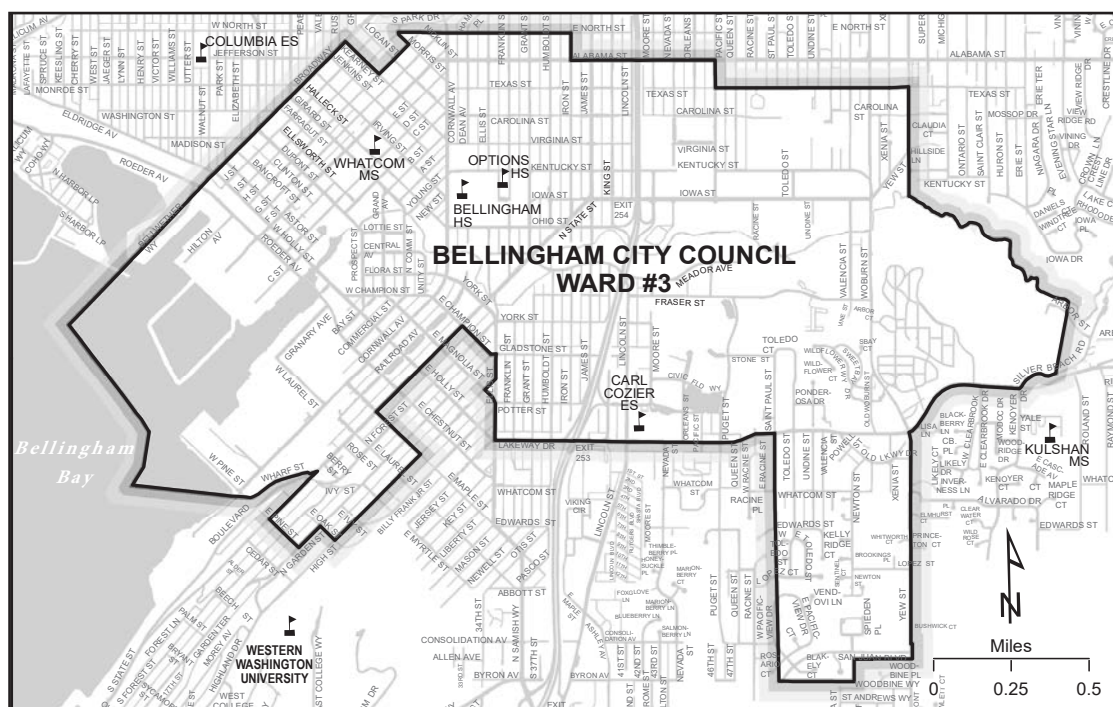
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City of Bellingham Council Ward 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

Only registered voters in Ward 3 may vote for the representative for Ward 3 in the Primary Election.

The top two candidates move onto the General Election, where all voters in the City of Bellingham vote on the Ward 3 candidates.



Ashanti Monts-Treviska

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Co-manages a social enterprise: Cascadia Deaf Nation. Public speaker on Transformative Leadership.

Education: Ph.D candidate, Philosophy in Transformative Studies at California Institute of Integral Studies. Master's in Transpersonal Psychology and Certificate in Spiritual Psychology from Sofia University.

Community Service: Social Justice & Equity have always been an integral aspect of my work to co-create both community and social changes. I volunteer with: NW Washington Community of the Deaf, Bellingham Deaf and Disability Justice Collective, Sins Invalid, Homes Now and Whatcom Peace and Justice Center.

Statement: *Bellingham needs to be a transformative city, not a progressive city.* With my understanding of transformative justice, I seek to guide Bellingham to be creative with solutions for the current issues including the violations of human rights on the institutional/structural level, the support for sanctuary city

protections, Indigenous rights protections, affordable housing needs, homeless/houseless community needs, and the need for renewable energy opportunities to support climate justice.

I acknowledged that the voices of marginalized and underrepresented community members have been ignored related to the need for strengthening public safety. I will make sure that their voices are being heard without question. When it comes to the city council decision process(es), I can bring intersectional insights, through my transformative thought leadership, on how the community needs can be met equitably. It is my goal to rebuild the community through cultural humility and truth & reconciliation processes. I look forward to co-create community change with you.

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Raymond A. Straka

Elected Experience: Former President, Current Board member of WSARC. (Washington Square Area Resident Council) A HUD organization to represent the residents of Low Income Public Housing.

Other Professional Experience: Member of The Resident Action Project (RAP), A non-profit that advocates for affordable housing. Advocated for affordable housing and on the behalf of the homeless to Legislators in

Olympia since 2015 On the Board of T Foundation For A Full Recovery (FFR) aiding people in recovery to reintegrate into society. Past President of Whatcom County ADA (Americans Disability Act) Appeals Board.

Education: No information submitted.

Community Service: No information submitted.

Statement: I believe housing is a basic human right. Envision neighborhoods where housing types are mixed and price points allow neighbors of varying means to live side by side. I support expansion of tenants' rights. Bellingham needs affordable options of home ownership. We need policies that facilitate dense, low-impact living and internalize the costs of sprawling development to

protect open spaces. Solutions for the homelessness should be based on the input and needs of members of that community. We must use fact based, proven methods to permanently end homelessness. Decriminalizing homelessness will reduce the burden on our jails. The solution to the housing crises is policies that are innovative and community-based.

Homelessness drains tax dollars from services like Police, Fire, and Parks. Last year Bellingham spent at least \$300,000 just on cleaning up homeless camps. Permanent housing at Frances Place reduced 911 calls from frequent callers from 28 to just 6 per year. The Homeless impact the economy and quality of life of all Bellingham residents. I believe the community as a whole must play a role in solving the housing crises. It's not just the right thing to do, it is the fiscally responsible course of action.

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Daniel Hammill

Elected Experience: I've been your City Councilmember since 2014. My wife, elected School Board Director Kelly Bashaw and I are Sunnyland neighbors. I bring a wealth of experience, strong connections and a comprehensive understanding of local government. I look forward to continuing to work for you.

Other Professional Experience: Owner, Make it Rain Media and Events, LLC. Previously Program Director at

Whatcom Volunteer Center

Education: Bachelors Degree, Western Washington; Associate Degree, Whatcom Community College

Community Service: I serve or have served on the following boards: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services, Opportunity Council, Sustainable Connections, Kulshan CLT, Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force, Downtown Bellingham Partnership, Project Homeless

Statement: For the last four years as your councilmember, I've kept the community safe while reducing incarceration, especially for non-violent drug offenders. I am the only City Councilmember to vote twice against the failed

jail initiative that voters also rejected at the polls. I believe in treatment and intervention so I co-founded the GRACE program that helps people with mental health and substance use disorder get the help they need.

I fought to protect Galbraith Mountain from more development - ensuring it's open forever to mountain bikers, runners and hikers. I'm committed to making sure Bellingham continues to be a leader in climate change solutions while we continue to protect the Salish Sea.

I've led on tenants' rights - outlawing discrimination and increasing notification times for rent increases. Before Council, I led the Bellingham Home Fund, creating 700 affordable homes. Because our downtown is such an important part of our community, I voted to purchase the old JC Penney building to help ensure that downtown continues revitalization. And I support the long overdue redevelopment of Old Town.

I'm asking for your vote to be re-elected as your Ward 3 representative. Let's work together on a great future for Bellingham!

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



Von Emeth Ochoa

Elected Experience: None, thus far.

Other Professional Experience: Paraeducator, Bellingham School District. Previously: Head House Manager and Stage Technician at WWU CFPA; Activities Assistant at a health and rehab facility; Delivery Technician for a tutoring company in Texas; Dance Accompanist.

Education: Western Washington University, Fairhaven College, B.A. 2010

Community Service: Homes Now. Not Later.; Previously: Washington Reading Corps 2013; Evergreen Supported Living 2013; OutYouth, Austin, TX. 2012; Washington Conservation Corps 2008-2009; Southwest Conservation Corps – Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief spring 2007; 3 summers as a camp counselor; 3+ years as a volunteer arts and academics tutor

Statement: What haunts me is seeing people receive their first disability check after they have died. What gives me hope is progress made toward universal healthcare. What haunts me are the increasingly violent ecological disasters. What gives me hope is the human race making restitution with its one home

planet. What haunts me are the threats of racial supremacist ideology. Who gives me hope are anti-racist and egalitarian. What haunts me are the attempts to diminish the value and autonomy of women. What gives me hope is the power of women. What haunts me is the displacement and destruction of indigenous peoples. What gives me hope are their reclamations and resilient governance. What haunts me are the hate crimes toward the LGBTQ community. What gives me hope is the fact that nature favors diversity. What haunts me is the fear that students feel because they are missing documents. What gives me hope is the fight to make every city a sanctuary city. What haunts me are predatory capitalism and classism. What gives me hope is the humanitarian commitment to shared prosperity.

There is no greatness without goodness.

Let true Justice act to benefit all peoples, all sentient beings, holistically.

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Dana Briggs

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Public, private, non-profit experience as an officer, director, manager, supervisor, white/blue collar worker. Cook for PeaceHealth St. Joseph Hospital. Formerly worked in the USAF; ITT Defense; contractor for IBM, Microsoft, Episcopal Diocese of Western Washington; SoftQuad; Holland America, other small businesses and non-profits. SEIU Local 1199 and

Bellingham Tenants Union member.

Education: USAF Academy, BS Geography, 1978; Central Michigan University, MA Management, 1981; University of Washington, Certificate Non-profit Management and Certificate Fundraising Management, 2005.

Community Service: Community environmental, housing, wealth inequality, civil rights activist. Extinction Rebellion, Sierra Club, Homes Now, ACLU member. I1631 Climate Justice Steward.

Statement: We are facing direct and indirect impacts in the ongoing and increasing global climate emergency. Urgency is needed; community education is key; collaboration necessary. We must implement solutions for the health of the

Salish Sea and orcas; the Nooksack watershed drought; air quality impacts from wildfires; sea level rise affecting the downtown waterfront and other shoreline areas; and many other environmental issues. We can and are fully capable of doing this because we have done so in the past.

We are also facing a local affordable and public housing crisis which is caused by unregulated, “market driven” economics, and increasing wealth inequality because of continuing non-living wages for too many. Housing is a civil right and housing first works.

Too many of our community members are under constant threat from the totally inadequate and unjust national immigration, refugee and asylum policies. Bellingham must be a sanctuary city.

I intend as a council member to open and continue these dialogues as well as others; work towards comprehensive, equitable solutions; and provide safe and respectful spaces for everyone, most especially those negatively impacted, the avenue to have a voice, offer solutions and tear down the barriers that impede our shared humanity.

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Hollie Huthman

Elected Experience: First time candidate

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

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

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

Statement: I am running as an average resident of Bellingham in order to represent average people. My unique combination of being the owner of a successful brick and mortar business with employees, active in our arts and music scene, education in Sociology and financial industry background give me perspective that is much needed on Bellingham City Council. I am an enthusiastically active member of our community and have experienced the

changes and struggles we’ve been faced with over the past two decades. I am a listening leader and believe that facing our challenges is best accomplished as a team effort.

I believe in enacting policy that prioritizes research and evidence-based solutions that plan for our long term health and vitality. Affordable housing, sheltering the unsheltered, providing alternatives to incarceration and continuing to implement plans for a city core that is multimodal and economically and residentially diverse are all issues I prioritize and our residents do as well. I love a challenge, and together we can find solutions.

Endorsements: Former and current Bellingham City Council Members Terry Bornemann, Pinky Vargas, Gene Knutson, Cathy Lehman, and Roxanne Murphy; School Board Member Jenn Mason; Kirsten Barron

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City of Blaine Council Ward 2 Position 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Short & Full Term

**David Gallion****Elected Experience:** (no elected experience)**Other Professional Experience:** 30 years as an automotive technician.**Education:** Associate of Arts degree, Police Sciences Criminal Investigation, Bakersfield CA.**Community Service:** 6 years Blaine Planning Commission, was chair for final term. Member and advocate for Friends of the Blaine Library. District Advisory Committee to an Elementary School in California. Whatcom Friendly Visitors Program senior volunteering for the elderly**Statement:** I have spent most of my adult life in public services, as an auto technician, as an advocate for the Blaine library, and as a concerned citizen. I

served on the Blaine Planning Commission for 6 years, and served as chair of that commission in my last term there. My focus will always reflect what is good for Blaine city, our residents and business, and our future here.

You have a choice in this election. If you want someone with a proven track record of being able to work with others and find solutions in Blaine city governance, without grandstanding or soapboxing, then please elect me, David Gallion. I will roll up my sleeves and try my best to solve the challenges our city faces.

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**Garth Baldwin****Elected Experience:** No information submitted**Other Professional Experience:** Since 2001 I've been the Owner of Drayton Archaeology, a archaeology firm named the local harbor. From 2004 – 2008 I was also a Washington DOT archaeologist. I worked construction while attending college following service as a US Marine Heavy Equipment Operator.**Education:** Attended Blaine Schools from kindergarten, Graduate of Western Washington University (B.A. 2001 & M.A. 2004), Anthropology/Archaeology, minors in English and Geography.**Community Service:** Member, Blaine Parks and Cemetery Board; Participant, Portal Way View Commission; Lecturer, Friends of Birch Bay State Park; Sponsor and coach of Blaine Youth Athletic Teams (Baseball, Softball, and Football).**Statement:** I was a strong advocate for extending the Blaine Pedestrian Trail while on the Parks Board. I consistently asserted the need for taking the best interests, and fiscal responsibility, for the people of Blaine. I worked to take my

own time inspecting our parks, taking special note of the Blaine Cemetery, which had fallen into disrepair. Our board pressed to have an employee hired who would focus on Parks and the Cemetery. I led the charge to have the recently demolished building at 669 Portal Way razed, writing a letter and presenting it to City Council with the support of many. Now that it's gone, I believe the view is improved and feel of that part of downtown is worlds better.

On a personal note: I own a home two blocks from the one where I grew up. My Great-Great Grandfather, Reverend Jefferson Herrin, lived two blocks away and my Great Grandfather, Martin Baldwin, once lived about three blocks away near where City Hall stands. I can walk through Blaine and recognize where six generations of my family have lived and still live. Blaine is more than a place I live. It's my home.

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Jodi Greene**Elected Experience:** No information submitted.**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted.**Education:** No information submitted.**Community Service:** No information submitted.**Statement:** I'm withdrawing myself from the candidacy. Best wishes to everybody that is running. My heart felt thanks to each and every one of you who were in full support and encouraged me to run.**Steven Tojek****Elected Experience:** Past Experiences: 1) I have been in Law enforcement for over eight years.2) I worked in the Workforce Development for youth advancement in the computer repair and assembly work fields for giving youth first-hand experience to earn a paycheck while on the job training. The program Introduced the youth to creating a foundation for future employment.3) I belonged to PUSH Buffalo neighborhood improvement team prior to moving

to Blaine Washington. My experiences involved work and time efforts for improving surrounding neighborhoods through the development and planning committee for enhancement of the community in West Buffalo New York.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted.**Education:** No information submitted.**Community Service:** No information submitted.**Statement:** I have lived in Blaine for eight years and have been a homeowner for five. During my time working here I've talked to many long-term residents, and more often than not, trust issues with the city arise. Transparency and

community involvement in decision making are essential to connect the people of Blaine with the council, or other departments of the city.

Decisions made by city council have a big effect on the community, and don't always take into account all outcomes. I believe there should be a better established system, perhaps establish a user-friendly online forum for locals to give input.

I understand city workers in multiple departments of the city can make harsh choices regarding other people's lives due to because they can and not because they should. These choices made by the city employees can destroy trust within the city. Better discretion can be utilized and better choices should be made regarding all concerned. Law enforcement shall not be excluded. Establishing a system for bringing accountability to the choice makers will help bring balance for everyone.

Goals if I am elected: Community trust enhancement, People first- critical issue open door policy, City design improvement.

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City of Ferndale Mayor - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

**Jon Mutchler**

Elected Experience: Ferndale mayor, 2016-2019; Ferndale City Council, 2009-2015; Whatcom Charter Review Commission, 2015.

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

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

Community Service: Commission on Sexual & Domestic Violence. Whatcom Self-help Homes (assisted 40 families in building their first homes); Faculty, Blaine Summer Music Festival. Emergency Support Officer. Volunteer, Ferndale Schools. Trustee, Whatcom Old Settlers Association. Ferndale Schools Levy Committee. Ferndale Community Coalition.

Statement: Mayor Jon Mutchler has a solid record of results, unquestioned integrity, commitment to listening/citizen engagement, and the wisdom and judgment to lead our thriving city.

Mayor Mutchler's administration has successfully partnered with Whatcom County, our state legislators, and Lummi Nation to secure over \$43 million in grants for projects including the Thornton Street over-crossing, Pioneer Park Pathways (ADA-compliant sidewalks), and our sewer plant upgrade.

Experience is essential with big projects coming up: A new high school. A new well coming online next year. Upgrading an aging sewer plant. And the Thornton project breaking ground this year. Mayor Mutchler's city experience is critical now and unmatched by any other candidate.

Mayor Mutchler has saved the city nearly \$100,000 annually in staff costs by restructuring his administrative team. And while the city grows and attracts new businesses and neighbors, crime decreases, debt goes down, revenues increase and tax rates remain low. Our parks program engages more families than ever. Supported by citizens left, right, and center, Mayor Mutchler has shown time and again that he doesn't work for the politicians, but for you, Ferndale. He puts you first and asks for your vote. Please visit www.ReelectJon.com

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**Keith M. Olson**

Elected Experience: I have been elected to 3 terms as a Ferndale City council member. We cannot sustain the amount of spending the current city mayor and administration continue to put forward.

Other Professional Experience: I have served on the Planning and Land Use committee for eight years and the Finance and Administration committee for four years.

Education: Numerous managerial, accounting classes, supervisory schools needed for job performance during the course of my 25 year career.

Community Service: I assist disabled veterans in home repair My favorite community service is assisting abused female immigrants who are threatened with deportation by their abusive spouses.

Statement: I am running for Mayor of Ferndale because I believe there is a silent majority of Ferndale residents who are not happy with how our city is run.

Like this silent majority, I have grown increasingly frustrated with the direction our city is going. Every land decision the Mayor and Staff promised us

would lead to affordable housing has only resulted in rising costs and a growing population that needs more services. Growth has never paid for growth, but the current Mayor keeps pretending it will! We can't keep reaching into our residents' pockets whenever we need more money to pay for growth.

As a Councilmember, I am unable to direct Staff to do anything. Therefore I am running for Mayor because I want to bring Council back into the process so the residents of Ferndale can have seven people fighting for them. I know I can do this because I've done it before. In more than 30 years in law enforcement, I managed and led 89 federal agents as a supervisor.

We are at a crossroads with this election, prodevelopment candidates are lining up for open council positions behind the prodevelopment mayoral candidates. If they win, you lose.

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**Robert J. Pinkley**

Elected Experience: I relish the political process as I have been involved in it most of my adult life. I have ran numerous political campaigns and have worked as a journalist and political talk radio announcer as a graduate student.

Other Professional Experience: I have worked for the US Department of commerce in Pittsburgh Washington DC and Seattle. I worked with Vanguard trading in agricultural

exports. As a private businessman, I owned Telus development, Too Cellars of Washington Wine, and the Leader Block Wine company

Education: M.A. University of Pittsburgh B.A. Pacific Lutheran University

Community Service: Catholic Community Services

Statement: I have been an entrepreneur all of my life. As a young man, I built decks and remodeled bathrooms and funded my private education. When I was 14 years old, I worked for Boehm's chocolate in Issaquah. I approached the

business owner to work with the city of Issaquah and start a street vending operation. I was given the permission to sell hand-dipped Swiss chocolate ice cream bars out in the public. This was a great success and you can now find them in grocery stores. Issaquah, in the early 1980s, was a small city that grew and prospered over time. I worked at the Issaquah press and I knew the mayor and many of the folks on the council as they worked collaboratively with small businesses. As mayor, I will work collaboratively with the business community. The city government has an obligation to build and maintain strong infrastructure as well as providing a clean beautiful environment connecting parks and streets with the businesses around them. The city will provide incentive programs to restore older buildings under the guise of a prevailing historic theme. Ferndale will be a proud city for its residents and for travelers from abroad

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**Daniel Sydney Hevenor**

Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted.

Education: No information submitted.

Community Service: No information submitted.

Statement: Daniel started his working career at 17 years old by joining in the United States Marine Corps and serving 3 years from 1975 to 1978. Owned and operated a Bar, Restaurant and Hotel. Daniel worked in the field of Behavior Safety and worked with Exxon on a 19-billion-dollar project in Papua New Guinea. also a lead Safety Consultant with the BG Group On a 20 billion-dollar Coal Seam Gas project. Daniel also worked on the largest LNG project in the world at the Gorgon Gas Project as the Deputy Safety Manager, Safety and Training Superintendent at the Saraji BMA Coal Mine. Daniel is trained in Incident investigation, and has also taken on Consulting Advisor roles with local Council Governments and local

factories. Daniel has worked with the top performing Companies and Project managers in the world and Daniel would like the opportunity to take Ferndale into the next 4 years with a fresh set of eyes and ideas, to appreciate support and assist hard working local businesses to maintain and build successful companies.

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City of Ferndale Mayor - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term *Continued***Greg Hansen****Elected Experience:** 4 years - Ferndale City Council**Other Professional Experience:** After nearly twenty years in the hospitality industry in different management roles, I joined the Business Administration faculty at Whatcom Community College in 2006 as an adjunct professor. I am currently the Hospitality and Tourism Business Management program coordinator and instructor.**Education:** I hold a BA in Economic and Political Science, a BA in Social Studies, a Secondary Education teaching certificate, and have completed post-graduate work in History all at Western Washington University.**Community Service:** I volunteer many Ferndale organizations: Ferndale Marching Bands, Chamber of Commerce, Ferndale Downtown Association, and the Old Settler's Association.**Statement:** Ferndale has been my home for fifty years. I have watched as Ferndale has matured from a small town to a small city; from a farming community to a community with cutting-edge industry. I'm very enthusiastic and optimistic about where Ferndale is headed. While Ferndale's growth brings opportunity,

it is not without costly challenges; traffic, water and sewer, public buildings, public safety. To face these challenges, Ferndale needs steady, engaged, and thoughtful leadership.

I want city government and our community to face these challenges with open dialogue and a sense of shared purpose and responsibility. When we respect and consider the diversity of opinions, identities, and backgrounds within our community, we make decisions that enable *everybody* in our community to thrive.

Even more, we must balance the needs and interests of business and industry with the needs of our diverse and vibrant community. City government must be mindful of the impacts of complex and restrictive policy on business. Thriving businesses are critical to a vibrant community.

Together, we will guide Ferndale into a safe and prosperous future.

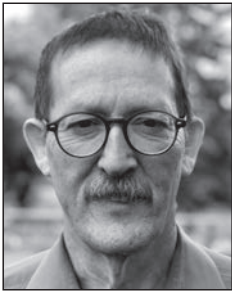
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City of Ferndale Council Position 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

**Dave Mattson****Elected Experience:** First time candidate**Other Professional Experience:** Taxi driver (28 years); Security officer (10 years); Professional baker (3 years); U.S. Navy**Education:** North Kitsap High School (Poulsbo, WA), Class of 1976; Attended Olympic Community College (Bremerton, WA)**Community Service:** Volunteer, Ferndale Food Bank; Church volunteer; Tutoring**Statement:** I'm Dave Mattson and I'm running for Ferndale Council so that the working-class poor will have a voice. I aspired to be a school teacher but lack of money prevented me from finishing college. To provide for my family I took whatever jobs that were available to me (sometimes two at once). My favorite work has been driving a taxi. I like to drive and listen to people.

As part of the working-poor we regularly have to go over our family budget and say to ourselves, "This is what we need. This is what we want. How are we going to pay for it?" Then make hard choices. I'll take this same common-sense approach to my City Council service. Like we do at home, I'll examine every line of the City budget.

Family is important to me. Dory and I have two sons. Our youngest works here in Whatcom County and will soon graduate from Whatcom Community College with a hospitality degree. Our oldest is in the Air Force facing his first deployment to the Middle East in a few months.

I'm Dave, where can I take you?

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**Paul Bulanov****Elected Experience:** N/A**Other Professional Experience:** Fourteen years in real estate sales and property management. Served four years in U.S. Coast Guard Reserves at Station Bellingham.**Education:** Business and management classes, Clark College and Whatcom Community College; graduated from Ferndale High School.**Community Service:** Current Ferndale Parks and Recreation Boardmember. Organized children's camps for three years. Donate to local nonprofit organizations.**Statement:** Ferndale has given much to my family and now I have the opportunity and abilities to give back to Ferndale. My family emigrated from Russia in 1996 and quickly settled in Ferndale. After graduating from Ferndale High School, I worked elsewhere briefly before returning here, getting married and being blessed with two children. My blend of leadership, creativity, budgeting experience and

team-building skills will help find solutions to challenging issues.

I want to incentivize sustainable growth and remove barriers that increase housing costs, making it more likely our children can buy or rent a home here. I'd look for ways to remove three city rules whenever we need a new one. We are regulating ourselves out of growth and vitality.

Growth and the Nooksack River lead to traffic problems, but their effect on our safety, businesses and quality of life make them a top city priority. We can be simultaneously realistic and creative, using technology to facilitate efficient and safe flow of traffic.

Our City Council must consider future generations when making decisions. I humbly request your vote so I may help Ferndale be as good to them as it has been to my family.

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**Ali Hawkinson****Elected Experience:** First-time candidate**Other Professional Experience:** Certified Employment Service Professional & Employment Specialist with Work Opportunities of Whatcom County; Executive Recruiter for Management Recruiters International; Support Staff Administrator at North Bay Christ the King Church; Co-Owner of Blue Cab, LLC; Office Manager, Northwest Business Monthly Magazine.**Education:** Whatcom Community College**Community Service:** Vice President on the Board of Directors, Birch Bay Music Festival; Voting member, North County Poverty Task Force.**Statement:** Ferndale is facing some big challenges as we grow and to meet those challenges, we need capable leaders on council. With years of professional community outreach experience, I have honed my skills of actively listening, advocating to support people and being a strong and persistent voice to accomplishing constructive goals through concise planning.

Good ideas are bigger than partisanship and personality conflicts, and that's why my commitment to representation and outreach has earned me endorsements from nearly every councilmember who served this year, though our individual politics and perspectives differ, our commitment to this city does not.

I hear the people of Ferndale pleading to be fairly and accurately represented. I will listen and fight for your wants and needs. I will hold myself, the council and the city accountable to extreme responsibility with your money, first exhausting options for grants and other resources before reaching into the pocket of tax payers for those hard-earned dollars.

Ferndale can thrive. With transparency and team-work we can do this together. With your vote, I would be honored to represent your voice and serve as your city councilmember. www.facebook.com/ali4council ali4council@gmail.com www.alihawkinson.com

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



Erin Gunter

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

Other Professional Experience: Employed by Fred Meyer for 22 years. Have been in management, and currently in customer service.

Education: Graduated in 1993 from WWU.

Community Service: Past: Big Sister for Big Sisters/Brothers, Volunteer for Whatcom Cristis Services, Board Member of Miss Patti's Preschool, Eagleridge PTO President, Horizon PTO President, Junior Achievement Volunteer, Basketball Coach for 4 years, Currently: Relay for Life Team Captain, and on the Makayla Jam Board.

Statement: Twenty years ago, my husband Jeff and I moved to Ferndale for many reasons. Mostly we wanted to raise our kids in an affordable and safe community that had a school district with a good reputation. Along the way we met wonderful people and got involved wherever we could. Initially, I started

out on the Preschool Board and kept volunteering. I was PTO President at our elementary school and middle school and I have been a Board Member of the Makayla Jam for the past 7 years. Making a difference in my community is something that is very important to me and I have to say I have learned a lot in all my endeavors. I am open minded and work well with others. I truly believe we all have something to contribute.

I will continue to be involved in our community building a better future for our children and all citizens. Public safety is also important. I want people to continue to feel safe while out and about in our community. I feel that community involvement with fire, police, schools, churches, and businesses will keep our city on a path for a strong future.

Thank you for Voting!

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Mike Reilly

Elected Experience: I previously served on the Ferndale City Council for 3 terms

Other Professional Experience: I retired from the United States Postal Service where my last position was the station manager of the Mt Baker station. Member of Medical Waste Taskforce and Flood Advisory Board.

Education: Bachelor of Science graduate from Lewis-Cark State College.

Community Service: I belong to Saint Joseph Catholic Church where I am currently a member of the Finance Committee and the Knights of Columbus. I served previously on the Parish Council, Religious Education Board, and was a religious education teacher. I am a member of Disabled American Veterans.

Statement: I am running for Council because there is a disconnect between the city and it's citizens. If elected I will make the following proposals: a 6 month

moratorium on issuing new residential permits; we need to evaluate if our water situation is sustainable; Committee meetings should be moved to early morning or evening so residents can attend; send to the voters a proposal to divide the city into 7 wards so all areas have a member on the council; zero based budgeting at least once every ten years. Each department starts at zero and has to justify positions and money being asked for like it is a brand new department; I will not support the waiving of fees for residential developers; I support downtown revitalization but we need to be open for development in other areas; I support Cherry Point industry and the refining of Bakken oil. I support the North Bellingham area becoming part of the city. My great-Grandfather arrived in Ferndale in 1872. Many of his descendants are still living here and I hope in the future. If elected I will serve the residents to the best of my ability.

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Anya Milton

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Program Director for the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce; Community Engagement and Branch Director for Boys & Girls Clubs; Youth Engagement Manager at NWYS; Executive Director of Access Freedom

Education: BA in History from North Park University and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Visual Communication from School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Community Service: FSD Bond Oversight Committee; FSD Communication Advisory Committee; Past Board President at Ferndale Chamber of Commerce; Ferndale Community Center Advisory Board; Board Member at Access Freedom; Appointed by State AG as a consultant on the Statewide Model Protocol on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Minors.

Statement: I will be the council member that looks at the issues facing the community from a multitude of angles. My strength lies in actively listening to the people and giving them a voice. I advocate for the people and provide them

opportunities to be included as a valued contributor, working toward progress. Bringing experience and diversity to the table, I will ensure that as Ferndale grows in size, we are prepared to succeed.

Leading the way, I will use facts and data to make informed decisions, strengthening Ferndale— preparing for its inevitable growth. I am willing to take a stand on difficult issues and work with citizens to ensure a brighter future.

Throughout my career and volunteer service, I have had the opportunity to learn about complex issues and work collaboratively toward improvement and resolution. My extensive service within Whatcom County demonstrates my commitment to improving the way citizens, business, schools, community and government connect and support each other. Our community is more interdependent than ever: families support businesses, businesses support resources, and resources support families. We need to work to preserve this delicate ecosystem and provide the appropriate infrastructure to sustain growth.

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Write-In Voting

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Candidacy to have votes tallied for a race. Write-in candidates have until 8:00 pm on Election Day to file their Declaration.

To cast a vote for a declared write-in candidate, fill in the oval next to the write-in line on the ballot and write the name of the qualified candidate on the line provided.

Write-in votes are not permitted for the office of Precinct Committee Officer.

Please do not write in fake or fictitious names, the ballots take extra time and waste taxpayers money to process.



City of Ferndale Council Position 7 - Nonpartisan Office - 2 Year Unexpired Term

**Todd McKernan**

Elected Experience: First time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: Lab Tech in medical manufacturing for a local company.

Education: Sehome High graduate.

Community Service: Co-founder, organizer and leader of the Northwest Renegades running group. Member of Volunteer Committee at place of employment. Former Boy

Scout volunteer (Popcorn Kernel).

Statement: Todd McKernan believes that every resident of Ferndale deserves the opportunity to be successful and to do great things! He would like the opportunity to work hard towards this goal. He supports local businesses by encouraging growth in the commercial district of Ferndale and choosing local

with his consumer dollars. As the city continues to grow Todd will advocate for growth in green spaces, parks and recreational trails so that all residents will continue to have the opportunity to enjoy what Ferndale has to offer. He will work with all effected parties to find and support ways to lessen the impact of growing rush hour traffic throughout the city. As a lifelong resident of Whatcom county, Todd has chosen Ferndale as a place to raise his family and is excited about an opportunity to serve his neighbors.

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**Ramon Llanos**

Elected Experience: My name is Ramon Llanos and I am the Vice President of the Pacific Industrial Park Association and the President of the P.I.P Building Association.

Other Professional Experience: I am the founder and co-owner of the only Ferndale engineering and surveying firm founded in 2004. I have accumulated over 30 years of experience in municipal, commercial, single family and multi-family projects in Whatcom County.

Education: I have a Bachelors in Engineering and Masters in Civil Engineering from the University of British Columbia.

Community Service: Our firm provided free services for the construction of Star Park in Ferndale.

Statement: I am a proud father of two daughters, and have been happily-married for over 25 years. I moved to Whatcom County in 1993 to continue my civil

engineering career and launch my own private business. On multiple occasions, I have provided input to city staff in developing city policies and codes. For example, I provided input in drafting the zero-lot line, accessory dwelling units (ADU) code, trail sections, and the new RMH zoning in the City of Ferndale.

I am an avid traveler, hiker, sports fisherman and soccer fan. In my freetime, I like to spend time with my family and cats as well as go on hikes in Washington state.

I am confident my experience in the private and public sector will assist in Ferndale's policy-making decisions which aim at strengthening Ferndale's local businesses, infrastructure, and public services.

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**Maralise Fegan**

Elected Experience: First-time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: Paralegal and Office Manager, Boundary Bay Law; UFCW contract negotiating committee and section lead, Fred Meyer; Behavioral Engineer (parent).

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

Community Service: Ferndale School Bond Task Force, Support Ferndale Schools Committee, founding member of Ferndale Emergency Resource Network (FERN), Ferndale PD Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS), Whatcom Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Ferndale Youth Emergency Services (YES) club coordinator.

Statement: Ferndale currently faces important decisions regarding our infrastructure and direction of growth. These decisions will affect our city and residents for years to come, and helping make these decisions is a serious responsibility. Our growing community deserves a thoughtful, independent

representative, willing to ask tough questions and work with and for the residents of Ferndale toward reasonable, well-balanced solutions and smart growth. I am confident that I am the candidate best prepared by my professional, personal, and community experience for this task.

With FERN, ACS, and CERT, I work as part of a team of community members to accomplish our goals. On the School Bond Task Force and the Support Ferndale Schools Committee, I collected information, reviewed data, and worked to build consensus on a plan for the much-needed bond to rebuild Ferndale High School. I have seen firsthand that our community can achieve great things when we work together.

I would be honored to receive your vote to serve on our City Council, where I will work, with your input, to get answers to important questions that will allow for informed decision making, and ensure our city's success into the future.

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If you have any comments or suggestions, please email us. We would like to hear from you!



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

**Jack Lathrop****Elected Experience:** No information submitted.**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted.**Education:** No information submitted.**Community Service:** No information submitted.

Statement: I will be an ear and a voice for the people of Lynden. I will encourage you to contact me personally with your concerns and ideas so we can work together to guide the future of our great town. I believe in additional police officers and more trails and parks. I commit to you to stand up for you as long as I hold the office of Lynden City Council and I will put you first.

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**Darren Johnson****Elected Experience:** First time running for office

Other Professional Experience: Owner/Broker of HomeSmart One Realty, a real estate company with over 60 agents serving Whatcom, Skagit and Snohomish Counties, Former Director of Development and coach at Lynden Christian Schools, Former Counselor and Head basketball coach at Lummi Nation School

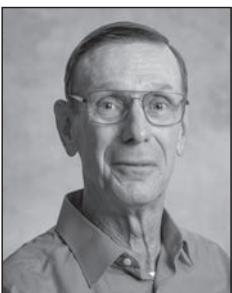
Education: Lynden Christian High School (1987), Corban College, B.S. (2003), City University, M.Ed. (2006)

Community Service: Mt Baker Rotary Club member, Youth sports coach, School volunteer, Razz Fest

Statement: I graduated from Lynden Christian High School in 1987 and have lived most of my life in and around Lynden. My wife Chantel and I have 3 children, all of which have benefited from this great community. Like most residents of Lynden, I understand what a great and unique place that we live in. It is for this reason that I feel compelled to run for City Council. If I am fortunate enough to be one of your Lynden City Council members, I promise to do everything I can to help protect and preserve the things that make our community great. I'm ready to work for you. It would be an honor for me to receive your vote.

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**Ronald DeValois****Elected Experience:** Lynden City Council 16 years.

Other Professional Experience: Lynden City Planning Commission 10 years. Educator at Monroe Christian School. Managed drip irrigation systems at Clark's Berry Farm. Custodian at First Christian Reformed Church

Education: Lynden Christian School Graduate. Calvin College Graduate (BA). Western Washington University

Community Service: Member of the Lynden Community Futures Steering Committee. Volunteer and past Board Member of the Lynden Pioneer Museum. Project Hope Volunteer. One to One Prison Ministry Volunteer.

Statement: I am a four-term incumbent on the Lynden City Council and, combined with my tenure on the Planning Commission, I have served you more than a quarter century. As a lifelong resident I understand what makes Lynden so special and unique. I am committed to ensuring it stays that way.

I have focused on things that all good cities need – reliable streets, clean water, and a safe environment – but also on the things that make our lives richer and fuller. With my colleagues on the Council, I have helped lengthen the city trail system, carefully maintained our existing recreational areas and secured new park space for future generations.

Lynden is growing. I believe that growth should come slowly and be managed thoughtfully, in a way that preserves and enhances what we all know is special about Lynden. For 16 years I have strived to be a good steward of our resources with careful fiscal management. I am grateful that my reputation as a Councilor is that I am detail-oriented and dedicated. I would be honored to continue serving Lynden with my valuable experience and focused commitment.

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**Kris DeGroot Keene****Elected Experience:** No information submitted.**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted.

Education: I graduated from Lynden High School in 1986 and attended Whatcom Community College.

Community Service: In the past I have served on the Board of Directors for the Lynden Chamber of Commerce and on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club

of Whatcom County, Lynden Branch. I spent time on the Lynden School District Superintendent's advisory board as they work toward new facility planning to meet the needs of our growing student body. I have also been involved as a volunteer in supporting the awesome community events as put on by the Lynden Chamber of Commerce.

Statement: As a lifelong resident of Lynden I have seen our town go through many changes, and with that, the many challenges along the way. Lynden is a

wonderful place to live and work due the hard work that has been done by those who have come before us. I want continue that work to make sure we continue to grow in a way that keeps Lynden a place where we can all thrive and can be proud of. A place where the coming generations feel safe, get a great education and get to be part of an amazing community where families come first. Public safety, education, responsible growth and the future of business in our town are priorities at the top of my list. However, my running for office is not about my personal agenda. It is about using my voice and doing the work on your behalf to keep Lynden a wonderful, thriving home for our future generations, a place where the sense of community remains as strong tomorrow as it is today.

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

**John C. Pitcher****Elected Experience:** None**Other Professional Experience:** Retired from United States Navy, Auditor for DoD, Accountant/CFO for private Company, Retired Minister from Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.**Education:** Graduate Kalamazoo Central High School, Kalamazoo MI, BA in Business Administration & Economics from Western Washington University, BS in Accounting from Central Washington University, MDiv from Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne IN.**Community Service:** Served as Treasurer for Vinup Owners Condo Association.**Statement:** I am concerned that our senior population needs representation on the City council and will strive to ensure that their voice will be heard and presented on any proposals and votes that may come before the council.

Other concerns are to ensure we have controlled growth, infrastructure and proper training and staffing of police and fire protection for our community.

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and safe neighborhoods and parks, I knew it was the home for me. Every day I am so grateful that I have become a part of this community.

Since moving here, I've experienced Lynden's rapid and continuing growth, which benefits Lynden in many ways but also presents significant challenges in terms of how we allocate our resources, maintain and improve critical infrastructure, and develop our residential, commercial, and outdoor spaces. I would be honored to work for the people of Lynden to make sure that the City Council does its part to proactively and intelligently plan for the future and thoughtfully adapt to the changing needs of our community. If elected, I pledge to listen to all of Lynden's voices when making decisions so that together we not only grow, we thrive.

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fb.me/JenForLynden**Brent Lensen****Elected Experience:** Served as Lynden City Council Member since 2009.**Other Professional Experience:** Business Manager, Vander Griend Lumber Company in Lynden (Employed there since 1994).**Education:** BA in Economics, Calvin College, 1994. Graduate, Lynden Christian High School, 1990.**Community Service:** City of Lynden Planning Commission Member 2002-2009. Lynden Million Smiles Playground- Integral member of team that led volunteer effort to build new playground at City Park on Depot Road 2006-2007. Board Member- Broken Walls International- Non-profit engaging in economic development and providing foster care opportunities and family stabilization programs in western Romania 2002-present.**Statement:** It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your City Councilor since 2009. I look forward to earning your vote to serve another four years.

Working together, our council has made significant accomplishments during my tenure. We have managed to restore our city savings accounts after the recession depleted them. We have completed a new water treatment plant that will last for generations. I have spearheaded efforts to add staff and equipment to our vital public safety departments. I have advocated to purchase property for future parks. Our city continues to be friendly for business growth.

I will continue to fight for enough resources to provide for our increasing public safety needs and park and trail development. As Lynden grows, I want to ensure residential growth reflects what our community desires when it comes to housing types and lot sizes. I will make sure the city acts responsibly when it comes to indebting future generations to facilitate residential growth. I will work hard collaboratively with citizens, staff, and elected officials to guarantee that our community continues to be a desirable place to live and work.

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Blaine School District 503, Director District 2 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Todd Berge

Elected Experience: Blaine School Board member since 2003.

Other Professional Experience: Manager contract security at BP Refinery, volunteer Captain with North Whatcom Fire (ret.), member of the American Society of Industrial Security, liaison member Washington State Fusion Center, multiple risk management and homeland security certifications.

Education: 1985 graduate of Blaine High School, graduate of Bates Vocational School, certificate of completion at Tacoma Community College, attended Western Washington University.

Community Service: Superintendents Advisory Board, school bond/levy committee, 33 years volunteer commitment in the fire service and EMS, AAU basketball coach, board member and current President of the Blaine Scholarship Foundation, Cherry Point Reach-out.

Statement: As a School Board member, I'm excited to continue strong partnerships within the school district, and the Blaine, Birch Bay, and Point Roberts communities, where decisions are made in the best interests of

educating and providing opportunities to our children. I want to continue building great improvements made in having a safe, fiscally sound school environment that fosters stability for all at our schools.

Serving on your Blaine School Board to improve the educational experience for all students has been most important for me. We're nearly done with major capital projects that included remodeling, but also expanded the increased need for high school facilities. My efforts to support improved technology to increase safety for all students, teachers and staff must continue, along with focusing on a curriculum to challenge and better prepare our students for college and careers after graduation.

Teachers and administrators work hard, being invested in the success of their students and our community. I support professional development to ensure the best quality of curriculum and teaching available. Leading those quality standards are personally important to me as my own family are Borderites. My two children are BHS graduates, with a grandson attending Blaine Primary School.

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Prudence Welch

Elected Experience: The best experience you can have when it comes to children, is raising them! While this is no easy task, if you lay the ground work for them, it gives a good foundation for success. Prudence has 3 successful Adult children that have gone through Blaine, and a current middle schooler. While it did have its struggles and challenges, working together with teachers has made a difference. She has creative thinking skills that could help

bring new ideas to the District.

Other Professional Experience: Warehouse and Office management, and a Commercial Painter.

Education: AA in Science

Community Service: Healthy Youth Coalition / Birch Bay Chamber

Statement: Prudence is a mother of 4 children, 3 of them have graduated, and she still has one in middle school. She has lived in Blaine for almost 13 years.

She strongly believes that our children's success is a combination of parental support with teacher involvement, this creates a healthy learning environment. This involves balancing long and short term goals for the district so our students can have a brighter future.

She has had to deal with bullying, learning disabilities, and balancing everyday work / life balance. Our children's safety, and education should be at the top of our list! She will add problem solving skills, and help build a better community by starting in our schools! We should encourage those around us to be better today than we were yesterday! She loves her town, and her goal is to bring new ideas, and fresh concepts to improve our community.

Her main objective is to provide a healthy and safe environment for our children and teachers. In her opinion this starts with respect.

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Dougal Thomas

Elected Experience: President of Blaine Youth Basketball from 2016-2018

Other Professional Experience: 5 years teaching; K-12 & Community College, Math, Physical Education, Health. 24 years coaching basketball, soccer, rugby, golf; Kindergarten to College level. Co-owner West Mechanical Heating & Air Conditioning for 15 years

Education: Bachelor of Education - University of Alberta 1997; Master of Education - Delta State University 2002

Community Service: Senior Boards at Blaine High School. Coached youth basketball in the Blaine community for 9 years. Coached youth soccer and youth baseball in Blaine for several years. Golf Tournament Committee for the Blaine Scholarship Foundation for the past 5 years

Statement: Dougal has lived with his family in the Blaine community for 15 years. His children currently attend the Blaine School District.

Dougal has been involved in education for the past 24 years either as a teacher or a coach and looks forward to contributing to the Blaine community in a new way on the school board. He is interested in both the academic and extra-curricular opportunities for students in our community. Student access to a variety of programs and facilities is extremely important to do this.

As a member of the School Board and an educator it will be important to Dougal that the Blaine School District is providing the necessary support to students, teachers and administrators to address the challenges in education. Having a background in business will be helpful in understanding budgets and expenditures of the Blaine School District to meet these needs. Ultimately Dougal will be a responsible advocate for the best interest of students and educators. If elected Dougal will support positive change where needed and a strong voice of reason as the Blaine School District navigates the future.

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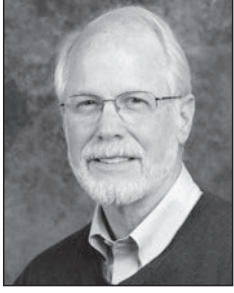
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Blaine School District 503, Director District 4 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

**Charles Gibson**

Elected Experience: Appointed as director in 2007, elected in 2011 and 2015. President for two years.

Other Professional Experience: For twenty years I worked at New Mexico Boys Ranch, a long term home for children. I started by driving the school bus and worked up to be Executive Director. During my leadership the Ranch expanded to establish a Girls Ranch, a Youth Ranch and a foster/adoption agency. Our family moved to Blaine in

1992 for me to attend Regent College in Vancouver and I soon became pastor of Northwood Alliance Church.

Education: B.A. Adams State College, Colorado; Master of Divinity, Regent College, Vancouver BC

Community Service: No information submitted.

Statement: Our family has flourished in this beautiful setting of Blaine and Birch Bay. When we came here 27 years ago, we quickly noticed the school system was the center of the community. From the start, our four young children

have done well. All four graduated from the Blaine school district and went on to complete college at SPU. Each one then received professional degrees at University of Washington School, Washington State University, University of Hawaii Law School, and Oxford University in England. They were well prepared in Blaine schools to excel wherever they went. Three of them have returned to Whatcom County, and now we have grandchildren entering Blaine schools!

Because of all this, I chose to serve the past 12 years on the school board to give back where our family has received so much. And my wife has served for over twenty years as Blaine school nurse. (I'm better known as Nurse Gibson's husband).

Our schools are facing new challenges with a new Superintendent and state and local funding greatly altered. This is a time for experienced board leadership to carry forward all the good that has been achieved.

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**Tana Perkins Reneau**

Elected Experience: Math/Literacy Curriculum Adoption, District Technology integration, Response to Intervention Implementation Cohort.

Other Professional Experience: Director of Focused Ministries, Young Life. Leading YoungLives: serving teen moms and their babies, and Capernaum, serving children with disabilities. Washington State Certified Administrator/Principal – 2010, Washington State Certified

Teacher – 1998, National Boards Certified Teacher - 2008, Preschool Director – Semiahmoo Kids Camp

Education: Northcentral University – Current Studies, Doctorate in Education/ Special Education, Washington State University Educational Leadership, Administrative Credentials, Washington State University, Masters in Teaching, K-8, Linfield College, BA Business Administration

Community Service: Cornwall Church Director, One-On-One Ministry – Children with disabilities, Washington State Foster Parent.

Statement: It is my privilege to serve our students, families, and staff. Providing children with an outstanding education is my life-long passion. Collaborating

with teachers to assess, reflect, and improve our professional practice is a highlight of my work. Coming alongside families to offer support, resources, and partnership gives my work depth and meaning. I bring fervor, experience, knowledge, and longevity to this role.

As an educator, a parent, administrator, and community leader, I have proficiency to serve in ways that advocate for education in the 21st century. Leading students within the community and parenting six children (ages 15 to 3), I am vested in every aspect of our school system that shapes and influences their growth and development. My experience and knowledge bring balance between the daily operations, current initiatives, and the overarching decision-making processes that impact our schools and the educational outcomes envisioned across the district. We must maintain a school culture where every child has trusted adults reinforcing that every student can learn, grow, and achieve high standards. I am an advocate for every child. I roll up my sleeves, walk in the trenches, and stand in the gap for students, families, and teachers.

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**Katie Smith**

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: Katie Smith is a longtime resident of Blaine. She attended School at Blaine her entire grade school career, kindergarten through 12th grade. Her and her

husband have five beautiful children together, four of which currently attend school at Blaine, and their fifth and youngest child is set to attend Kindergarten at Blaine this Fall. Katie's heart and passion lies with the children, and is the leading factor she has chosen to run for School Board. Katie believes in the importance

of giving back and being involved not only as a parent but as a member of her community as well, which is why she currently serves on the board of the Blaine Middle School Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSO), is the President of Blaine Youth Sports, she also volunteers at her church as a preschool sunday school teacher, and helps coach multiple sports including soccer and baseball or wherever there is a need. She is committed to being a voice not only for the children of the Blaine Schools but also for the families and community of Blaine.

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Fire Protection District 21 Commissioner Position 3 - Nonpartisan Office - 6 Year Term

Dean Berkeley

No Statement or photo submitted.

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Scott Fischer

Elected Experience: No information submitted
Other Professional Experience: No information submitted
Education: No information submitted
Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: My name is Scott Fischer and I'm seeking the Position 3 seat on the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 21. I'm a lifelong resident of Whatcom County and a resident of the fire district. I attended and graduated from the Blaine School District. After graduation I enlisted in the U.S. Airforce, I served from 1970 – 1981 With 5 year in Europe and 4 years in Las Vegas. I then returned to Whatcom County. I have been employed as a

professional firefighter with the Port of Bellingham the past 33 years and retired one year ago.

If elected my focus would be better fiscal management of district funds, retaining and stability of personnel, and a positive direction policy for firefighters of the district.

If elected I will be a board member who will regularly attend in person scheduled meetings and keep a finger on the pulse of the continuing challenges facing our emergency responders in today's world.

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Kathy Berg

Elected Experience: Vice Chair/Secretary and Chair of the Birch Bay Community Plan development, 2000-2004.
Other Professional Experience: No information submitted
Education: Long Beach, CA State College

Community Service: Chair, WCOG's Citizens Transportation Advisory Group, 2008-2017. 2018 Birch Bay Watershed Steward Award. Board member for the Healthy Youth Coalition-North County. Member, Birch Bay Bible Community Church.

Statement: I have spent the last 20 years working with my rapidly growing, unincorporated urban growth area community of Birch Bay to plan and implement

the public services necessary in an urban environment. Services such as the Birch Bay Community comprehensive Plan; BBWARM watershed management and shellfish protection; re-activated the park & rec district; the BP Heron Center for Environmental Education; property and plans for a Beach Park and the Vogt Community Library; the soon to be built 1½ mile shoreline restoration and promenade; and preliminary planning for an elementary school for Birch Bay and a roundabout at the intersection of Birch Bay Lynden and Blaine/SR548 roads.

Now I would like to learn what it is to manage and operate an essential public service, North Whatcom Fire and Rescue.

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This is the End of Candidate Statements



Ballot Measure

Fire Protection District 7
 Proposition 2019-3
 General Obligation Bonds - \$3,500,000

Language on the Ballot

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District 7, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 19-0411-01, concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to acquire and upgrade fire vehicles, apparatus, and equipment; issue no more than \$3,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 16 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to pay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 19-0411-01.

Should this proposition be:

Approved/Rejected

Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds of no more than \$3,500,000 for the purpose of acquiring and upgrading fire vehicles, apparatus, and equipment. The bonds will be payable from annual excess property tax levies for up to 16 years. The annual excess property taxes are expected to be approximately \$24.50 per year on a \$350,000 home in 2020.

The district doesn't have sufficient resources to upgrade its fire vehicles, apparatus, and equipment and maintain current service standards. Passage of this proposition would enable the district to upgrade its fire vehicles, apparatus, and equipment without cutting current service standards.

Argument For:

Vote "Yes" to protect our community with safe, reliable firefighting equipment! The Ferndale community has a long and proud tradition of fire service with both volunteer and career personnel. These responders deserve to have safe, reliable equipment to answer our calls for help. Last year, the Fire District responded to over 4800 alarms. The service provided is both excellent and extremely cost effective.

Our responders can only be as effective as the equipment we provide them. Four of the six District stations have fire engines beyond their useful life expectancy. Their average age is nearly 25 years.

Fast response and mitigation of emergencies rely on personnel and dependable equipment. It is time to upgrade not only these aging fire engines but firefighter breathing apparatus that is at the end of its life and portable radios that are 20 years old. This equipment that has been stretched beyond its lifetime to save tax dollars. This updated equipment will serve the community for another 20 plus years.

Please vote "Yes" on Proposition 1. The cost is extremely reasonable, the old equipment has been used diligently and now needs to be upgraded. Let's support our responders and community with reliable, safe equipment.

Statement For Prepared By: Citizens for Fire District 7; Chris Howell, Jonathan Ludeman, & Ken Gustafson

Argument Against:

No statement submitted

Read more about the Fire Protection District 7 ballot measure on the next page.





Complete Ballot Measure Text for FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 7, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 19-0411-01

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 7, Whatcom County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on August 6, 2019, in conjunction with the State primary election to be held on the same date, of a proposition authorizing the District to issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount of no more than \$3,500,000, for the purpose of paying costs associated with acquiring and upgrading fire vehicles, apparatus, and equipment, the principal of and interest on such bonds to be payable from annual excess property tax levies; designating the Fire Chief of the District and bond counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Whatcom County, Washington; and providing for other matters properly related thereto, all as more particularly set forth herein.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Fire Protection District No. 7, Whatcom County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

- (a) The public interest, health, welfare, and safety require that the District acquire and upgrade fire vehicles, apparatus, and equipment, all as more particularly defined and described in Section 2 (the "Project"). The Project is urgently required to correct existing conditions.
- (b) The District lacks sufficient money with which to pay costs of the Project.
- (c) To pay costs of the Project, it is necessary and advisable that the District issue and sell unlimited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of no more than \$3,500,000 (the "Bonds"), or such lesser maximum amount as may be legally issued under the laws governing the limitation of indebtedness or required to carry out and accomplish the Project.
- (d) The District is authorized pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(b) of the Washington Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, including Section 39.36.050 of the Revised Code of Washington ("RCW"), RCW 52.16.080, and RCW 84.52.056, to submit to the District's voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Project and levy annual excess property taxes to pay the Bonds.
- (e) The best interests of the District and its residents require the District to carry out and accomplish the Project as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Description of Project. The Project to be paid for with proceeds of the Bonds, including interest earnings thereon ("Bond Proceeds"), is more particularly defined and described as follows:

- (a) Acquire and upgrade fire vehicles, apparatus, and equipment, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.
- (b) Make other capital acquisitions and improvements, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.
- (c) Pay incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the Project described above pursuant to RCW 52.16.080 and RCW 39.46.070. Such incidental costs shall be deemed part of the Project and shall include: (1) costs related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds; (2) payments for fiscal and legal expenses; (3) costs of obtaining ratings and bond insurance; (4) costs of printing, advertising, establishing, and funding accounts; (5) necessary and related planning, consulting, inspection, permitting, and testing costs; (6) administrative expenses; and (7) costs of other similar activities or purposes, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.

The Project, or any portion or portions thereof, shall be acquired or made insofar as is practicable with available Bond Proceeds, together with any other money of the District legally available therefor, and in such order of time as shall be deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. Subject to Section 6, the Board shall allocate the Bond Proceeds, together with any other money of the District legally available therefor, between the various parts of the Project so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Project. The Board shall determine the exact order, extent, and specifications for the Project. The Project is to be more fully described in the plans and specifications to be filed with the District.

Section 3. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Whatcom County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held therein on August 6, 2019, in conjunction with the State primary election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Project and levy annual excess property taxes to pay the Bonds.

If the proposition is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to issue, sell, and deliver the Bonds in the manner described in this resolution, spend the Bond Proceeds to pay costs of the Project, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay the Bonds. The Bond Proceeds shall be used, either with or without additional money now available or hereafter available to the District, for capital purposes only, as permitted by law, which shall not include the replacement of equipment.

Section 4. Authorization to Issue the Bonds. The Bonds authorized may be issued as a single issue, as a part of a combined issue with other authorized bonds, or in more than one series, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board and as permitted by law. Further, the Bonds may be issued, as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board, as taxable bonds, tax-exempt bonds, and/or any other type of tax credit bonds that are now or in the future may be authorized under applicable state and federal law.

Each series of the Bonds shall be issued as fully registered bonds; shall bear interest payable as permitted by law; shall mature within 16 years after the date of issuance of such series of the Bonds (but may mature on an earlier date or dates as fixed by the Board); shall be paid by annual property tax levies sufficient in amount to pay both principal and interest when due, which annual property tax levies shall be made in excess of regular property tax levies without limitation as to rate or amount but only in amounts sufficient to meet such payments of principal and interest as they come due; and shall be issued and sold in such manner, at such times, and in such amounts as shall be required for the purpose for which each series of the Bonds are to be issued, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board and as permitted by law. The life of the Project to be financed with the Bond Proceeds shall exceed the term of the respective series of Bonds that finance the Project. Pending the issuance of any series of the Bonds, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW to pay for any portion of the costs of the Project. Such obligations may be paid or refunded with Bond Proceeds.

The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Fire Chief of the District (the "Fire Chief") to determine for each series of Bonds whether such series should be sold by private placement, or negotiated or competitive sale, and with respect to such series of Bonds that are to be sold by competitive sale, to: (a) specify a date and time of sale of such Bonds; (b) give notice of that sale; (c) determine any bid requirements and criteria for determining the award of the bid; (d) provide for the use of an electronic bidding mechanism if the Fire Chief deems electronic bidding to be beneficial to the District; and (e) specify other matters in his or her determination necessary, appropriate, or desirable to carry out the sale of the Bonds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount, date, denominations, interest rates, payment dates, final maturity, redemption rights, price, and other terms and conditions of the Bonds (or parameters with respect thereto) shall be hereafter fixed by one or more resolutions of the Board authorizing the issuance, sale, and delivery of such series of Bonds, which resolutions may delegate to a District officer or employee the authority to fix any of the foregoing, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board and as permitted by law.

If the District receives voter approval to issue the Bonds in the manner described in this resolution, the Board authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to: (a) review and deem "final" (within the meaning of Rule 15c2-1.2 of the Securities and Exchange Commission), if necessary and upon such official's satisfaction, any preliminary official statement prepared in connection with the sale of each series of the Bonds by the District; (b) authorize the deemed final preliminary official statement to be distributed prior to the date any underwriter or purchaser bids for, purchases, offers, or sells each series of the Bonds; and (c) acknowledge in writing any action taken pursuant to clauses (a) and (b) of this paragraph.

Section 5. Intent to Reimburse. The Board declares that to the extent, prior to the date the Bonds, or other bonds or obligations (which includes the Bonds, or other bonds or obligations issued as tax-exempt bonds and/or tax credit bonds) are issued to pay costs of the Project, the District shall make capital expenditures for the Project from money that is not (and is not reasonably expected to be) reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside by the District under its existing and reasonably foreseeable budgetary and financial circumstances to pay costs of the Project, those capital expenditures are intended to be reimbursed out of the Bond Proceeds, or proceeds of other bonds or obligations, issued in an amount not to exceed the principal amount of the Bonds provided by this resolution.

Section 6. Sufficiency of Bond Proceeds. If Bond Proceeds are more than sufficient to carry out and accomplish the Project, the District may use such excess Bond Proceeds to retire and/or defease a portion of the Bonds or other outstanding bonds of the District, all as deemed necessary or advisable by the Board and as permitted by law. In the event that the Bond Proceeds, together with any other money of the District legally available therefor, are insufficient to carry out and accomplish all of the Project, the District shall use the Bond Proceeds and other available money for paying the cost of that portion of the Project that is deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of the District.

Section 7. Alteration of Expenditures. If the Board shall subsequently determine that state or local circumstances, including changed conditions or needs, regulatory considerations, or incompatible development, should cause any alteration to the Project, the District shall not be required to accomplish all of the Project and may apply the Bond Proceeds (or any portion thereof) to: (a) other portions of the Project and/or (b) retire and/or defease a portion of the Bonds or other outstanding bonds of the District, all as deemed necessary or advisable by the Board.

Section 8. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION 1 - FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7 - WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BONDS FOR FIRE VEHICLES, APPARATUS, AND EQUIPMENT

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 7, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 19-0411-01, concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to acquire and upgrade fire vehicles, apparatus, and equipment; issue no more than \$3,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 16 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to pay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 19-0411-01. Should this proposition be:

Approved.....
Rejected

Section 9. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the "Secretary") or her designee is directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 10, 2019; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Project and levy annual excess property taxes to pay the Bonds.

Section 10. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the Fire Chief (Larry Hoffman), telephone: 360.384.0303, email: lhoffman@wcfcd7.org; and (b) bond counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC (Marc Greenough), telephone: 206.447.7888, email: marc.greenough@foster.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Fire Chief is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 11. Authorization of Local Voters' Pamphlet. To the extent a local voters' pamphlet and/or online voters' guide (the "Pamphlet") will be produced for the August 6, 2019 election, the preparation and distribution of information on the ballot title for inclusion in the Pamphlet is hereby authorized. The Pamphlet shall include, if applicable, an explanatory statement and statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot title. The preparation of explanatory statement, the appointment of pro/con committees, the preparation of statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot title, and the payment of the costs of the Pamphlet shall be in accordance with chapter 29A.32 RCW and the rules and guidelines of the Auditor, as applicable.

Section 12. General Authorization and Ratification. The Fire Chief, each member of the Board, the Secretary, the other appropriate officers of the District, and bond counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC, are each individually authorized and directed to take such actions and to execute such documents as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 13. Severability. If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, of the Bonds, or of the levy or collection of the taxes pledged to pay and retire the Bonds.

Section 14. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

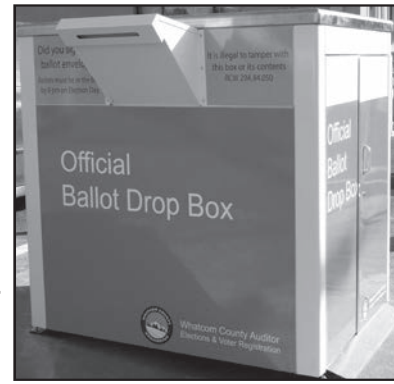
ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 7, Whatcom County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof, of which due notice was given as required by law, held this 11th day of April, 2019, the following Commissioners being present and voting in favor of the resolution.

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 7: Mike Murphy, Commissioner; Kendra Cristelli, Commissioner; Eric Grant, Commissioner.
ATTEST AND CERTIFICATION: Patty Markel, Secretary to the Board.



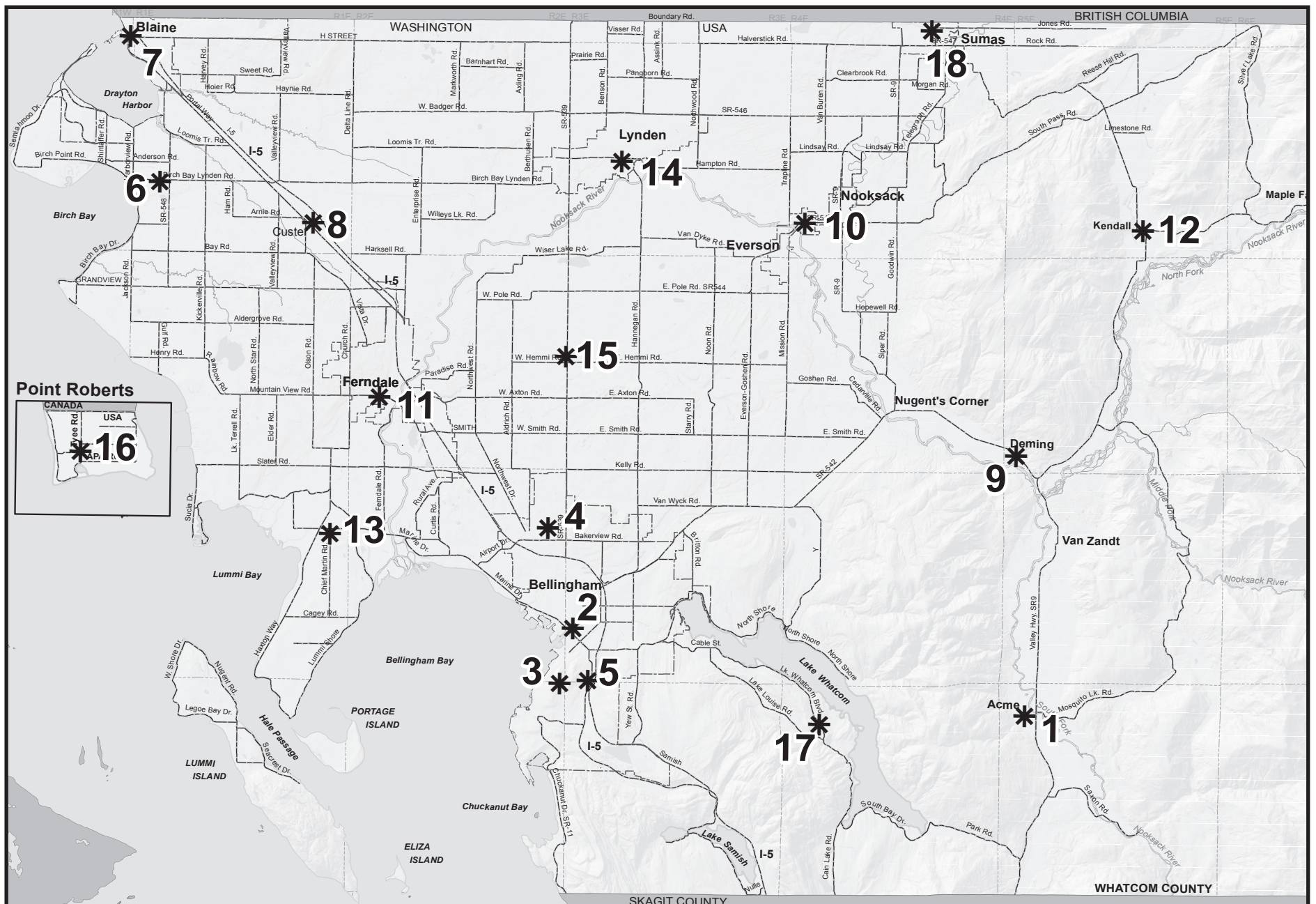
By Drop Box

No stamp needed
Boxes open July 17
Boxes close August 6 at 8:00 pm



From left to right: Courthouse, Sudden Valley, and WWU ballot drop boxes

Map #	City	Ballot Drop Box Location	Address
1	Acme	Acme Elementary School parking lot	5200 Turkington Road
2	Bellingham	Whatcom County Courthouse; in south parking lot or inside at Suite 103	311 Grand Avenue
3	Bellingham	WWU - In front of the Wade King Student Recreation Center	1880 Bill McDonald Parkway
4	Bellingham	Whatcom Community College, on campus beside Heiner Center	237 W. Kellogg Road
5	Bellingham	Haggen Sehome Village, northeast corner of parking lot	210 36th Street
6	Birch Bay	North Whatcom Fire & Rescue parking lot	4581 Birch Bay-Lynden Road
7	Blaine	Blaine Library parking lot	610 3rd Street
8	Custer	Outside Custer Elementary School	7660 Custer School Road
9	Deming	Deming Library parking lot	5044 Mt. Baker Highway
10	Everson	WECU parking lot	106 E. Main Street
11	Ferndale	Ferndale City Hall parking lot	2095 Main Street
12	Kendall	North Fork Library at Kendall parking lot	7506 Kendall Road
13	Lummi	Lummi Nation Administration Building, outside main entrance	2665 Kwina Road
14	Lynden	Behind the Lynden Library	216 4th Street
15	Meridian	Laurel Grange parking lot	6172 Guide Meridian
16	Point Roberts	Inside the International Marketplace: <i>Drop Box available during store hours (8:00 am - 10:00 pm). Box closes at 8:00 pm Election Day</i>	480 Tye Drive
17	Sudden Valley	Security Office turnaround	Gate One
18	Sumas	Behind the Post Office in parking lot	534 Railroad Avenue



By Mail

No stamp needed
Ballots must be postmarked by August 6
USPS recommends mailing by Tuesday, July 30