

Whatcom County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet



**November 5, 2019
General Election**

Ballots are mailed October 16

If you haven't received your ballot by October 25, contact the Election Division.

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**Open until 8:00 pm on November 5*

VoteWA.gov

Register to vote or update your address in Washington State at VoteWA.gov.

Once registered, you can view:

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



It's election time again, having just completed the primary election just a few months ago. This year's general election is an important one for cities and the county, as this is the year that many critical positions are on the ballot, namely, county leadership positions (County Executive, Assessor, Auditor, Treasurer, Council Members) and many city mayors and city council members. The State has an unprecedented number of advisory votes that deserve your attention. Please give all of these matters your utmost attention and make the selections you think are warranted.

Let me take a moment of personal privilege here to tell you what an honor it has been to serve as your County Auditor and to bring the issues and positions to you for voting on. Since I chose not to run for re-election this year, having completed 8 years as your Auditor, this is my last opportunity to bring you my thoughts in this voter pamphlet. I started my career at Whatcom County in the Executive's Office where I worked until 2002. At that time I moved to the Auditor's office, serving as the Recording & Licensing Manager for two years before becoming the Chief Deputy Auditor (under Auditor Shirley Forslof). I was the Chief Deputy for seven years and was elected your Auditor and began my term in 2012. I learned so much and met such wonderful people while working in County government (both here in the county and from connections throughout the state). When I first came to Bellingham as a student at Western and majored in Political Science, I never would have thought this would be the path I would take. But it has been great! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

Debbie Adelstein
Whatcom County Auditor



New Election Laws in Washington State

Same Day Registration

- During regular business hours and up until 8:00 pm on Election Day, citizens can register or update their address information and vote in person at a local voting center or county elections office.
- Citizens can check their registration status at VoteWA.gov

Online Registration

- Until 8 days before Election Day, citizens can register to vote or update their information online at VoteWA.gov. The submission *must be received* by the elections office no later than 8 days before Election Day.



Prepaid Postage

- With prepaid postage, ballots returned in the mail do not need a stamp.
- USPS pickup times vary. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Election Day to be counted.
- Ballot drop boxes are open until 8:00 pm on Election Day. Listings of locations can be found at VoteWA.gov



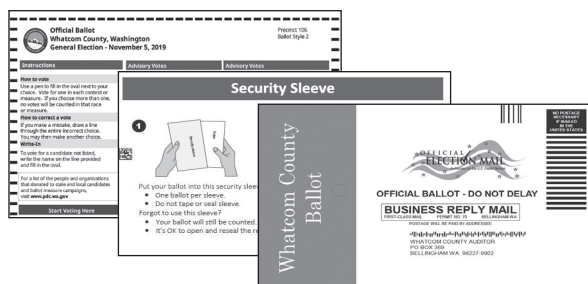
Future Voters

- 16 and 17 year-old citizens can enroll as Future Voters and be automatically registered to vote when they turn 18.
- On Temperance and Good Citizenship Day each January, students will have an opportunity to enroll as a #FutureVoter in class. They can also volunteer to help sign up other Future Voters.



Voting Instructions

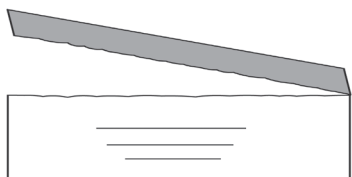
1. The ballot packet for the November 5 General Election will be mailed to you on October 16. The packet will include your official ballot, a security sleeve, and a postage-paid return envelope.



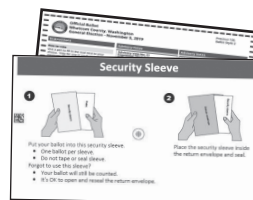
2. To vote the ballot, fill in the oval next to your choice with a blue or black pen. Vote for only one in each contest or measure.



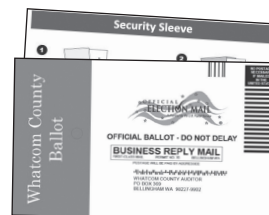
3. Remove the stub at the top of your ballot. *If you forget to remove the stub, your ballot will still be counted.*



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 6 for more information.



Accessible Voting Unit

An accessible voting unit (AVU) is equipped with visual and audio technology. Voters requiring reasonable accommodation or assistance may vote on the AVU in the Auditor's Office starting October 16. Contact us for more information.



Contact Information for Election-Related Organizations

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

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

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



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



Did You Know?

What is a Ballot Measure?

Measures are anything on a ballot that is not a race between candidates. Measures include initiatives, referenda, Constitutional or Charter amendments, levies, district formations, etc.

- Initiatives are laws proposed (“initiated”) by citizens. State Initiatives may be sent to the Legislature for adoption (in which case they are called Initiatives to the Legislature, or ITLs), or may be sent directly to the ballot for a vote of the people. An ITL that is not adopted by the Legislature is automatically sent to the ballot for a vote of the people.
- Referenda “refer to the people,” for approval or rejection, laws passed by the Legislature. The legislation might have originated as a bill or as an Initiative to the Legislature.
- Constitutional amendments, in Washington, may be initiated only by the Legislature. Even though the initiative process is well known and often used in Washington, it cannot be used to amend the Constitution.
- Advisory Votes are a uniquely Washington measure which give voters the chance to vote on whether the Legislature should have passed a law they already passed. However, unlike referenda, advisory votes have no effect and do not change the law that has passed.

The Secretary of State's Office published a pamphlet describing the State Ballot Measures, it will be mailed to all households separately from this pamphlet.



Your Voting Rights and Responsibilities

You have the right to:

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

You are responsible for:

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

Military or Overseas Voters:

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



Returning Your Ballot



By Drop Box: Open: October 16. **Close: November 5 at 8:00 pm**

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



By Mail:

No stamp needed

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, November 5

USPS recommends mailing by Tuesday, October 29

What voter information is available to the public?

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

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

The following information is NOT public record:

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



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

- Where you live determines the issues and candidates you get to vote on. To read about the officials that represent you, visit VoteWA.gov (select My Elected Officials).



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**Sample Ballot
Whatcom County, Washington
General Election, November 5, 2019**

How to vote: Vote for one in each contest or measure. Use a pen to fill in the oval next to your choice. If you vote for more than one choice, no votes will be counted for that race.

How to correct a vote: If you make a mistake, draw a line through the entire incorrect choice. You may then make another choice.

Write-In: To vote for a candidate not listed, write the name on the line provided and fill in the oval.

State Measures

Referendum Measure

Referendum Measure No. 88

The legislature passed Initiative Measure No. 1000 concerning affirmative action and remedying discrimination, and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this act. Initiative 1000 would allow the state to remedy discrimination for certain groups and to implement affirmative action, without the use of quotas or preferential treatment (as defined), in public education, employment, and contracting.

Should Initiative 1000 be:

Approved
Rejected

Initiative to the Legislature

Initiative Measure No. 976

Initiative Measure No. 976 concerns motor vehicle taxes and fees. This measure would repeal, reduce, or remove authority to impose certain vehicle taxes and fees; limit annual motor-vehicle-license fees to \$30, except voter-approved charges; and base vehicle taxes on Kelley Blue Book value.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes
No

Advisory Votes

**Advisory Vote No. 20
Second Substitute House Bill 1087**

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, an additional wage premium for long-term care services, costing an indeterminate amount in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 21
Engrossed Third Substitute House Bill 1324**

The legislature extended, without a vote of the people, the business and occupation tax for extracting, manufacturing, and selling timber and timber-related products, costing \$21,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 22
Substitute House Bill 1652**

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, retail sales tax on architectural paint by adding an assessment to the purchase price, costing \$6,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 23
Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1873**

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a tax on the sale, use, consumption, handling, possession, and distribution of vapor products costing \$178,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 24
Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2158**

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, an additional service and other business and occupation tax for certain specified business activities, costing \$2,253,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained



Advisory Vote No. 25
Substitute House Bill 2167

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, an additional business and occupation tax for certain specified financial institutions, costing \$1,036,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 26
Substitute Senate Bill 5581

The legislature expanded, without a vote of the people, application of the state tax code to certain remote sellers, marketplace facilitators, and others, costing \$1,051,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 27
Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5993

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, taxes on petroleum products, costing \$2,760,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 28
Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5997

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, sales and use taxes on certain nonresidents by limiting the exemption applicable to them, costing \$313,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 29
Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5998

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, the real estate excise tax on certain sales of real property, costing \$1,747,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 30
Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6004

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, the business and occupation tax on certain travel agents and tour operators, costing \$28,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 31
Engrossed Senate Bill 6016

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, the business and occupation tax on certain international investment management services, costing \$367,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8200

The legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment concerning legislative powers in times of emergency. This measure would add "catastrophic incidents" to the specified times of emergency that the legislature may take certain immediate actions to ensure continuity of state and local governmental operations.

Should this constitutional amendment be:

Approved
Rejected

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
Legislative District 40

State Senator

1 year unexpired term, vote for one

Elizabeth (Liz) Lovelett
Prefers Democratic Party
Daniel Miller
Prefers Republican Party

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Whatcom County - Nonpartisan Offices

Executive 4 year term, vote for one

Tony Larson
Satpal S. Sidhu

Council District 4 4 year term, vote for one

Kathy Kershner
Brian A. Estes

Council District 5 4 year term, vote for one

Ben Elenbaas
Natalie McClendon

Council At-Large Position B 4 year term, vote for one

Carol Frazey
David Ramirez

Assessor 4 year term, vote for one

Rebecca Xczar
John Romaker

Auditor 4 year term, vote for one

Diana Bradrick

Sheriff 4 year term, vote for one

Joy Gilfilen
Bill Elfo

Treasurer 4 year term, vote for one

Steven N. Oliver

Port of Bellingham - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner District 3 4 year term, vote for one

Anthony Distefano
Robert (Bobby) Briscoe

City of Bellingham - Nonpartisan Offices

Mayor 4 year term, vote for one

Seth Fleetwood
April Barker

Council Ward 1 4 year term, vote for one

Elizabeth (Beth) Hartsoch
Hannah E. Stone

Council Ward 3 4 year term, vote for one

Daniel Hammill
Ashanti Monts-Treviska

Council Ward 5 4 year term, vote for one

Chanan Suarez
Lisa Anderson

Council At-Large 2 year short & full term, vote for one

Hollie Huthman
Dana Briggs

City of Blaine - Nonpartisan Offices

Council Ward 1 Position 1 4 year term, vote for one

Randy R. Roose
Richard May

Council Ward 2 Position 3 4 year short & full term, vote for one

Garth Baldwin
Steven Tojek

Council Ward 3 Position 5 4 year term, vote for one

Mary Lou Steward

City of Everson - Nonpartisan Offices

Council Position 4 4 year term, vote for one

John Hammond

Council Position 5 4 year term, vote for one

Ashley Brown

City of Ferndale - Nonpartisan Offices

Mayor 4 year term, vote for one

Jon Mutchler
Greg Hansen

Council Position 1 4 year term, vote for one

Michael Cox
Herb Porter

Council Position 2 4 year term, vote for one

Paul Bulanov
Ali Hawkinson

Council Position 3 4 year term, vote for one

Erin Gunter
Anya Milton

Council Position 4 4 year term, vote for one

Paul Shuey
Teresa N. Taylor

Council Position 5 2 year unexpired term, vote for one

Gurpreet (Garry) Sandhu
Ryan OLarey

Council Position 7 2 year unexpired term, vote for one

Maralise Fegan
Ramon Llanos

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City of Lynden - Nonpartisan Offices

Council Position 1 4 year term, vote for one

Nikki Turner
Gary L. Bode

Council Position 2 4 year term, vote for one

Ronald DeValois
Darren Johnson

Council Position 3 4 year term, vote for one

Jesse DeMooy
Gerald (Jerry) Kuiken

Council Position 4 4 year term, vote for one

Brent Lensen
Jen Marion

City of Nooksack - Nonpartisan Offices

Council Position 1 2 year unexpired term, vote for one

Steve C. Neyens

Council Position 2 2 year unexpired term, vote for one

Randy Relethford

Council Position 4 4 year term, vote for one

Scott Bodven

Council Position 5 4 year term, vote for one

Marshall Judy

City of Sumas - Nonpartisan Offices

Council Position 3 4 year term, vote for one

Deborah Morgan
Todd Daniels

Council Position 5 4 year term, vote for one

Jesse Clawson
Gary DeBont

Bellingham School District 501 - Nonpartisan Offices

Director Position 1 4 year term, vote for one

Camille Diaz Hackler

Director Position 2 4 year term, vote for one

Matt Serier
Katie Rose

Director Position 3 4 year term, vote for one

Alex McLean
Kelly Bashaw

Ferndale School District 502 - Nonpartisan Offices

Director District 1 4 year term, vote for one

Kevin Erickson

Director District 2 4 year term, vote for one

Melinda Cool

Director District 3 4 year term, vote for one

Jessie L. Deardorff

Blaine School District 503 - Nonpartisan Offices

Director District 1 4 year term, vote for one

Todd Nunamaker

Director District 2 4 year term, vote for one

Todd Berge
Dougal Thomas

Director District 4 4 year term, vote for one

Charles Gibson
Tana Perkins Reneau

Lynden School District 504 - Nonpartisan Offices

Director Position 1 4 year term, vote for one

Jason Swendt
C.J. Costanti

Director Position 2 4 year term, vote for one

Brian Johnson

Director Position 3 4 year term, vote for one

David E. Vis

Meridian School District 505 - Nonpartisan Offices

Director District 1 4 year term, vote for one

Sara Bernardy

Director District 4 4 year term, vote for one

Marty Gray

Director District 5 4 year term, vote for one

Craig Mitchell

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**Nooksack Valley School District 506
Nonpartisan Offices**

Director District 3 4 year term, vote for one
Cheryl Thornton

Director District 4 4 year term, vote for one
Jason Heutink

Director District 5 4 year term, vote for one
Mark Olson

Mt Baker School District 507 - Nonpartisan Offices

Director District 2 4 year term, vote for one
Karen Reich

Director District 3 4 year term, vote for one
Annie Elder

Director District 5 4 year term, vote for one
Theresa Sygitowicz
Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt

Concrete School District 11 - Nonpartisan Offices

Director District 2 4 year term, vote for one
Michael Brondi

Director District 4 At-Large 2 year unexpired term, vote for one
Sue Watts

Director District 5 At-Large 4 year term, vote for one
Dolores Elliott

Fire Protection District 1 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Shannon Whitford-Ahlers
Gary D. Almy

Fire Protection District 4 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
David (Safety Dave) Hanson

Fire Protection District 5 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 2 year unexpired term, vote for one
Virginia Lester

Commissioner Position 2 4 year unexpired term, vote for one
Raye Newmen

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Pat Harper

Fire Protection District 7 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 2 year unexpired term, vote for one
Kendra Cristelli

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Scott Brown
Mike Murphy

Fire Protection District 8 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one
Roger Buswell

Commissioner Position 2 6 year term, vote for one
David Lehmann

Fire Protection District 11 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Bill Lee

Fire Protection District 14 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 2 year unexpired term, vote for one
Chris Moe

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
RobRoy Graham

Fire Protection District 16 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Jeff Hindman

Fire Protection District 17 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
James Taxdahl

Fire Protection District 18 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 2 year unexpired term, vote for one
Justin Wright

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Tari Caswell

Fire Protection District 21 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Scott Fischer
Kathy Berg

Glacier Fire and Rescue - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Steve Siekinen

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South Whatcom Fire Authority - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner District 4 6 year term, vote for one
Stefen Paige

Commissioner District 5 6 year term, vote for one
Jim Peeples

Water District 2 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Maxine Visser

Point Roberts Water District 4 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Arthur S. Reber

Water District 7 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Mark Lann

Birch Bay Water and Sewer District - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 2 year unexpired term, vote for one
Jeff Benner

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Fred Reid
Patrick Alesse

**Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner District 3 6 year term, vote for one
Bruce R. Ford

Commissioner District 4 2 year unexpired term, vote for one
Leslie McRoberts

Samish Water District - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year short & full term, vote for one
Art Baddorf

Water District 13 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 2 year unexpired term, vote for one
Robert Vandenhaak

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Jackue Fowler

Commissioner Position 4 6 year term, vote for one
Richard Whitson

Glacier Water District 14 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
James Evangelista

Columbia Valley Water District - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Brian Gillis

Cemetery District 2 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 2 year unexpired term, vote for one
Charles Baker

Commissioner Position 2 4 year unexpired term, vote for one
Kathy Thurber

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Janet Lutz-Smith

Cemetery District 3 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 2 4 year unexpired term, vote for one
Travis Skinner

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Gary Gehling

Cemetery District 4 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
David J. Kratzig

Cemetery District 5 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Melvin Kuipers

Cemetery District 6 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Catherine Flaherty

Cemetery District 7 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Jim Larsen

Cemetery District 8 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Pauline DeHaan

Cemetery District 9 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 2 4 year unexpired term, vote for one
Virginia Arnason

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
James Ackerman

Lonnie L. Davenport



**Cemetery District 10 - Nonpartisan Office**

Commissioner Position 3 6 year short & full term, vote for one
Patrick Keily

Cemetery District 11 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Donald Harvey

**Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 1 4 year term, vote for one
Hugh Wilson
Bennett Blaustein

Commissioner Position 2 4 year term, vote for one
Michele Wallis

Commissioner Position 3 2 year unexpired term, vote for one
Holly Robinson

Commissioner Position 5 4 year short & full term, vote for one
Chwynyn Vaughan

**Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 1 4 year term, vote for one
Richard Sturgill

Commissioner Position 3 4 year term, vote for one
Jeffery Carrington

Commissioner Position 5 4 year term, vote for one
David Wilbrecht

Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3

Proposition 2019-4
Trail Construction, Benson Park Development & Glenning
Street Property Bonds - \$3,000,000

The Board of Commissioners of Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District, Washington, passed Resolution No. 2019-1 concerning this proposition which authorizes the District to construct trails, develop the Benson Park on Benson Road, and apply payment towards the purchase of the Glenning Street property, to issue \$3,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years to finance said project, and to levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2019-1.

Should this proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

**Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 2 4 year term, vote for one
James Rose
Ronald Van Soest

Commissioner Position 3 4 year term, vote for one
Tyler (T.J.) Timmermans

Commissioner Position 5 4 year term, vote for one
Harvey Pelleboer

**Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 1 4 year short & full term, vote for one
Carl McDaniel

Commissioner Position 3 4 year term, vote for one
Rebecca Boonstra

Commissioner Position 4 2 year unexpired term, vote for one
Andrew Towle

**Chuckanut Community Forest Park District
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one
John McLaughlin

Commissioner Position 3 4 year unexpired term, vote for one
Hue Beattie

Commissioner Position 4 6 year term, vote for one
John G. Brown

**Point Roberts Public Hospital District
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 1 4 year unexpired term, vote for one
Richard Dennis

Commissioner Position 2 6 year term, vote for one
Stephen T. Falk

Hospital District 304 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Morgan Steele
Gary L. Kent

Commissioner Position 5 6 year term, vote for one
Robert M. Stanley

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

Whatcom County - **Executive** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Tony Larson**

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Council

Other Professional Experience: President, Whatcom Business Alliance; Publisher, Business Pulse Magazine; Business owner, 31 years, past owner Bellingham Bells Baseball Club.

Education: Bachelor's degree, Economics and Finance, WWU.

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: I was born in Whatcom County. I love our community and have spent my entire adult life successfully bringing leaders together from every part of the public and private sectors to solve challenging problems and make our

community better.

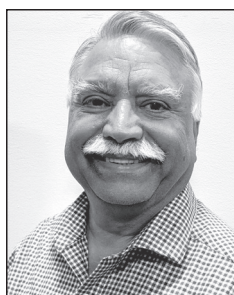
Whatcom County is growing. Population has increased more than 8% in the past 5 years alone and will continue. We are beginning to see the challenges associated with that growth with increased traffic, housing prices increasing beyond what average wages can support, increased drug dependency and mental health issues impacting homelessness and rising property crime rates.

Whatcom County is unique. We are not Seattle. With strong leadership, we can protect our environment and drinking water, build and maintain good roads and infrastructure, invest in parks and trails, find compassionate solutions for our homeless and stop tent cities and illegal camping. We can stabilize home prices by adding supply, incentivize job creation and support only those regulations that work with not against, our farmers, employers, and families. We can do that without unnecessarily raising property and other taxes by focusing our spending on programs with clear objectives that create fair and equitable outcomes for everyone.

Vote Tony Larson for Whatcom County Executive.

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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—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'll use my experience to attract jobs and facilitate growth of local businesses. I will be a proactive leader for the environment, seeking practical solutions to climate change, water issues and economic growth. I see job growth in export industries and value-added agriculture processing, as we promote our farms and small businesses.

I have been endorsed by local firefighters (IAFF 106), Whatcom Democrats, Washington Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, and current and former councilmembers from Whatcom County, Bellingham, Ferndale, Everson, Blaine, the Lummi Tribe and Port.

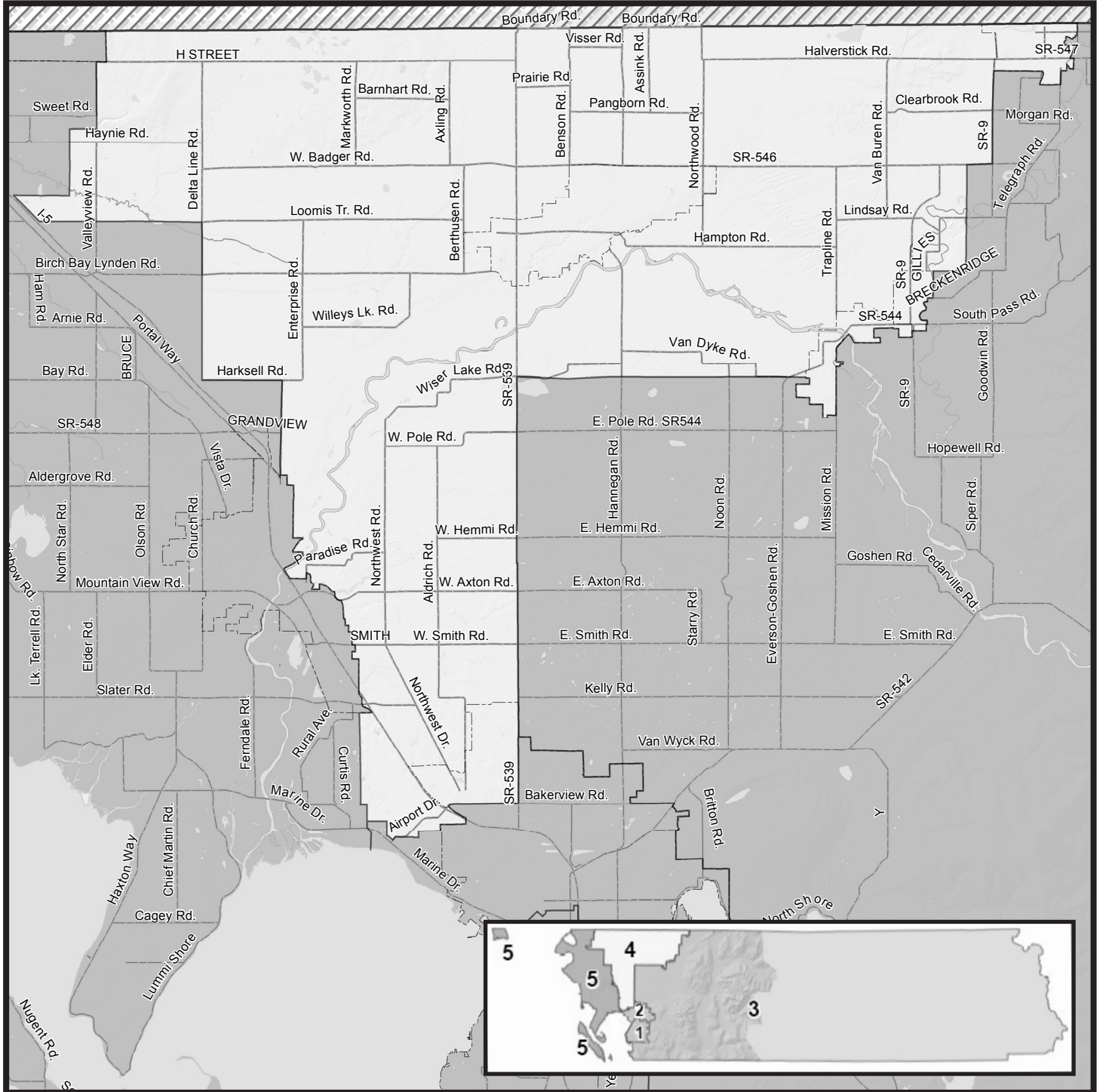
I will provide leadership to promote civil and meaningful dialogue to address common issues of housing, criminal justice, mental health services, and the jail. My wife Munder and I have been married for 40 years and have lived in Lynden for 30 years.

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Map of Whatcom County Council District 4

Only voters living in County Council District 4 may vote for candidates running in Council District 4.



Whatcom County - **Council District 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**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: You deserve a county government that works for you and a County Council member from the heart of District 4 who honors your hard work, faithfulness, and family traditions.

For too long, small towns like Sumas, Everson, Nooksack, and Lynden have been overlooked. With your support, I will bring your concerns back to the forefront. I will fight to preserve the small-town character and traditional values that define our rural and agricultural communities. I will oppose policies that harm family-wage jobs, hurt our farmers, or make housing more expensive.

Four generations of my family call Whatcom County home, and I feel so blessed to live in this special community. In public and private service, I have a proven track record of leadership and working with diverse groups to solve complex problems, ensuring that everyone wins.

I am grateful to be endorsed by all six small city Mayors, Whatcom Deputy Sheriff Guild, Laborers Union Local 292, Washington Farm Bureau, Whatcom 7 Firefighters, Whatcom County Association of REALTORS, and former County Prosecutor Dave McEachran. It was my honor to represent 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: District 4 is a hardworking, caring community that values family and neighbors. It will take all of us working together to resolve the challenges facing rural Whatcom County. The Farmlands District needs someone on Council who can build a stronger and more inclusive Whatcom County--one with

shared prosperity and opportunity for all regardless of your income, race, or ZIP code.

I've spent over 30 years evaluating and measuring government performance at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) and in county government in Washington State. I know how county government and budgets work and how to deliver efficient, effective services for Whatcom County.

Strong leadership will help us resolve our watershed resource challenges for farmers, fish, and residential development; lower housing and childcare costs; reduce homelessness; meet the need for mental health and drug treatment and jail diversion programs; and support our berry, dairy, and other farmers, so they can pass their livelihood on to future generations.

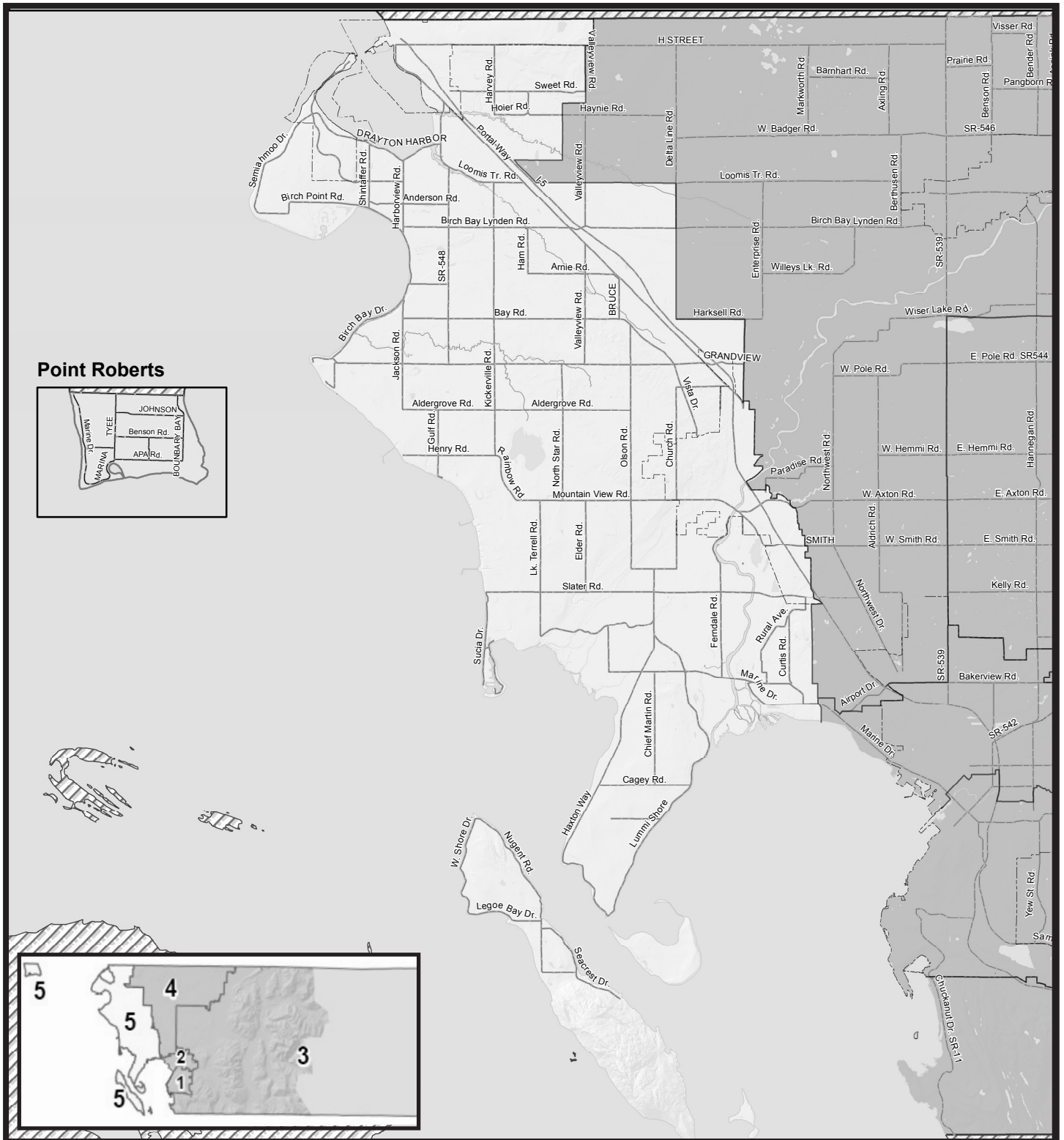
I am endorsed by Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, Congressman Rick Larsen, the Whatcom Democrats, Washington Conservation Voters, NW WA Central Labor Council, and the Teamsters Legislative League. I'm Brian Estes, and I ask for your vote for Whatcom County Council District 4.

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Map of Whatcom County Council District 5

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Whatcom County - **Council District 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



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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Natalie McClendon

Elected Experience: Currently serving a 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 teaching in various county schools.

Education: BA Environmental Politics and Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln 1977. Secondary Teaching Certificate, Social Studies, Career & Technical Ed, Western Washington University 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 inquisitive 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 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 jobs, affordable housing, and rural broadband. With your support, I’ll roll up my sleeves and get to work for you.

Endorsed by Teamsters Union, Sierra Club, WA Conservation Voters, Whatcom Democrats, Port Commissioner Bobby Briscoe, Pinky Vargas, County Councilmembers Todd Donovan, Rud Browne, Satpal Sidhu, Lummi Indian Business Councilman Henry Cagey.

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 Whatcom County - **Council At-Large Position B** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term


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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David Ramirez

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

Other Professional Experience: 20+
years experienced senior manager
currently working for Clean Harbors

Environmental Services. Chief Financial Officer for Home
Front Therapy (providing leading edge therapy for our combat
veterans and their families). Board member, treasurer, and
President of Whatcom Family Community Network (WFCN).

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

Community Service: Served in multiple positions for the Boys
Scouts of America. Community service as a member of the
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Service with the Free
and Accepted Masons of Washington.

Statement: David Ramirez has been working in the
environmental service industry for over 20 years. His experience
and willingness to serve has given him the tools to successfully
work with others in finding workable solutions on a variety of
issues.

As an American with Mexican heritage, David believes that
it is important that there is representation on the county council
for the minority population. David will be the voice for all those
who feel that they are not being heard.

David will not shy away from important issues. Three
areas he is passionate about and wants to work diligently to
change are the current housing affordability crisis, adequate
employment to improve the quality of living, and protection
of our environment with sound decisions that also protect our
farmers and business partners.

David is the father of nine and has four grandchildren.
Family is important to him and he wants to make sure that the
decisions he makes are ones that will not only serve those in the
county but will ensure lasting solutions for future generations.
David will be honored to use his professional and volunteer
experience to bring balance to our County Council.

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Whatcom County - **Assessor** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Rebecca Xczar

Elected Experience: Ferndale City Council. Planning & Land Use Committee Chair. Council liaison to Ferndale Planning Commission, Ferndale Parks Board, and Ferndale Arts Commission.

Other Professional Experience: Certified Residential Real Estate

Appraiser, appraising properties in Whatcom County since 2003. Prior experience in a residential and commercial appraisal office. Prior retail management experience and prior office administration experience.

Education: BA in Business Administration, Western Washington University. Over 300 hours of appraisal education for State residential real estate appraiser certification and biennial renewal.

Community Service: prior Ferndale Planning Commissioner; prior Chair of Ferndale Parks, Recreation, Trails Advisory Board; prior member Ferndale Storm Water Committee.

Statement: As a Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser and Ferndale City Councilperson, I have extensive real estate and property knowledge, experience as an elected official, and a strong passion to serve my community. I am running for

Whatcom County Assessor to bring fresh ideas and experienced leadership to this vital County position.

While the Assessor does not determine property taxes, the Assessor's office does value property for distribution of taxing. It is vital to have accurate valuations.

Public access to property information has been limited. It is time to pull back the curtain and let everyone see and understand how the County determines the value of their property and why. This starts with a better interactive website, but there is so much more than can be done to provide transparency and improve access.

As a Third generation Real Estate Appraiser, I grew up in an appraisal office. I have a degree in Business from WWU, am a small business owner, and as a current elected official I have experience listening to the people. Whether you are a renter or a property owner, fair valuations impact you. You deserve an assessor with the right experience. Find me at www.votexczar.com

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John Romaker

Elected Experience: First-time candidate, no prior elected office held.

Other Professional Experience: Whatcom County's Chief Deputy Assessor since February 1991. Senior Commercial/Industrial Appraiser, Lucas County (Toledo, OH), 1986-91.

Property Appraiser at Automated Valuation Services (Ohio, North Carolina), 1982-86. Member International Association of Assessing Officers, 33 years.

Education: University of Toledo (1977-78); Bowling Green State University (1978-82); profession assessment courses at University of Chicago Graduate School of Business and UNC-Chapel Hill; continuous professional training since 1991.

Community Service: Past member of City of Bellingham's Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee; past United Way of Whatcom County Employer Campaign Coordinator.

Statement: While assessor are often judged simply by figures on a tax bill, this office is solely responsible for highly-specialized work needed to deliver annual assessments for 120,000+ accounts. County overall value for 2018 exceeded \$32 billion, generating \$324 million in revenue. With experience

gained over a career in property assessment, including nearly 29 years here as Chief Deputy Assessor, I am best prepared to lead this office.

The public benefit from technology that improves data-intensive government services is well understood. We've completed major projects over the past three decades that have modernized services, customer experience and increased staff efficiency.

Assessor's land records are cornerstone to a much-improved GIS mapping and data integration system that now delivers interactive mapping and property data to stakeholder agencies, professionals and all citizens through Whatcom County's website. I will continue seeking ways to streamline processes and improve service delivery for prudent use of public resources.

This election brings much change to local government leadership, but my relationships with staff, administrators and other officials will be beneficial during this transition. I will honor the trust your votes places in me by committing to deliver all you expect from your next Assessor.

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 Whatcom County - **Auditor** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Diana Bradrick

Elected Experience: Various national association board positions, first time county office candidate.

Other Professional Experience: Recording Manager, Snohomish County, Washington 1990 - 2001; Deputy State Archivist, Washington State 2001 - 2004;

Manager County Records and Cartography, Washington County, Oregon 2004 - 2007; Chief Deputy Recorder; Assistant Assessor, Recorder, Clerk, San Diego County, California 2007 - 2010; Manager Elections, Recording and Licensing, Island County, Washington 2011 - 2012; Chief Deputy Auditor, Whatcom County 2012 - Present.

Education: AAS, Clark College; BA, Sociology, Central Washington State University; MBA, Portland State University. Certified Public Official, University of Washington.

Community Service: Vice President, Spring Vista HOA; member of the Cordata Neighborhood Association.

Statement: *Experience matters.* I am a national and state certified election administrator and nationally certified recorder with over 28 years of experience in all aspects of county

auditor operations, serving Whatcom County as Chief Deputy Auditor for the past six years. I have served in county elections administration through two presidential elections, a census redistricting effort, and numerous recounts including three hand recounts in 2018. An experienced, proven professional with a reputation as an un-biased, non-partisan expert, I was awarded the 2018 Election Employee of the Year by the Secretary of State.

I led the procurement and implementation efforts for state-of-the-art systems in recording and elections. In addition, public access to recorded documents has increased through my leadership and oversight of a multi-year historic records project. Customer focused, I have been instrumental in implementing cross-training between divisions increasing flexibility, enhancing customer service and fostering a culture of continuous improvement within the office.

I am endorsed by retired County Auditor Shirley Forslof and retiring Auditor Debbie Adelstein. Impartiality is critical in an auditor, therefore I did not seek or accept party endorsements.

I live in the Cordata area of Bellingham with two spoiled cats.

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Whatcom County - **Sheriff** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Joy Gilfilen**

Elected Experience: Candidate: County Executive 2015. Staff: Washington State Legislature. Delegate: State Convention.

Other Professional Experience:

President: Restorative Community Coalition (9yrs) researching justice systems. Authored *"Stop Punishing*

Taxpayers, Start Rebuilding Community" and *"Blindspots: Unexpected Findings from Jail Trauma Research"*. Corporate trainer/business consultant. Systems: SPIE. Manager: Whatcom County Tourism Bureau. VP: Whatcom Women in Business. Personnel: Washington State Fish and Game. College: Air Force ROTC (WSU); WWU Campus Police: Student Patrol.

Education: 2yrs college. 30yrs business/professional training.

Community Service: Testify: IPRTF, Council, Jail Task Force, EIS. Chair: Local Justice Reform Now; Fairhaven 1990 Taskforce; Volunteered: Boys and Girls Club, PTA, 4-H, vintage car clubs.

Statement: My campaign has no complaint with the law enforcement arena. However, we have made the costly mistake of failing to bring corrections into the 21st century. Jail #1 continues to deteriorate and is operated in an overcrowded,

inhumane condition, while Jail #2 is underutilized.

Violent crime has fallen sharply for decades, while operations remain focused on building high cost, high security, punitive systems that excessively punish low risk people. Mental health and addiction issues have increased but appropriate programs and facilities lag behind. Taxes adopted for improvements get diverted to planning and operations.

"Law and Justice" commands over 60% of our budget, but produces many sub-optimal outcomes with staggering costs to our community. Social costs compound to ten times correctional expenditures. Building a 3rd new fancier jail that increases taxes is not the answer.

I have dedicated years to researching better options. I will hold our government accountable to these needs. I stand for more humane policies and procedures; for more humane facilities with improved programs for intervention, prevention, diversion, treatment and workforce reentry. I will refocus correctional efforts on getting our neighbors, friends and family the help they need with less harm to their lives, our community and economy.

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**Bill Eifo**

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Sheriff since 2003

Other Professional Experience: Former Police Chief Blaine, Prosecutor, Deputy City Attorney, President Washington State Sheriffs' Association; Vice Chair Washington Criminal Justice Training

Commission; Testified before U.S. Congress on Northern Border Homeland Security issues; former Adjunct College Professor Member of Washington State Bar (inactive attorney).

Education: B.S. and M.S. Criminal Justice; Juris Doctorate; FBI Command College and National Law Institute; University of Louisville Police Administration Graduate Course: National Sheriffs' Institute

Community Service: Brigid Collins Family Service Center Advisory Board Member; 2018 Brigid Collins Award; Boys and Girls Club Board, National Service to Youth Award, Rotary Paul Harris Fellow

Statement: As your Sheriff, I remain committed to ensuring the quality of life and safety we enjoy in Whatcom County. Crime rates and violence were reduced. Gangs and criminal enterprises that brought heroin, methamphetamine and violence to our

community were disrupted. Modern technologies increased deputy availability and capabilities. When appropriate, deputies divert people with mental health and substance abuse issues from the criminal justice system into treatment and pathways to recovery. All deputies are trained in crisis intervention. Specialized mental health deputies intervene in the complex and volatile situations. Neighborhood deputies provide safety and security through community policing.

I worked with responsible officials to arrange critically needed safety and security improvements to the jail and refocus on a more humanely and safely designed facility. Prudent policies and programs to prevent recidivism, reduce incarceration, and utilize space in other jails reduced overcrowding. Incarcerated people have opportunities for education and treatment for substance abuse and mental health disorders. We have the most robust alternative to jail program in Washington including electronic monitoring. Eligible offenders can maintain employment and family connections.

Under my leadership, emergency, preparedness, response, planning and exercises better prepared our community and millions in grants were received to enhance capabilities.

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 Whatcom County - **Treasurer** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term


Steven N. Oliver

Elected Experience: I have served three terms as your Whatcom County Treasurer, first elected in 2007 and re-elected in 2011 and 2015. Two-term Ferndale City Councilmember, first appointed to complete a partial term, then elected to a 4-year term.

Other Professional Experience: Small business owner and a local corporate board member.

Education: B.A. in Business Administration and Finance, University of Puget Sound. I also participated in Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Leadership Program.

Community Service: Former corporate board member of Boys and Girls Clubs of Whatcom County and numerous other community-based committees, organizations and efforts.

Statement: I have served as your County Treasurer and Deputy County Treasurer for over 20 years safeguarding taxpayer money, collecting revenues for over 80 public entities, providing excellent customer service, and implementing new service

efficiencies. In the last 20 years, our workload has grown but by using efficient technology, my office has reduced staffing levels by over 25% and maintained high levels of customer service. I'm very proud of that record.

Strong treasury management is the foundation of transparent and accountable government. I fully report all financial activities with no gimmicks. I promise to keep the county treasury above the politics. I have worked hard to maintain the county's excellent AA credit rating and save taxpayers money. Our strong credit rating and financial stability will save us millions when and if a decision is made soon to build or rebuild a right sized jail in the right location with proven services that will achieve better results and reduce impacts to the law and justice system. *We can't afford to not solve this issue soon, the County's financial health is at stake.*

I work for you and I am honored to continue serving you as County Treasurer. Thank you again.

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Port of Bellingham - **Commissioner District 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Anthony Distefano**

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Washington State Ferries- Deckhand, Superior Energy- engineer for Spill Response Vessel built in Bellingham WA, The Boat Company- Chief Mate

for an Ecotourism non-profit promoting conservation, Farmers Equipment Company- Service Manager throughout Whatcom, Skagit, BC, Tlingit-Haida Central Council- Consultant for Tribal Renewable Energy projects based in villages, Bellingham Makerspace- Engineering, business development, and teacher, Merchant Marine- various tugs and freighters

Education: Coastal Geography University of Alaska

Community Service: Union Steward for the Inlandboatman's Union- worker advocate, Tar-Pamlico Riverkeeper- volunteered clean-up of river and investigations into pollution , Little Cheerful Soup Kitchen- cooked for sit-down meals for our less fortunate

Statement: My values are centered upon the promotion of working families for livable wages, preservation of our precious

resources for a sustainable future, and respect for the balance that we strike to prosper together without sacrificing the integrity our community holds dear.

As Port Commissioner my focus would be a longer range view of how we administer our public lands. Expansion of our marine trades, cargo, and fishing fleets to bring living wages to Whatcom, while at the same time bringing affordable housing for working families should be at the forefront of our dialogue- affordability over gentrification. We must expand access to the waterfront for our public to enjoy and recreate. We can balance our progress and the obligations we hold to our environment. The Port has many tools to make Whatcom more livable: from innovation incubators, broadband expansion into our rural areas, and input over how we grow and implement our public infrastructure. I will look for ways to further our mission, while respecting the past practices that have brought us so far. Transparency of the political process is key to keeping an informed public. As a Port Commissioner, I plan to be available yearround to answer community needs.

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**Robert (Bobby) Briscoe**

Elected Experience: Current Port of Bellingham senior commissioner, Past president of Puget Sound Crab Association, Served as alternate on Pacific Fisheries Management Council Groundfish Advisory Panel

Other Professional Experience:

Independent business man for 45 yrs operating my commercial fishing vessels in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California waters.

Education: Graduate of Sehome High School class of 1974

Community Service: Always willing to lend a helping hand

Statement: During my last campaign I focused on 5 issues: Help bring transparency to the Port of Bellingham, Get our deep water marine terminal up & running, Rebuild the Blaine industrial area, Ensure a high quality airport, Container barge facility

Along with the other commissioners and port staff we were able to accomplish most of these goals. Work at Blaine

industrial area is still ongoing and the barge facility is still a goal I would like to see happen. I am a fourth generation commercial fisherman born and raised in south Bellingham. My wife and I have been married for 40 yrs, raised two fine sons, and are now blessed with five grandchildren.

For the last 39 years I have resided in Ferndale- Blaine area. Whatcom County is seeing many changes and we need to work together, using common sense, to insure that our communities are environmentally healthy and economically viable. Navigating through the complex commercial, recreation, and environmental issues in our community will be top priority.

My endorsements include Bellingham Whatcom County Firefighter IAFF, Whatcom Commercial Fishermen's Association and my family. Thank you for voting

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City of Bellingham - **Mayor** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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 College 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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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! Every day I lock eyes with my kids and renew my commitment to put community, fairness and climate

first when finding solutions for our city's future.

I'm a leader who gets things done. As your City Council Member I heard you and answered, leading the charge on local climate action, housing, protections for renters, and increasing everyone's access to parks and greenways. I opposed the large, expensive jail; I'm committed to fairness, reducing incarceration and keeping our community safe for everyone who calls Bellingham home.

With me as your Mayor, we will address gaps in seniors' and families' housing and care needs, build housing that Bellingham's wages and fixed incomes can afford, provide treatment for substance use disorder/behavioral health, and protect our environment. By closing the wealth gap, eliminating racial disparity, and tackling climate change, we will improve our quality of life and sense of community - creating a legacy for Bellingham that future generations can believe in too. Vote April Barker for Mayor and let's get started!

Endorsements: Washington Conservation Voters, Riveters Collective, 42nd District Democrats.

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City of Bellingham - **Council Ward 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Elizabeth (Beth) Hartsoch****Elected Experience:** None**Other Professional Experience:** I work in Institutional Effectiveness at Western, supporting decisions and accountability with data. Prior to higher education, I worked at the federal and county levels, and in the private sector,

in planning and GIS.

Education: M.A. in Geography, GIS & Cartography, University of Montana; B.S. Biology, Gonzaga University**Community Service:** Vice president of the Riveters Collective Board, founder and project manager for the Viking eBike project, volunteer for the Community Meal Program, Greater Bellingham Running Club, Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition, Ride Run and Dig, school bike rodeos, Ski to Sea Whatcom County Women's division, and Walk Bike Bus Bellingham**Statement:** Hello Bellingham! I'm a data wrangler at Western, a mother, a cyclist, and I'm passionate about leaving a better world for our kids. I value open, transparent government and have worked from the outside to make it easier for Bellingham

residents - especially kids - to be healthy and safe. I'm running for City Council because I want to be your voice on the Council.

Whether you've asked the City to help with homelessness, affordable housing, bike lanes, reducing incarceration, ensuring immigrants are safe in our community, or simply needing a permit, we all want to be heard and we want our ideas to matter. I'll listen and take your ideas to the Council. I'll follow the leadership of people most impacted, especially by injustice.

Four generations of my family live in Bellingham's 1st Ward, from Cordata to Columbia, and from age 8 to age 90. My kids were born at St. Joe's and ride their bikes to Bellingham Public Schools. We love Bellingham and I still see a thousand ways we can make it better, more responsive, and more cost effective. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Proudly endorsed by Tim Ballew II and Rep. Sharon Shewmake.

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**Hannah E. Stone****Elected Experience:** Unanimously Appointed by Bellingham City Council, At-Large Representative (October 1, 2018)**Other Professional Experience:** Attorney, U.S. Immigration and Citizenship Law**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, International Relations and Spanish Language (1998, Meredith College); Juris Doctor (2005, University of North Carolina)**Community Service:** AmeriCorps VISTA (Prior Service), American Immigration Lawyers Association (Former AILA-WA State Government Committee Chair), Citizens for Bellingham Schools (Campaign Co-Chair), Communitywise Bellingham (Advisory Board Member), Goodwill Job Training & Education Center (Legal Volunteer), LAW Advocates (Legal Volunteer), Opportunity Council (Board Member), Sunnlyland Elementary School PTA (Former President), Whatcom County Chapter ACLU-WA (Former Chair), Whatcom Museum (City Liaison)**Statement:** As a City Council Member, I recognize that public service is a privilege and I feel fortunate for this opportunity to serve our community. The City Council establishes public

policies, adopts long-range plans, approves the budget, and passes laws that benefit and protect our residents. One of my strengths is the poise with which I deliberate over contentious issues. I listen and show respect to everyone, and I speak with honesty and candor. My education, experience, and empathy make me an invaluable asset to both the community and the Council.

As Bellingham continues to grow, our community faces difficult decisions that require astute judgement and forethought on issues related to economic development, equity and social justice. The present and future generations are dependent upon us to develop solutions now to reverse the course of climate change, advance diverse housing options, and promote multi-modal transportation. We must envision the community we seek to cultivate because the choices we make today reflect our priorities and define our future.

Bellingham's future is brightest when we build it together!

Thank you to my husband Brad, our two children Grayson and Skylar, and my mother Wendy for your inspiration and support.

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City of Bellingham - **Council Ward 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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.

I'm endorsed by Whatcom Women Democrats, Riveter's Collective, Sierra Club, Naral, Teamsters, Mayor Kelli Linville, Prosecutor Eric Richey, Port Commissioner Michael Shepard, County Councilmember Barry Buchanan, business leader Erin Baker and many other local leaders in non-profits, public safety, healthcare and locally-owned businesses.

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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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.* Current issues require creative solutions based in transformative justice. I will make sure that Bellingham protects and maintains sanctuary for and with impacted communities and marginalized communities to strengthen the community defenses through the platforms of freedom city

and Keep Families Working Act. I will seek to dismantle racial violence by declaring that hate groups are not welcome. To address the housing crisis, I will implement an inclusionary zoning ordinance that will allow the residents to afford tiny homes, support housing co-ops, shared housing based on Housing First model and live & work spaces for small businesses. We must act with a cognizance that housing is a human right. Additionally, we must honor tribal treaty rights by giving tribal nations stronger voice in protecting water and lands, and encourage climate justice plans that work to end dependency on fossil fuel and more.

The voices of marginalized and underrepresented community members are being ignored in discussions of public safety. I will make sure those voices are heard by reframing the meaning of freedom and safety. During city council decision processes, I will bring an intersectional, transformative perspective to ensure that

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City of Bellingham - **Council Ward 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Chanan Suarez**

Elected Experience: This is my first run for public office

Other Professional Experience: Social Security Administration, Independent Contractor with Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs

Education: B.A. Spanish Language and Literature, WWU 2015

Community Service: U.S. Navy Corpsman, 2001-2006, Purple Heart, Iraq Veterans Against the War, Union Steward with American Federation of Government Employees, LGBTQ Rights Activist with Queer Ally Coalition, AmeriCorps Alumnus, Whatcom Democratic Socialists of America, Co-Chair

Statement: I am running for office to serve Bellingham residents who lack representation in government. As a renter, recently a student, first-generation American, openly gay person, working-class union member, a person of the Jewish faith, and combat veteran, my personal experiences strengthen my resolve to fight for our struggling communities. I was asked to run by members of the community who share my values and commitment to social justice. I am supported by a coalition of movement activists to advance a platform centered on Housing for All, a Bellingham Green New Deal, Workers' Rights, Sanctuary for All, and Municipalization of Services. Please visit my website to learn more about my platform, campaign, and endorsements.

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**Lisa Anderson**

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Testing and Placement Specialist, Whatcom Community College, 2005-present; Program Assistant, Woodring College of Education, Western Washington University, 1997-2005.

Education: Master's of Education, Higher Education Administration, Western Washington University, 2001; B.A., WWU, 1994; A.A., Whatcom Community College, 1991.

Community Service: City of Bellingham, Planning and Community Development Commission, 2016-present; Bellingham Shoreline Committee, 2016-2017; Washington State SBCTC GED Advisory Committee, 2012-2013; Student Success and Retention Committee, WCC, 2010-2012; York Neighborhood Association Board, 2009-2015; Member, AFSCME Local 1060.

Statement: A proven champion for Bellingham, Lisa Anderson fought to shut down two crime-ridden motels on Samish Way that were ruining our neighborhoods. Living one block away,

she knew first-hand what living with crime meant. Today, the area thrives with new businesses and urban village housing projects. Lisa's vision for Bellingham is a city where affordable housing is a reality not just a past dream, where good paying jobs support families, and where education and job training are prioritized. As a young single mother, Lisa experienced homelessness but worked hard to change her path, returned to school, and earned a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration. Today she works at Whatcom Community College assisting others in their educational pursuits. As your City Council member Lisa will advocate for subsidized urban village housing, funding for police and firefighters to meet growth needs, neighborhood-based planning, aggressive clean energy initiatives, and environmental protections for wildlife and water. She brings three years' experience as a member of the City's Planning Commission, a 10-year member of her neighborhood board, and 30 years as a Bellingham resident. Learn more at: www.Anderson4Bellingham.com.

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City of Bellingham - **Council At-Large** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year short & full term



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: Whatcom Democrats, Sierra Club, Washington Conservation Voters, 42nd Legislative District Democrats, IAFF Local 106 (Firefighters), Riveters Collective, National Women's Political Caucus, Whatcom County Democratic Women, NARAL Pro-Choice Washington, Washington Teamsters Legislative League

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Dana Briggs

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Public, private and non-profit experience as an officer, director, manager, supervisor, white and blue collar worker. Currently a cook for PeaceHealth St. Joseph Hospital. Formerly worked in the USAF

(veteran); 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: By all accounts, Bellingham is a beautiful place to live as well as a great place for residents and visitors.

Unfortunately, this is only true for some – those who have a home, income that provides for the basics, no fear because they happen to be part of a particular group of people, and most importantly, experience an environmentally sound and sustainable climate. I intend to provide avenues for all of the environmentally discouraged, economically abused, and those who have their human / civil rights constantly threatened to speak their stories, build community relationships, and be a part of the needed solutions to the crises we see.

In the years and decades ahead, we will face great challenges – the most important of which is the health of our planet, our region, and our community. We will have to make and implement tough decisions which in the long run will ensure our continued existence, provide shelter for all, the means to cover food, health, and transport, and ensure the dignity and respect that we all deserve.

The endorsement I request is your vote, your participation, your thoughts and dreams. Together we can make Bellingham a truly inclusive community where everyone thrives.

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City of Blaine - **Council Ward 1 Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Randy R. Roose**

Elected Experience: I was part of the decision making for organizing living arrangements to help people to continue to work for supporting their families. I am a member of the Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce. Ive been a small business owner since 2002

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I have lived in the Blaine –Birch Bay area for approximately 20 years, and I've been a home owner for over three years. My wife and I own RNR services Inc., which operates Birch-Bay Lawn Care, NR Cleaning service, and RNR Handyman.

I feel, as a small business owner, the city should give stronger consideration in recognizing the opinions of business

owners regarding growth and advancement of our area. Alongside growth in the Blaine community, I would like to help bring focus in supporting the infrastructure when advancement and growth are made.

As a small business owner I understand the challenges of operating a business in our community. I would like the opportunity to help be a voice of positive change to how the City has been doing business as usual. I would like to help incorporate a way for the businesses of our community to work together to bring long term prosperity for all the people within our area. I would like the opportunity to represent my ward in the city council to help create positive change.

Goals if I am elected: Awareness for small business growth and community prosperity; Community Trust Enhancement; City design improvement

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**Richard May**

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Charter Commission, 1 year elected position, 2015

Other Professional Experience: Owned two restaurants, 20 employees. Former president, Everson Nooksack Chamber of Commerce. 30 years media

production. Built home.

Education: High school graduate. Chef's diploma, 1986. Studies languages.

Community Service: Blaine Planning Commission since 2011. Board of directors, Communities In Schools dropout prevention. Previously on Blaine Parks Board, Whatcom County permit Appeals Board, Whatcom County Utilites Planning Committee, board of Blaine Community Theater, Volunteering Habitat for Humanity and salmon restoration (NSEA). Helped win measures as chair of Whatcom Libraries campaign, publicist for Blaine school bond and bipartisan traffic safety initiative in Bellingham.

Statement: During my time on the planning commission, we have worked hard to tee up economic growth that's starting to go the right direction. I was at the front of rezoning parts of

downtown to enable a more bustling future for Blaine with a good mix of new residential development that can feed foot traffic to our exciting new business spots. We can maintain neighborhood character and find the right way to make it easier to succeed here.

Smart growth can be great. Some bold change can be great, but not every idea is right for us. Just look at the reaction when it was proposed to change the name of our city. Several years ago, a development applicant was intending to quietly remove the Semiahmoo water tower, and had erased it from all the original sketches from 1985, with no mention of it. I brought attention to this, and we kept our landmark tower.

We want the biggest sustainable impact that fits right. I am committed to hearing everyone's concerns, taking a more proactive approach, and digging a little deeper for the best outcomes, or if that's not possible, then more fully explain to the public why not.

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 City of Blaine - **Council Ward 2 Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year short & full term


Garth Baldwin

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: For the past 19 years I've been the President/ Owner of Drayton Archaeology, a Cultural Resource Management Firm named for our harbor. From 2004 – 2008 I was also a Washington DOT archaeologist. Following my service as a US Marine I worked construction while attending college at Western.

Education: Attended Blaine Schools from kindergarten, Graduate of Western Washington University (B.A. 2001 & M.A. 2004), Anthropology/Archaeology, with 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: While on the Parks and Cemetery Board I advocated for extending the Pedestrian Trail. On behalf of the

people of Blaine, I always considered their best interests, and fiscal responsibility, into every decision. I took time to inspect our parks and cemetery, which had fallen into disrepair. Our board pressed to have an employee hired who could focus on parks and the cemetery. I lead the effort to get that condemned building on Portal Way razed, writing a letter and presenting it to City Council with the support of many. The view is improved as is the feel of downtown. I want to further improve downtown and the city. Addressing our aging water system, public works equipment, and the police station and vehicles are concerns as well.

On a personal note: I own a home two blocks from 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 the place I live. It's my home.

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Steven Tojek

Elected Experience: Past Experiences: 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 Blaine - **Council Ward 3 Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Mary Lou Steward

Elected Experience: I have served on the Blaine City Council since 2015. During my time on the Blaine City Council I have served on the Public Works Committee and as Council liaison with the Senior Center.

Other Professional Experience: I

worked as a physician anesthesiologist in Los Angeles. Before Medical School I taught at a community college.

Education: I graduated with Masters in Biochemistry and MD in Medicine from the University of British Columbia having graduated from high school in a small city in the interior of the Province.

Community Service: I am a CERT instructor and a member of Blaine ACS.

Statement: I wanted to get involved in the City Council as I felt that, as I enjoy living here so much, I wanted to help to keep Blaine such a special place. I have travelled extensively and realize that we are so fortunate to have such a beautiful place to call home, with such delightful neighbors. This is possible to maintain only if we get involved in making it happen.

I am enthusiastic about bringing the right kind of residential, commercial and industrial developments to our City so that we can see it continue to grow and prosper.

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City of Everson - **Council Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

John Hammond

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City of Everson - **Council Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Ashley Brown

Elected Experience: Precinct Committee Officer

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: I've been a leader on Disability advocacy and accessibility as well as empowering engagement for students on a range of Higher Education issues. I've been involved in a number of groups that focus on finding community solutions to broader concerns from both sides of the aisle and a wide range of backgrounds. I've been active in volunteering in Nooksack tribal and community events to serve my local community. I've donated time and resources to voter registration efforts, food banks, Books for Prisoners, and to a number of community and political organizations.

Statement: I offer a diverse perspective due to various life experiences, along with knowledge of how crucial resources/services for homelessness, trauma survivors, mental health,

disabilities and accessibility are. I have lost people I cared deeply about to suicide, and with this recorded increase of mental health issues in our youth, I am concerned about their health. Our youth are the backbone of our future generation and as a community, we need to come together to increase services so as to help their growth.

I come from a strong ancestry that dates back over 13 generations. As family and culture are vital parts of my life, I moved to Everson to grow within this side of my roots and look forward to many more years in this beautiful area.

I look forward to expanding within my experiences and creating stronger bonds with my community. While I am not your typical candidate, when elected, I will always strive to be a true representative voice of the constituents.

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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 offers a solid record of results, unquestioned integrity, commitment to citizen engagement, and the ability to lead our thriving city.*

Mayor Mutchler's administration successfully partnered with Whatcom County, state legislators, and Lummi Nation to secure over \$43 million in grants for projects including the Thornton Street connection, Pioneer Park Pathways (ADA-compliant sidewalks), and our sewer plant upgrade. He led the effort to rename two streets after WWII heroes Joe Moser and Dick Stone and worked with the City Council to pass a unanimous resolution denouncing racism and hate.

Mayor Mutchler saved the city nearly \$100,000 annually in staff costs by restructuring his administrative team. While the city grows and attracts new businesses and neighbors, crime decreases, debt goes down, revenues increase and tax rates remain low. Our park programs engage more families than ever.

*Supported by citizens left, right, and center, Mayor Mutchler is endorsed by a diverse group of community leaders, elected officials and businesspeople. Visit www.ReelectJon.com for a list – you likely know many of them. He has shown time and again that he doesn't work for the politicians, *but for you*, Ferndale. He puts you first and humbly asks for your vote.*

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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 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Michael Cox**

Elected Experience: President-National Border Patrol Council Local 2913 Secretary/Treasurer-National Border Patrol Council Local 2913

Other Professional Experience: I recently retired from the United States Border Patrol after 23 years of patrolling

our Southern and Northern borders. I served as President of our Union where I worked directly with the United States Congress to get important legislation passed. I also served as Treasurer where I prepared budgets and kept in compliance with Department of Labor Regulations.

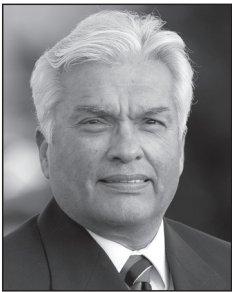
Education: No information submitted

Community Service: I have coached youth sports in Ferndale for 10 years and I am currently a referee for Middle School and High School Football and Basketball.

Statement: I chose to run for City Council after attending a council meeting (which I thought would be a discussion about water/sewer prices) and quickly learned that our city gave

very wealthy individuals hundreds of thousands of dollars of concessions to force artificial growth downtown. I quickly realized we have a serious problem. It is common for cities to concede their land and resources to multimillionaires (Trump vs. NYC circa 1980s) in the hopes of forcing prosperity during a recession. I have never heard of a city (Ferndale present day) concede land and resources during an economic and population expansion. This begs many questions that I plan to have answered and presents problems that I plan to devote my time to solving. Join me in letting the tried and true method of supply and demand grow Ferndale naturally. Bellingham is close to maximum expansion and I believe Ferndale is next to experience the population growth. This will happen without bribing wealthy people who tell you they can make it happen sooner than later.

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**Herb Porter**

Elected Experience: First Time Candidate

Other Professional Experience: Retired Ferndale High School Spanish Teacher (1980-2018); Veteran: Retired Colonel Air National Guard (1985-2013); Retired CBP Officer (1993-2007); Sole Proprietor

Business in Spanish Translation, Teaching and Interpretation (1995-2007)

Education: B.A. History & Spanish; B.A. in Education; M.Ed. in Spanish; U.S. Air Force Air Staff and Command College; U.S. Air Force Air War College.

Community Service: American Legion Post 7, Legion Riders, Evergreen Boys State, Ferndale School District Safety Advisory Committee, Past volunteer Ferndale Food Bank, Ferndale Heritage Society, Ferndale Downtown Association, and past Director of two HOA boards.

Statement: I have lived and worked in Ferndale for nearly four decades. Over the years, I have seen our city deal with the challenges of a growing population. A balanced approach to business and residential growth is most important along

with sensible environmental practices. I consider myself a team builder, working together with parties that represent different interests, with the goal of achieving consensus among all entities involved. I am fiscal conservative and believe in a common-sense approach to government. I believe that honesty, integrity and understanding are paramount in effectively serving others.

In the coming years, we will continue to grapple with such issues as growth, infrastructure development, traffic management, water and sewer needs. I promise to listen to your concerns and ideas with an open mind, while at the same time willing to make tough decisions, always keeping in mind what is best for our community.

I look forward to working for you, along with other city officials, office staff, committee members and other agencies. Together, we will continue to make Ferndale a great place to live, work and raise a family. I would be honored to have your vote and thank you for your support.

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City of Ferndale - **Council Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**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, and we need responsible leaders on council. With years of professional work experience in community outreach and organization, I have honed my skills of advocating to support people and being a strong and persistent voice to accomplish constructive goals through concise planning.

Good ideas are bigger than partisanship. I turned down endorsements so that I can serve without political expectation, continuing my commitment to listening to our community and reaching out in ways to make information and participation accessible to everyone. Though our individual perspectives may differ, our commitment to this city and the issues that affect us all do not.

The people of Ferndale are pleading to be fairly and accurately represented. I will listen and fight for your wants and needs. I will hold the council and the city accountable to extreme responsibility with our resources, first exhausting all other options before even considering reaching into the pocket of tax payers for our hard-earned dollars.

Ferndale can thrive. With transparency and team-work we can do this together. Through your vote, I would be honored to represent your voice and serve as your city councilmember. www.alihawkinson.com or www.facebook.com/ali4council email ali4council@gmail.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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**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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City of Ferndale - **Council Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Paul Shuey

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience:
Currently working for Alcoa intalco
Works previously worked in the seafood industry retail and food industry.

Education: Completion of high school

and on-the-job-trainings

Community Service: Community clean up on beaches in rivers, helping senior citizens with different tasks and providing fresh produce for those in need.

Statement: I am an open person willing to discuss any issue. I want to be a voice for the people and not for special interest groups. I will always work to better our community with stable growth in industry and Agriculture. As well as opening doors for entertainment possibilities and youth activities.

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City of Ferndale - **Council Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term**Gurpreet (Garry) Sandhu**

Elected Experience: This is my first time seeking elected office.

Other Professional Experience: Most of my professional experience is in blue-collar jobs. After finishing up my MBA I moved to the United States and began work as a packaging operator at

Trans-Ocean Products. Over the years I have been promoted to a supervisory role.

Education: Masters in Business Administration degree, a Bachelor's degree in Science and a Bachelor's Degree in Teaching.

Community Service: Volunteer, Guru Nanak Gursikh Gurudwara Temple; Volunteer, Whatcom County Cricket Club

Statement: I'd like to share a quick "American Dream" story. Growing up in India I saw images of America on TV and in movies. I dreamt of a better life, to live and raise a family in a community that provided opportunities for work, education, worship, and civic engagement. All of these I found right here, in Ferndale.

I am running for City Council because I believe in the ideals of a participatory government. All voices should be heard and everyone has the power to make a positive impact.

As a City Council member I will be guided by a very simple principle: Listen, Learn ... then Lead.

I believe a good politician is a vocal advocate for their constituents, asking the right questions, weighing all possible outcomes, and holding true to core ideals. With so many important infrastructure and quality of life issues on the agenda and horizon, this is an important time. Residents of Ferndale have the right to demand accountability and transparency from their elected officials and I expect them to hold me to the highest ideals. With your vote for me, Garry Sandhu, we can work together to ensure the "American Dream" is alive in Ferndale.

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**Ryan OLarey**

Elected Experience: First-time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: 13-year career at BP, including the Cherry Point refinery. My career has primarily focused on Environmental Engineering, Wastewater Treatment Process

Engineering, and leading a Wastewater Operations team. I have significant experience with the technology selected for Ferndale's wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

Education: BS Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering - University of Notre Dame, 2006. Winner - 2006 Metcalf & Eddy Wastewater Treatment Design national collegiate competition.

Community Service: Fundraising leader and volunteer for Ferndale Cub Scouts, Volunteer for the God Water charity, Presidential campaign volunteer and trainer, Volunteer for the BP employees' ReachOut charity, Volunteer at Eagleridge Elementary.

Statement: City Council actions have major impacts on our community. Yet participating in our government isn't always easy. I commit to more than just being accessible; I will actively

seek out your input because I firmly believe your voice adds value.

My wife, two sons, and I all love living in Ferndale. Recently my wife's parents moved here, so we now have three generations of firmly planted Ferndale roots. I would be thrilled to represent you on the City Council and devote myself to making Ferndale even better.

I believe Ferndale can be a city that encourages growth *and* maintains our small-town feel; supports good paying industry jobs *and* values the environment; revitalizes infrastructure *and* preserves history; respects individuals *and* strives for the common good. To achieve this, I am committed to the post-partisanship ideals of using data and facts instead of emotions, finding allies instead of enemies, and advancing good ideas regardless of their origin.

I have experience responsibly managing budgets on par with Ferndale's, finding unique and cost-effective solutions to complex problems, and cutting waste. My skill set and your voice are needed on the Council. I'd be honored to have your vote.

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 City of Ferndale - **Council Position 7** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term


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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Ramon Llanos

Elected Experience: First time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: Licensed Professional Civil Engineer, over 30 years' experience in municipal, roads, traffic, water, sewer, construction and environmental protection. Co-founder

and successfully running a Ferndale based engineering firm for 15 years which provides over 10 quality jobs.

Education: Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from The University of British Columbia. Attends periodic training courses to maintain Professional Engineer license.

Community Service: Deeply involved in promoting quality-infrastructure for Ferndale. Closely working with city officials to bring economically sound solutions to current issues. Pioneered the introduction of "Road Asphalt Recycling", designed the Haxton Trail and donated surveying work for the Star Park project.

Statement: City Council often faces crucial decisions involving growth, environmental impact and infrastructure; i.e. roads, traffic, water, sewer, etc. The City of Ferndale needs a Council Member who understands these issues. In my 30 years working

as a Professional Civil engineer, mostly in Whatcom County, I have extensively dealt with these issues and closely know the ins and outs of our City's infrastructure and my focus is always safety, health, and quality of life here.

In numerous occasions, I have collaborated with the City of Ferndale in developing city policies and codes; e.g., I provided input in drafting the zero-lot line code, accessory dwelling units (ADU) code, trail sections, the new RMH zoning in the City of Ferndale and solutions to the Ferndale downtown lack of parking.

Council Members need to work together to reach consensus on critical issues and that is precisely one of the most important skills that I bring to the table. Whether with the elected officials, city staff, Planning Commission, or City Council, I work well with people because after decades of experience I have learned to listen all sides and most importantly, I will listen to you!

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City of Lynden - **Council Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Nikki Turner

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Mother of 3 great children, Owner of SunnyDay Preschool & DayCare Center (Orem, Utah), Records Clerk (Saratoga Springs, Utah), Owner of Down &

Dirty CrossFit (Grantsville, Utah), Book Keeper (Bellingham, Washington).

Education: Graduated from Deer Valley High School (Glendale, Arizona), College credits received from Utah Valley University (Orem, Utah).

Community Service: Law Enforcement Advocate, Volunteer at local schools in Utah and Washington, donating to local charities, running in local fund-raising 5ks, supporting local businesses, Education Advocate.

Statement: Running for office is a big endeavor. I believe that each of us needs to give back, to serve, and to support the communities we live in.

One lesson I learned early on as a business owner and mother, is that the difference between good and great is the support one has elevating them. I welcome the opportunity to connect more deeply with our community, to understand the community concerns, and lend my support.

The prospect of being part of the city team and balancing planning and growth while continuing with traditions that make Lynden a remarkable place to live is what excites me about running for office.

I look forward to supporting our community's continued evolution as a place where our legacy of real family values is carried on. Working together, we can build the Lynden of tomorrow on the traditions of yesterday and today. It's time for Lynden to be elevated.

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Gary L. Bode

Elected Experience: Councilman for City of Lynden for 20 years; Mayor Pro Tem; Chairman of Lynden Public Works Committee for 18 years; Lynden Board of Adjustment for 4 years. Committee Experience: Public Safety, Parks, Finance, and Planning.

Other Professional Experience: Served in the U.S. Army as a military policeman for 2 years.

Education: Graduated from Lynden Christian High School.

Community Service: Lifetime resident of Lynden. Married to wife, Gloria, for 51 years. Raised 4 children in Lynden. Now a grandpa of 14 and great-grandpa of 1. Owner of Colony House Furniture in downtown Lynden for 42 years. Visit our website: www.Bodeforcouncil.com or on Facebook: Bode for Council

Statement: Past accomplishments: It has been a pleasure serving as a Lynden councilman for 5 terms. I have been instrumental in many projects that have helped shape and prepare our community for the future. Most notably: water system and storage upgrade projects, sewer upgrades,

transportation road network upgrades, starting the process for 911 emergency system dispatch for the police department, and implementing a new public works property and shop. An important issue to me has been researching the best value for reasonable costs, saving several million dollars over projected costs on many projects.

Future plans: I have started, researched, and coordinated the process for a necessary regional medical center and urgent care facility for Lynden and the north county this past year. This is an ongoing project and is of utmost importance for our community. Also, making sure the future Pepin Creek development maintains our community standards, lot sizes, and single-family homes. Concerning the future growth of Lynden, we need to preserve our community values with safety, trails, adequate streets and parks. I look forward to completing these projects and continuing to serve our community. I would appreciate your vote. Let's dream big. We can do this together!

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City of Lynden - **Council Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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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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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City of Lynden - **Council Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Jesse DeMooy

Elected Experience: This is my first time running for a public office position. I am eager to provide a fresh perspective to Lynden City Council.

Other Professional Experience: I have worked for Anvil Corporation for the past 7 years doing design and drafting

for the local Oil Refineries. Previously I worked for Trivan Truck Body also in the design department.

Education: AAS in Mechanical Engineering

Community Service: I have been elected & served the passed 3 years as Deacon and Treasurer at my church.

Statement: I am excited to be applying for a position on the Lynden City Council. I was born and raised in Whatcom County and moved to Lynden with my wife and 2 kids to raise our family. Lynden has always been a safe, family friendly town and

I want to make sure that as Lynden continues to grow we will keep it that way.

My experience in the engineering field reading detailed planned drawings, estimating large projects, as well as my experience as the Treasurer at my church managing money have me qualified for the job. I am a very detailed oriented person, and will look at all aspects of a discussion before a decision is made. I humbly ask for your vote.

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Gerald (Jerry) Kuiken

Elected Experience: I have served on all five, and chaired several, of the City committees. I currently Chair the Finance Committee and serve on Community Development and Public Works. I have also been appointed mayor pro-tem in past years.

Other Professional Experience: I recently retired from a career in banking.

Education: I have a BA in Sociology from Calvin College and have also completed many continuing education courses over the years.

Community Service: I've served on the Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee as well as on the board of Bethany Christian Services, Kidstown Romania, Cascade Christian Home and Elim Christian School in Chicago.

Statement: Thirty two years ago, Egbert Maas, the mayor of Lynden, encouraged me to run for the city council position that I currently hold. When I asked about the responsibilities of a city council member, he indicated that I should, first and foremost, be a good listener. It was not my job to tell others what I thought, but rather listen and gather information from the people I represent, and then make the best decision possible for the overall welfare of the community. I have always used that advice as my guiding principle for the many years I have served this community. I'm proud that I have been a part of the growth and prosperity that Lynden has experienced over the years. My time on city council gives me valuable experience and historic perspective and insight into many decisions that face us today. It has been my honor to serve the City of Lynden and its citizens for the past thirty two years, and if re-elected, I pledge to continue my work for your benefit. Thank you.

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 City of Lynden - **Council Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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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Jen Marion

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

Other Professional Experience: Co-Owner of Lynden Liquor; Public Affairs Specialist, U.S. Department of Labor Office of Public Affairs; Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division; Attorney, U.S. Department of Labor Office of the Solicitor.

Education: J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School; B.A. in Political Science from San Diego State University.

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I moved to Lynden four years ago because I fell in love with it while visiting a friend. When that same friend asked me if I'd be interested in buying a local small business with him, I jumped at the chance, trading one Washington for the other (better) one. Between its beautiful setting, friendly and caring people, 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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 City of Nooksack - **Council Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term

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City of Nooksack - **Council Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term

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City of Nooksack - **Council Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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City of Nooksack - **Council Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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City of Sumas - **Council Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Deborah Morgan

Elected Experience: First time candidate

Other Professional Experience: 20 years at the Sumas branch of the Whatcom County Library System.

Education: Computerized Office Administration Certificate, CDI,

Vancouver, B.C. 1993 High School Diploma- Nooksack Valley High School, Nooksack, WA 1980

Community Service: Deborah Morgan has volunteered as den leader and a troop committee member in Boy Scouts. She organized several historical tours and events that celebrate the town of Sumas. Deborah assisted many individuals in historical and genealogical research.

Statement: I moved into this community as an infant with my family in 1961. Because I enjoyed the benefits of growing up in

Sumas, my husband and I chose to buy our house and raise our son here. We enjoyed the parks, community events and all that Sumas has to offer. I have worked at the Sumas branch of the Whatcom County Library System for 20 years. Over the years I have seen the town through many good and bad times. It has been a great place to live the American Dream.

I am a local historian known for my on-line project in which I recount the Sumas' rich and unique historical heritage. Unfortunately, I hear people express concerns about our towns' current lack of potential. However, with a little creativity and support from of our community members we should be able to turn Sumas into the vibrant town it can be. I believe our wonderful little town has a bright future and would like to be a part of it. These are exciting times for Sumas and it is only going to get better.

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City of Sumas - **Council Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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Bellingham School District 501 - **Director Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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 Bellingham School District 501 - **Director Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term


Matt Serier

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

Other Professional Experience: I work in public procurement, and am a Certified Public Procurement Officer and Certified Professional in Supply Management

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara

Community Service: Volunteer soccer coach, volunteer for various electoral campaigns, volunteer for events at my child's elementary school.

Statement: As a parent of a District student, with two more attending soon, I'll have children attending for the next 18 years. I want to help during the crucial years ahead.

Bellingham is in a period of rapid growth and expansion. The City's Comprehensive Plan expects the population to grow by 30,050 over the next twenty years. This, along with unsure

funding from the State and how much we can raise locally, the Bellingham School board will face critical decisions in the next few years to ensure we plan for this growth and deliver the Bellingham Promise to all students.

While our teachers received a well-deserved raise last year, we must continue to support them and staff members to make sure they have the resources necessary to do their job, including time for professional development and engaging with families in the District. Retaining staff should be among the top priorities of the Board.

I'm running because I want to continue the great work the District does, leveraging its greatest strengths, the faculty/staff and families – while continuing to adapt to the future and needs of our students. I hope you will consider voting for me for Director.

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Katie Rose

Elected Experience: NA

Other Professional Experience: Community Drive Organizer, Bloodworks Northwest; Community Outreach & Development Specialist, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services, Brigid Collins Family Support Center,

and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Washington; Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Educator; Personal and Family Skills Coach (working with neurodivergent and adults and children); Nonprofit Management, Fundraising, and Outreach Consultant.

Education: BA in Psychology, WWU

Community Service: Board Member, Bellingham Childcare & Learning Center; Volunteer advocate, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County; Panel Speaker, Empowerment Project; Volunteer Sound Technician, "March for Our Lives", Climate Change, and other Student-Led Demonstrations

Statement: I'm a lifelong Whatcom County resident and have spent more than 10 years working on behalf of children and families impacted by poverty, PTSD, and trauma. I'm also single mother of two sons in Bellingham Public Schools, and work with

individuals and families experiencing ADHD and ASD.

As a board member, I'll ensure that *all* students are heard, included, and supported. I'll work to engage students and families that feel disconnected from our school system due to culture and circumstance. I'll advocate for strategies that improve educational outcomes, while also recognizing each student's unique strengths and challenges.

Understanding that teachers and school staff are the backbone of our schools, I'll work to ensure that appropriate resources are amply available to those who have dedicated their lives to serving our children. This includes supporting increased professional development on learning and developmental disabilities, building peer support for parents, reducing the impact of poverty, and better identifying and addressing the struggles that leave many students—and their families—feeling isolated.

Students cannot learn or succeed without a foundation of inclusion, health, and safety. With your support, I commit to building those foundations and ensuring the Bellingham Public Schools are successful in serving every child.

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Bellingham School District 501 - **Director Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Alex McLean

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Construction project manager, journalist, activist, volunteer, ski coach, graphic designer, prep cook, artist, bike messenger -- the majority of my income the past few decades has come from construction trades and supervision.

Education: BA degree, General Education, Western Washington University. Minor degrees in Sustainable Design and in Environmental Science, Huxley College of the Environment.

Community Service: Current president of Happy Valley Neighborhood Association. Two terms served on Greenways Advisory Committee. Half term Bellingham Transportation Commission. Current member Fairhaven Parking Taskforce. Greenways IV Levy committee and campaign member. I volunteer my time, dollars or art in the community whenever possible.

Statement: Goals if elected: Greening a decidedly un-green \$100 million per-year local government -- getting environmental policies, stewardship, and sustainability baked into the guiding documents of Bellingham Public Schools in some meaningful

and actionable ways for the benefit of both the students and this community

Supporting trauma-informed programming and staff resources throughout the BPS system

Reviewing and addressing fiscal degeneracy for both the taxpayers and for BPS' benefit -- why was Sehome High School \$30 million over-budget? Why does this institution claim it has no money available to move their bus fleet out of the Critical Areas Ordinance buffer zone for Whatcom Creek? Communicating with the City of Bellingham is an important aspect of this -- we cannot afford to have two local governments this out of sync: the Bus Barn proves it, but there are other examples

Taxpayers and those voting for School Bonds deserve better clarity on what, exactly, they are voting for -- six years is a long time for a rapidly changing city and there were elements of the last bond that, if citizens fully understood their impacts today, might be greeted with disapproval: We need a School District that responds to this community

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Kelly Bashaw

Elected Experience: I moved to Bellingham in 1994 and raised children who attended Bellingham Public Schools. I'm married to Dan Hammill who serves on Bellingham City Council. I've worked at Whatcom Community College for sixteen years as an academic advisor. I'm a WTA and bike commuter.

I'm a former foster parent of over one hundred children and see the importance that all kids have a loving adult that cares about them.

Other Professional Experience: Planned Parenthood, Foster Parent, Legislative Assistant

Education: BA, Psychology, University of Tulsa

Community Service: Brigid Collins, Friends of Youth, Bellingham School District Truancy Board, Whatcom Volunteer Center, Project Homeless Connect, April Brews Day

Statement: Every child should succeed in school and in life and it all begins with a community that supports them every step of the way. For the last twelve years, I've served as your

Bellingham School Board Director-overseeing the completion of the new Sehome and Options High Schools, Happy Valley, Cordata, Northern Heights, Wade King Elementary Schools and Shuksan Middle School. Voters overwhelmingly approved over three-hundred million in investments in our kids since I started. I believe that every child should be loved and supported in their education. I also recognize the enormous disparities in equity around race and mental and behavioral health. Kids need to see themselves in their teachers and we need a more diverse workforce and one that is well paid. And we need Olympia to make more investments in behavioral health treatments and interventions for children. We see more and more need for mental health services. Let's do better than this. I ask for your vote so that I can continue a body of work in education that I've been working on for almost thirty years. Every kid should succeed. Let's make it happen together!

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 Ferndale School District 502 - **Director District 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Kevin Erickson

Elected Experience: Ferndale School Board Member: 2010-Present

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: Ferndale High School – 1984 Bachelor of Veterinary Science – Washington State University – 1988

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine – Washington Sate University - 1990

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: Children are a precious resource that must not be squandered! Failure to provide them with a quality education is short-sighted and detrimental to the future of our community and society.

I'm Kevin Erickson and because of that conviction, I'm asking you to allow me to continue serving on the Ferndale School Board. Growing up in Ferndale, attending Ferndale schools, having children that attended Ferndale and working in

the community gives me a broad perspective on the community and local educational process. Time spent participating in various school events, advocating for student needs and attending college to become a veterinarian has further developed my educational perspective.

As a school board member, I recognize that I represent the people whom elected me and must be a good steward of their trust. I must also diligently lead to ensure that *all* children receive the best education possible and that community tax dollars are spent responsibly. I must listen intently to people's concerns, address their questions and understand the issues so I can make prudent decisions.

Our children deserve an education that prepares them for the future. I am committed to that responsibility! I thank you for your trust and vote.

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 Ferndale School District 502 - **Director District 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Melinda Cool

Elected Experience: First time candidate

Other Professional Experience: Customer Service Representative, Samson Rope. Previous work experience includes at-home parent of two boys (FHS Classes of 2019 and 2022), personal

trainer, community college instructor, and pharmaceutical sales representative

Education: MS Immunology, Concentration in Genetics, Duke University; BS Biology, summa cum laude, University of Washington

Community Service: Support Ferndale Schools Volunteer for the 2019 Bond, Race Director for annual Ferndale Turkey Trot. Former roles include Whatcom Moms Demand Action Co-Legislative Lead, Girls on the Run Coach, Whatcom Farm to School Champion, and Ferndale School District Volunteer

Statement: Education is a path to self-discovery and improving one's life. Students need an inclusive, supportive space to take full advantage of the opportunities public education can

provide. They need a wide variety of educational options, and they need top-notch educators and staff. As a Ferndale School District Director, I will do all I can to help build and improve these offerings.

With the passing of the Ferndale School District Bond, we've shown that our community is willing to invest in schools and kids. We can leverage that commitment to attract and retain great teachers, administrators, and staff. We can build an exceptional school, and provide much needed repairs for others with this bond. However, funds are not limitless, and we need to manage our projects responsibly, while also meeting the educational needs of all students throughout the district. I have never been afraid to ask questions, suggest ideas, or debate topics that need resolution. I will use my critical thinking skills to make sure that the Ferndale School District uses taxpayer money efficiently to create and foster superb learning spaces, provide inclusive education for all students, and build the community's trust for the future.

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Ferndale School District 502 - **Director District 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Jessie L. Deardorff

Elected Experience: National Headstart Directors Association 2006Northwest Indian College Board Member

Other Professional Experience: Lummi Headstart DirectorFerndale School District Indian Education Director Lummi Safe House Manager NWIC-

Talent Search Program Assistant

Education: AAS-Northwest Indian CollegeBA- Western Washington University MA in Education-Western Washington University

Community Service: NWIC Board Member

Statement: District 3: Ferndale School Board Jessie L. Deardorff, MEd, 59 Graduated 2009 from Western Washington University

with my Masters Degree in Education. Have experience in working with children in Head start to High school to college-age students. I have had the great opportunity to work with At-Risk youth, also.

Bio:

With my employment experience, I have found the passion in working and to provide my services to ensure all children (students) are provided the opportunity to excel in whichever area they pursue.

With this new opportunity, as a FSD Board member, I hope to continue to provide my service to this community.

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Blaine School District 503 - **Director District 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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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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Dougal Thomas

Elected Experience: President Blaine Youth Basketball 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. I have sat on the Golf Tournament Committee for the Blaine Scholarship Foundation for the past 5 years.

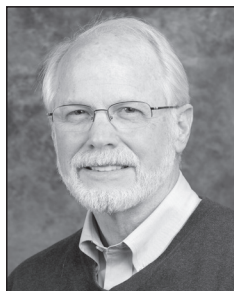
Statement: Wake up Blaine voters! It's time for a change. School Board decisions matter – because our children's future matters. I stand for placing the children in our community first. But new school board policies under review reflect Seattle

policies. Why? Because Washington State Associations make recommendations to local School Boards. Our board continues to rubber stamp policies without questioning the impact to our children. The new school Facility Use Fees could cost our Blaine families five times more this year for sports, arts, and community activities – our most needy families cannot afford these costs. Why? Because our School Board failed to provide oversight in a fee review. Is this what Blaine, Birch Bay, and Point Roberts parents want? As a parent, business leader, and educator, I don't think so. These programs and policies impact our future. They should be carefully reviewed and decided locally, not driven by Olympia or Seattle. I'll make the right decisions for our community. I promise to put our children, and our future, first. You need a voice asking hard questions. I will be that voice. Vote for Dougal Thomas, "The change we need and the voice we deserve".

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Blaine School District 503 - **Director District 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term**Charles Gibson**

Elected Experience: Blaine School Board since 2007

Other Professional Experience: Executive Director NM Boys Ranch which expanded to include NM Girls Ranch, Hart Youth Ranch and Families for Children Adoption Agency. Established

NM Christian Child Care Association. Now 25 years Pastor Northwood Alliance Church, Blaine.

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

Community Service: co-creator Community Assistance Program; expanded property for Blaine Food Bank; led Christmas Dinner Box Program 15 years; Support Officer in Whatcom County; board of The Bridge in Birch Bay; serve with Birch Bay/Blaine Thrives; Director Blaine School District 12 years.

Statement: We moved here 27 years ago and quickly enrolled our four young children in Blaine Public Schools. Right from the start we were impressed with the personal care and teaching they received. Eventually all four graduated from Blaine

High School and went on to college and graduate degrees at SPU, UW, WSU and Oxford University in England. Three have returned to live here and now we have grandchildren in Blaine Public Schools.

Because of this good experience, I chose to serve the past 12 years on the school board to give back where we've received so much. My wife also served 23 years as a Blaine School Nurse and became acquainted with almost every student and family in the district.

Our community generously supported the construction of beautiful new facilities and a new stadium coming soon. These major improvements were some of the things I worked on for the good our community. Just recently, we hired a new Superintendent. With this and new funding complications, it seems important to have experienced board members in place going forward. I'd be honored to continue to work for excellence in our schools for the communities of Birch Bay, Blaine and Point Roberts.

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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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 Lynden School District 504 - **Director Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term


Jason Swendt

Elected Experience: First time candidate for elected office.

Other Professional Experience: Union Safety Coordinator at Intalco, 20 years experience. I officiate high school football for Whatcom and Skagit Counties, and I previously worked a

Laborer at Great Western sawmill.

Education: Sehome High School graduate in 1991

Community Service: Stopping youth bullying is my passion and because of that I've been an advocate at Lynden Schools and with our State Representatives. Executive Board Member for Machinist Union IAM Local Lodge 2379. Board Member of Whatcom-Skagit-Island football officials association.

Statement: Kids are our future. I have a passion to give kids every opportunity possible and that includes a learning space for all children that is free of distractions. We aren't meeting the needs of our children to have a great mental and physical

environment to do their best. That's why I'm running for School Board; to help our schools do better at providing a physically and emotionally safe place for all our children.

My wife and I have lived in Lynden for 16 years. We have three children, one has graduated, one is a high school student and our youngest will be a kindergartner in the fall. I've fiercely protected my own children and I'm proud of the people they've grown into. As a School Board Member I will bring that concern for others, especially kids who are struggling because they don't fit in or don't have parental support. Our community is increasingly diverse and we need a board that is attuned to the unique challenges our kids face so that our entire community can thrive.

I'll bring a fresh perspective to the Lynden School Board. I'd be honored by your vote.

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C.J. Costanti

Elected Experience: I currently serve on the Lynden School District Board of Directors and would very much like to continue as a member of our fantastic district-wide team.

Other Professional Experience: Professional pilot and flight instructor.

Education: BA Communications, Western Washington University (1999); Associates in Arts & Science Degree, Big Bend Community College (1996); FAA Commercial Pilot Program, Big Bend Community College (1996); Lynden High School graduate (1994)

Community Service: Co-Chair, Citizens for Lynden Schools successful bond campaign (2014-2015); Lynden School District facilities committee member; Youth sports coach, YMCA & LYS Sports; EAA Young Eagles volunteer pilot.

Statement: I strongly believe in education and what it means to both an individual and the fabric of a community. The citizens

and taxpayers of our district have continually put their trust in our schools, administrators and teachers. Most importantly, you have ultimately supported our kids time and again when asked.

We've developed a great educational culture in Lynden and I'm a big believer we have many things to be proud of. I'm excited about the groundwork we've laid and the hard work I see around our district and schools for our kids. I'm equally excited to be part of a board of directors that is passionate about our future and is willing to celebrate our successes and meet our challenges creatively and thoughtfully. We take your support and trust very much to heart.

I humbly ask for your consideration and vote to continue my role as a director and to continue our hard work for our schools. Thank you.

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Lynden School District 504 - **Director Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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Lynden School District 504 - **Director Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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Meridian School District 505 - **Director District 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Sara Bernardy

Elected Experience: First time running for public office.

Other Professional Experience: U.S. Army, Communications, 1996-2005; over 10 years experience in federal and local government; Club Director for a local non-profit sports organization.

Education: B.A. Communication Studies, Western Washington University

Community Service: Meridian Public School Foundation, board member; Meridian Alumni Association, committee chairperson; Meridian Youth Athletic Association, coach; and Whatcom Volunteer Center Chore Program

Statement: I am a graduate of Meridian High School and after serving eight years in the military, living in various parts of the country and overseas, I returned home to beautiful Whatcom

County to raise my family. My husband, Steve, also graduated from Meridian and has strong ties to this district on his side of the family, our four children are fourth-generation Meridian students. Our oldest graduated in 2016, and we currently have a student at Meridian Middle School and two children attending Irene Reither Elementary.

I look forward to the opportunity to work in collaboration with teachers, parents, administrators and other school employees to promote investing in better learning environments and working conditions. I am dedicated to the Meridian School District and will strive to focus on what is truly important – our children and teaching and learning. I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you.

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Meridian School District 505 - **Director District 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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Meridian School District 505 - **Director District 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Craig Mitchell

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Nooksack Valley School District 506 - **Director District 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Cheryl Thornton

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Nooksack Valley School District 506 - **Director District 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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Nooksack Valley School District 506 - **Director District 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

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Mt Baker School District 507 - **Director District 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Karen Reich

Elected Experience: Director 2, Mount Baker School District (appointed to fill vacant position in August 2017).

Other Professional Experience: Currently Contract Manager at the Non-GMO Project in Bellingham, WA. Past experience includes paralegal at private law firm and a variety of marketing and program coordination positions. Co-owner of small HVAC business.

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Criminology, Simon Fraser University

Community Service: Includes: Kendall PTA volunteer; classroom volunteer; youth soccer coach; former Foothills Food Bank board member.

Statement: I have been a Director on the Mount Baker School

Board since August 2017. I approach representing the interests of students, families, and staff as a board member with integrity and intent. The District's mission is to *provide a strong educational foundation upon which all students can build their futures* and I want to help make that happen. I look forward to helping create opportunities for educational success for all students.

On a personal note, I have lived in the District for nearly twenty years. My husband and I own a small business here, our son attends a District school, and we love living in rural Whatcom County. I ask for your vote and look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the District for another four years.

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Mt Baker School District 507 - **Director District 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Annie Elder

Elected Experience: First time running

Other Professional Experience: Currently I own a mental health counseling private practice and serve youth and young adults. I have worked as a community based mental health counselor for intensive outpatient

services for over three years and in various roles supporting youth and families in the foster care system for over eight years.

Education: MA in Counseling from LIOS graduate school of Saybrook University, 2014 BA in Anthropology from the University of Montana, 2006

Community Service: Board member of the Foothills Foodbank; 2015-current; currently serving as Vice President;

Statement: I believe all children deserve access to a quality education. Mount Baker school district serves a wonderfully diverse population with unique strengths and needs. As a mental health professional and parent, I have experienced firsthand our district staff acting as a vital piece in supporting our youth in various capacities. I believe in collaboration to support children and families as an approach to overall student success. As a Mt. Baker district resident, I value our community's strength, resilience, and strong connections. If I am elected as a schoolboard member, I hope to continue to support our staff and students and continue to grow our district in excellence.

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Mt Baker School District 507 - **Director District 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Theresa Sygitowicz

Elected Experience: Whatcom Conservation Board, Farm Service Agency Board, Van Zandt Cemetery Dist 5.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

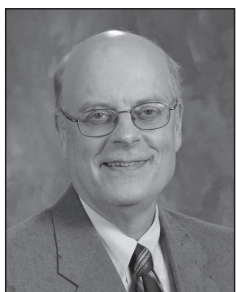
Education: Mt. Baker High School, Outstanding Senior Award from Mt Baker in 1968, Marylhurst College, Whatcom CC.

Community Service: A small business owner for over 20 years. EMT/Fireman Acme WCFD #16. Chair of the South Fork Heritage Foundation, Chair of Van Zandt Cemetery Board -10 years, Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation -15 years, Deming Log Show,Whatcom Co. Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Board, Parks/ Recreation, Whatcom Co River and Flood, Acme/Van Zandt Advisory River/ Flood & Open Space Boards. Whatcom Family Farms and Women in Timber.

Statement: I am a fourth generation Mt Baker School Dist.

resident. My father's family settled in Van Zandt, Acme area in 1890's. Mothers' family settled in Nugent's Corner area in 1910's. I am a recently retired, lifelong resident of Whatcom County. As a graduate of Mt Baker, I have always cared deeply about the students and future of the Mt Baker School Dist. Examples of this is, my sister, the Dr. Christine Sygitowicz Sherman Scholarship of 47 years and my support of MB FFA. Fiscal responsibility & safety of our schools is one of my primary goals. We must provide our students with the best education foundation available. This includes each and every student, no matter their skill level. Every student should have the educational tools to achieve their goals and dreams. Along with the Running Start Programs, I would include and promote vocational trade schools education opportunity at MBHS. Vote for Kids. Join with your community, Vote for Theresa Sygitowicz for Mt Baker School Board, Position 5.

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Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt

Elected Experience: Mount Baker School Board member for 20 years

Other Professional Experience: Business Owner - building trails and bridges for the US Forest Service

Education: Bachelor of Science, TESC

Community Service: I have been a volunteer firefighter with Whatcom County Fire District #16 (Acme) for the past 30 years. I serve on the Washington State Wildland Fire Advisory Committee. I also serve as Chair of the Washington State School Directors Trust Land Advisory Committee, promoting school revenue from DNR managed lands.

Statement: I'm honored to serve on the Mount Baker School Board, working with dedicated board members and hard working staff - all focused on preparing our students to be successful and good citizens. We work to improve academic success, beginning

with a strong focus on reading in the primary grades. I helped start Play and Learn for preschool parents to learn with their children. With solid academic and vocational programs, and a strong work ethic, our graduates leave ready for their future.

We recognize that we must adapt teaching to different ways of learning - we won't give up on any child. I'm pleased that most of our students participate in athletics, music, drama or FFA.

I work hard to ensure our district's financial stability. For decades the state has unfairly taken most of Mount Baker's school timber revenue. I led successful statewide efforts to fix this, which earned Mount Baker an additional \$1.3 million last year. I helped start a capital projects program to protect our facilities and avoid costly replacements. With experience and a positive vision for the future I feel that I can provide solid leadership to help sustain the pride that our community has in our schools.

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Concrete School District No. 11 - **Director District 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Michael Brondi

Statement: Thank you for this opportunity to serve on the Concrete school board. Our public schools are enormously important to chil-

dren and for the future of our community. Please get involved with your schools and support them to do the best for our kids.

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Concrete School District No. 11 - **Director District 4, At-Large** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term

Sue Watts

No statment or photo submitted.

Concrete School District No. 11 - **Director District 5, At-Large** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Dolores Elliott

No statment or photo submitted.

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Fire Protection District 1 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Shannon Whitford-Ahlers

Elected Experience: This is my first time running for an elected position.

Other Professional Experience: Managed a crew during the rebuild of the river cruise ship the Portland Spirit. Also managed a fleet of 50 trucks and drivers for Butler Construction.

Education: High School, some professional education.

Community Service: Volunteer firefighter, community pancake feed

Statement: My name is Shannon Whitford-Ahlers, and I am running for Whatcom Fire Protection District 1 Commissioner Position 3. I have lived in the Everson area with my wife and son for about twelve years, and currently work as a P&D Driver for YRC Freight. I am an active volunteer firefighter with Fire

District 1 and have volunteer experience with Warrenton Fire, and Astoria Fire in Oregon. I also worked for New Deal Fire in Texas where I was an extrication specialist and instructor for the Lubbock Texas Fire Academy. I served in the U.S. Navy during Desert Storm and spent 12 years of my life in service as an aviation boatswains' mate, aircraft handler, and firefighter. I have experience managing and budgeting projects such as the Portland Spirit, where I was the Chief Engineer and Senior Deck Officer. I also managed 50 fleet vehicles and drivers for Butler Construction in Lubbock, Texas. I believe that I can bring fresh ideas and help enact positive changes for the community and the district. My past experience gives me the confidence to be a great commissioner for Whatcom Fire Protection District 1. Thank you for your support.

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Fire Protection District 4 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



David (Safety Dave) Hanson

Elected Experience: Two term Fire Commissioner, Whatcom County Fire District 2

Other Professional Experience: Founding partner in West Coast Safety Services dedicated to providing safety leadership, safety oversight,

and strategic planning in the areas of work place safety and emergency response.

Education: Sehome High School class of 81, Process Safety Institute, Knoxville, TN U of N, Reno Fire Academy

Community Service: Community Service Dave has served on several community support boards to include, The American Red Cross, What-Com 911 Advisory Board, and the Whatcom County Ambulance Advisory Board. Dave has been active in the county fire service for over 30 years.

Statement: Dave Hanson has been active in the county fire service for over 30 years, serving 12 years as a fire commissioner to include serving as President of the Whatcom County Fire Commissioners Association.

Prior to serving as a Fire Commissioner Dave held numerous positions with the fire district to include serving as Fire Fighter EMT earning the rank of Lieutenant. During his career in the oil and gas industry, Hanson held numerous positions as a member of the refinery Fire and Safety Team to include Fire Team Captain and Brigade Fire Chief.

In August of 1999 Dave was appointed by Washington State Governor Gary Lock to serve on a special task force charged with reviewing the state of pipeline safety for Washington State in response to the tragic pipeline explosion that occurred in Bellingham WA. on June 10th 1999.

Dave is married with two grown children. He and his wife, Darla, reside in Bellingham Washington where he and his family are very active in supporting their community. Today Dave is dedicating much of his time working as a private consultant specializing in emergency response and occupational safety and health. Dave can be contacted at safetydave@comcast.net

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Fire Protection District 5 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term



Virginia Lester

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Nurse/Family Nurse Practitioner: Employed in several different nursing and nurse practitioner jobs during my 30 plus years of employment. Recruited to develop

a clinic in Point Roberts in 2002 and opened the Point Roberts Clinic in 2003 along with my husband, Edward who operated the lab. I retired from the Clinic in 2012.

Education: Graduated High School in Needles, California. Graduated with BA & BS from California State University, Fresno and MSN/FNP from University of California, San Francisco.

Community Service: I have always been active in community services where I have lived. Since moving to Point Roberts I have continued.

Statement: I was a founding member of Point Roberts Emergency Preparedness Group and served as President in the past. I am a Community Emergency Response Team educator. I continue to support the Point Roberts Clinic. I have been a Fire 5 Commissioner for the past two years and participate in the CARES program that focuses on residents who may benefit from weekly visits to support their health and social needs.

I was appointed as a Fire Commissioner and have enjoyed the opportunity to support the department. I would like to continue in this position and contribute to this community to the best of my ability. I appreciate the community support.

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Fire Protection District 5 - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year unexpired term



Raye Newmen

Elected Experience: No previous elected public offices held.

Other Professional Experience: Manager of Psychological Studies, Smithsonian Institution; Supervisory Research Psychologist, Navy Personnel Research and Development Center;

Research Director and Program Manager, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Director of Educational Technology, American Institutes for Research and SAIC; Chief Scientist, Universal Systems; Senior VP for Knowledge Systems, Skilldesk.com, Inc.; Chief Knowledge Officer, Vertex Solutions.

Education: BS, MS, Ph.D. University of Wisconsin, Post Doctoral Fellow, Cognitive Science and AI, Stanford University.

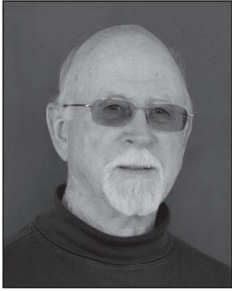
Community Service: President of Point Roberts Emergency Preparedness, President of Point Roberts Amateur Radio Club, board member of Point Roberts Senior Center.

Statement: Early this year, I was selected by the incumbent Fire Commissioners to fill the position left by Bill Meursing, a

gentleman we all have the greatest respect for. I applied for the position as a way of serving this wonderful community. For my wife and I, Point Roberts is a haven, and we love living here. Without the Point Roberts Fire Department, it's unlikely that we would have made the move. In this rather isolated community, Chief Carleton has assembled an effective team of highly capable and well trained fire fighters and EMTs. As a Commissioner, I've become familiar with the challenges the Fire District faces in the areas of aging capital equipment, the condition of the fire hall, and the budgetary constraints involved in facing these challenges within a rather small community and modest tax base. The concern I have for the future of the Fire District, and its continued ability to provide a high quality of service within these constraints, has prompted me to stand for public election. Experience providing fiscal oversight in a variety of contexts within expanding requirements and limited revenues, qualifies me to continue in this position.

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 Fire Protection District 5 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Pat Harper

Elected Experience: Currently Fire Commissioner #3

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: BA in Biological Science from California State University, Chico 1973 (Botany and aquatic ecosystems,

elective focus chemistry and geology).

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

Statement: Retired after 35 years with the U. S. Forest Service. My wife (of 41 years) and I moved to Point Roberts 10 years ago. In that time we bought land, built a house, barn and became immersed in the community.

Prior to moving here, I worked in Wildland Fire Support: in the Finance Sections of fire teams tracking equipment usage and maintaining the associated contracts. I later switched to the Logistics Section and became the Logistics Section Chief for NORCAL Incident Management Team 2 (members are from Federal, State, County, and City governments). During my tenure at the Forest Service I worked in Construction Engineering: Inspector of buildings and road construction including materials sampling and testing. Served as the principal Forest Contracting Officers Representative on contracts involving construction of administrative and recreation facilities, utilities, wells, bridges, roads and surfacing, sewer and waste water facilities, plant nurseries, stream restorations, and boating facilities.

I have great admiration for the outstanding group of volunteer fire fighters and the fire chief. There are challenges in providing Point Roberts with adequate fire protection services and there is a need for community education. I believe I can help with that.

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 Fire Protection District 7 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term

Kendra Cristelli

Elected Experience: ?Fire District 7 Commissioner since 2018.

Other Professional Experience: Support Officer Community Care, Director; Regional Asset Protection Associate; Loss Prevention Specialist.

Education: Ferndale High School; Crime Victim Advocacy Certification, Crisis Response Certifications; Human Services Response for Communities Following Traumatic Events Certification.

Community Service: Ferndale School District Community Advisory Committee; Interfaith Coalition Severe Weather Shelter, Volunteer; Pass the Hat Appropriations, Board Member; Community activities and sporting events, Photographer.

Statement: As your Fire Commissioner, I am committed to our community and the men and women who serve Whatcom County Fire District 7 in Ferndale. I believe in, and will worked diligently, to make our Mission Statement a reality: "providing trained personnel, apparatus, equipment and facilities to meet the public's request for fire, emergency medical services,

hazardous materials and disaster response, and to promote fire prevention, safety, medical education and enforcement of life safety codes."

I am a mother of four and Nana to three grandsons. I have lived in Whatcom County my entire life. My husband and I raised our family to understand the importance of community service.

As Director of ?Support Officer Community Care, I have built strong partnerships with our first responders, business owners, elected officials, local medical providers, patient advocates, and numerous other stakeholders in Ferndale and Whatcom County. These relationships ensure I am an effective voice for you, and an able aid to District 7 Staff as they strive 24/7 to meet and maintain their high standards of service to our community.

I am asking for your vote so I can continue to serve you and our community.

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Fire Protection District 7 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Scott Brown

Elected Experience: I am a life long resident of Whatcom County. I am happily married to my wife Patti and we have two adopted children, and have one foster child.

Other Professional Experience: I have been in th fire service since since January 2001. I was a volunteer from 2001 to 2007. I have been a career firefighter with North Whatcom Fire and Rescue since April 2007.

Education: I have an Associates degree from Whatcom Community College. I graduated from Whatcom County Recruit Academy in 2002. I am also a Washington State EMT-B

Community Service: I routinely travel to Haiti to provide medical care.

Statement: I am looking forward to bringing the knowledge, skills, and abilities I have obtained throughout my career as a firefighter EMT-B to help better assist Whatcom County Fire District #7 in the exceptional service they routinely provide.

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Mike Murphy

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Fire District 7 Commissioner and current president of the commissioner board.

Other Professional Experience: WCFD 7 volunteer firefighter, EMT, training instructor and a member of the support division. I have 34 years of service to our community. Member of the Whatcom County Fire Commissioner Association. Retired Director of Facilities and Transportation for the Ferndale School District.

Education: Graduate of Bellingham High School. Skagit Valley College, Business/Management degree. I am continually taking Fire District related courses.

Community Service: Over the years I have served on: Ferndale Parks, Whatcom County Sheriff advisory, Energy Northwest and my church board.

Statement: While serving as a volunteer firefighter/EMT I became interested in the future of our fire district so I decided to run for the commissioner position. I am blessed to be working with such dedicated and incredible people who focus

on serving our community. My focus has been to provide these professionals with the training and equipment needed to enable them to be successful as firefighters, EMTs, paramedics and supporting management and staff. The strategic planning involved with budgets and regulations is complex and requires us to be on a continuous training path so that we provide this vital service that protects our community at the highest level.

Our community is growing and our fire district has been and needs to continually plan and train to keep up with our community's growth and needs. I have worked hard to make sure this happened and will continue to do so as your commissioner. I ask that you vote for me and allow me to continue to serve this wonderful community.

I am endorsed by Whatcom 7 Firefighters and business of our community.

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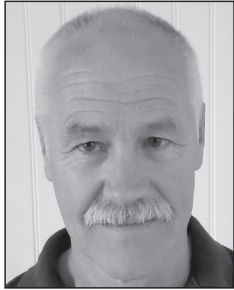
Fire Protection District 8 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Roger Buswell

For More Information:

No statment or photo submitted.

Fire Protection District 8 - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



David Lehmann

Elected Experience: Commisioner for Whatcom County Fire District # 8. Commisioner for Whatcom County Water district # 9

Other Professional Experience: President of Sea Freeze of America 28 years. Specializing in design and engineering of energy efficient refrigeration equipment for the Marine and Solar Powered Vaccine storage industries.

Education: Graduate Bellingham High School. Graduate Bellingham Technical Collage

Community Service: Volunteer Firefighter for Whatcom County Fire District # 4, (32 years)

Statement: I will Focus on balancing the Fire Districts high level of service, with cost to the Taxpayer.

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Fire Protection District 11 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Bill Lee

Elected Experience: Fire Commissioner Position 3 WCFD11

Other Professional Experience: Research Engineer, Northwestern University Medical School. NWUMS and NWU Staff Advisory Committees. Exhibits Manager Mindport Exhibits

Bellingham.

Education: Chicago Vocational High School, AS Electronics Technology Wilber Wright Community College, BS Mathematics Northwestern School of Professional Studies.

Community Service: Lummi Island Community Club Ferry & Transportation Committee, Whatcom County Fire Commissioners Association.

Statement: As a Fire Commissioner, Bill understands that the Lummi Island Fire District provides an essential service to Lummi Island. He has worked and intends to continue working to support the District and community. Over the years, the

number of volunteers has decreased while the call volume has increased. Bill has worked with the Operations Staff and his fellow Commissioners to provide the best possible service to Islanders through a transition to a staff of career, hourly and volunteer staff. Volunteers are now offered a stipend when they respond to calls or train.

Bill has supported the District's policy of careful use of tax dollars, budget planning and not using debt as a funding mechanism. Using this approach, the District has met its financial obligations and recently contracted to replace its pumper truck, which was acquired in 1997. Bill has supported responder and staff training along with the creation of a Disaster Preparedness Division.

He will work towards finding a funding solution(s) to replace the District's EMS levy which will end 2021. Bill is committed to planning for needed updates and expansion of the District's facilities. He supports fostering continued public awareness of the District's activities, needs and costs.

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Fire Protection District 14 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term



Chris Moe

Elected Experience: 2017-Current, Fire Commissioner, Whatcom County Fire District 14 2004-2011, Fire Commissioner, Whatcom County Fire District 14

Other Professional Experience: Owner, Bayside Services Owner, Marv's

Plumbing Foreman, ConcoPhillips (Retired)

Education: Nooksack Valley High School, Perry Technical Institute

Community Service: 1989–Current, Firefighter, Whatcom County Fire District 14

Statement: As a member of the 6th generation of my family here in Whatcom County, I have been privileged to have been a volunteer firefighter for Whatcom County Fire District 14 for the past 30 years. For the past two years, and a previous term before that, I also served as one of the three fire commissioners for the District.

Our fire district has seen significant changes in the past 30 years, and even more so in the past 10. From hiring our first full time fire chief in 2009 to having on duty volunteer shift crews at our Kendall Station in 2016, we have been continuously striving to provide excellent fire protection, EMS response, and other services to our communities, all the while having to provide for increased call volumes, increasing from 698 in 2008, to 1489 responses in 2018.

My experience with the Fire District gives me insight into the current challenges we face, the needs of over 60 volunteer firefighters, and the pride it takes to be a part of the fire service. With your vote, I will continue serving our fire district with the same professionalism, responsibility, and dependability that has made our organization truly exceptional.

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Fire Protection District 14 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



RobRoy Graham

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: Whatcom County Fire District 14 has made amazing

strides as the needs of our volunteer fire department have changed over the last six years. I am proud to be a part of the board helping these changes keep pace with the demands placed upon all the members of the department. I look forward to continuing to be a part of the team as we strive to keep raising the bar with regard to responding to the needs of the citizens of WCFD#14.

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 Fire Protection District 16 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Jeff Hindman

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I have had over 20 years of service as a volunteer firefighter. I understand the commitment and sacrifice that volunteers give to their community.

I started as an entry level firefighter and worked my way through the ranks to the rank of Battalion Chief.

I've had numerous hours of training to include EMT training, Fire Ground Incident Command, I've also had training in Technical Rescue and Hazardous Materials Response.

I look forward to using my training and experience to serve my community.

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 Fire Protection District 17 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

James Taxdahl

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 Fire Protection District 18 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term

Justin Wright

Elected Experience: I am currently serving as Fire Commissioner in District 18. I have served since October of last year.

Other Professional Experience: Currently, I have experience balancing the budget. My professional background

in the US Air Force and in banking has given me the ability to use my discipline and attention to detail for our district.

Education: I graduated with an associates in Criminal Justice at Arizona State University.

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I pledge to help make our community safe and efficient. I will ensure the budget is in order, making the most of your dollars. I appreciate your time and your consideration. Thank you.

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 Fire Protection District 18 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Tari Caswell

No statement or photo submitted.

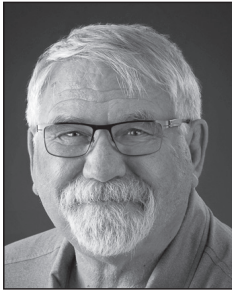
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Fire Protection District 21 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



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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Glacier Fire & Rescue - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Steve Siekkinen

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 South Whatcom Fire Authority - **Commissioner District 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Stefen Paige

Elected Experience: South Whatcom Fire Authority Commissioner 2016-Present.

Other Professional Experience: 2003-2007): Volunteer Firefighter/EMT for Whatcom County Fire District 4, (2007-Present): Professional Firefighter/

EMT for Whatcom County Fire District 4, North Whatcom Fire and Rescue, Bellingham Fire Department, (2010-2012): Instructor/Company Officer at the Whatcom Recruit Academy.

Education: Bainbridge High School (Graduated), Western Washington University (Degree not yet completed), Bellingham Technical College (Completed EMT-B Program)

Community Service: Former Volunteer Firefighter/EMT, organized several Bike Rodeos, and volunteered during many annual Pancake Feeds and Project Santa Claus.

Statement: I'm happy for the opportunity to continue serving as a Fire Commissioner for South Whatcom Fire Authority. My experience as a Volunteer Firefighter for four years and as a

Professional Firefighter for the last twelve years has given me insight to the fire service and how we can serve the community in a progressive, efficient manner. I'll continue working cooperatively with the other board members while maintaining strong lines of communication with all of our Department's stakeholders including community members, volunteers, and employees. What I want most is to ensure that our community is receiving the best possible service while maintaining a fiscally responsible Department. We owe it to our volunteers and employees to treat them with respect, fairness, and to maintain a safe working environment given the inherent dangers of being a Firefighter.

I live in Sudden Valley with my wonderful wife Melanie and our two boys. I have lived in Whatcom County for the last 19 years and am happy to call this place home. I love staying active and spending as much time outdoors as possible with my family enjoying this beautiful area. I would be honored to continue serve as one of your Fire Commissioners.

For More Information:
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 South Whatcom Fire Authority - **Commissioner District 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Jim Peeples

Elected Experience: 6 years SWFA Fire Commissioner, Chair-WC Fire Commissioners Association

Other Professional Experience: Retired-SWFA Division Chief Special Rescue, Retired-WCFD#2/SWFA Volunteer Firefighter/EMT-Paramedic-

Rescue Instructor 27 years, Retired-Bellingham Fire Fighter 20 years, Past-Senior EMT Instructor & Technical Rescue Instructor, Past- Private Ambulance Company Manager-Shift Supervisor-Paramedic. 46 years of experience in Emergency Services.

Education: AS Emergency Medical Technology - Paramedic-Chemeketa Community College, Salem OR 1982. Various Emergency Services Continuing Education Wash State Dept of Health and Fire Service 1976-2019.

Community Service: Whatcom Co SAR, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council-Board of Directors and SWFA Community Events.

Statement: As a lifelong resident of our community, it would be my honor to continue to represent my fellow residents of SWFA as their fire commissioner. As a fellow taxpayer, I will always work towards maintaining and continually improving our services in a frugal manner. I support equal representation of all community members and promote continually improving transparency of all aspects of SWFA. With the increasing in demand for services, we are continually looking into cost effective, efficient and alternate ways to maintain quality emergency service for our community. For More Information: (360) 676-4879 peeps217@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/SWFACommissionerPeeples

For More Information:
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Water District 2 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Maxine Visser

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No statement or photo submitted.

Point Roberts Water District 4 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Arthur S. Reber

Elected Experience: Water Board and Park & Recreation, both in Point Roberts, WA.

Other Professional Experience: Professor at CUNY in New York and UBC in Vancouver.

Education: Ph.D. in Cognitive

Psychology from Brown University.

Community Service: Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee (Chair), Park and Recreation Board, Water

Commissioner, Past-Member of CTAG (Citizens' Transportation Advisory Group --part of WCOG), Past-Member of SWAC (Solid Waste Advisory Committee)

Statement: Currently serving as Commissioner on the local Water Board and seeking re-election.

For More Information:
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areber@brooklyn.cuny.edu

Water District 7 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Mark Lann

Elected Experience: 6 years Whatcom County Water District 7 Commissioner. The last 4 serving as president of the board.

Other Professional Experience: 23 years Whatcom County Law Enforcement Officer. 22 years Adjunct

Faculty at Whatcom Community College. 3 years conducting investigations for the State of Washington.

Education: Master's Degree - Public Administration / Law & Public Policy (will graduate January 2020) - Liberty University. Bachelor's Degree - Political Science / Public Administration - Western Washington University. High School Diploma - Bellingham High School.

Community Service: Squalicum High School PTSA. Youth

Baseball Coach. Northlake Community Church. Whatcom County Water District 7. Washington State Combined Fund Drive.

Statement: As a public servant, my primary focus and efforts are protecting the life, liberty, and property of my constituents. I accomplish this by balancing those rights against our need to be good stewards of the environment – water is a precious resource. I take pride in my seasoned ability to help people navigate the often confusing and convoluted bureaucratic government maze, to solve whatever issue is important to them. Thank you for allowing me to continue to represent you in Whatcom County Water District 7.

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 Birch Bay Water & Sewer District - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term

Jeff Benner

Elected Experience: I'm a lifelong resident of Whatcom County. I was raised on a dairy farm in Nooksack and have been active in the broader Whatcom County community. I've been employed at the BP Cherry Point Refinery for the past 28 years. I hired in as an operations technician and progressed

into my current role as an operations superintendent where I currently manage one of seven operating areas at the refinery. The past 2 years I've served on the Birch Bay Water and Sewer District Board filling a midterm vacancy as a Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: The experience I've gained in each level of my working career has given me valuable experience and insights into strategic decision making that can be applied to the role of a Commissioner. I have several years of experience in the day to day operations that can be applied to the municipal water and sewer district. I have a good understanding of operations and maintenance, as well as optimizing budgets, investments and controlling cost. I value the need for quality short and long-term plans to ensure the district will continue to provide high quality water and sewer service for the Birch Bay Community at a competitive rate.

For More Information:

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 Birch Bay Water & Sewer District - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Fred Reid

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: retired from BirchBay water and sewer District with 38 years in the water/wastewater field as a utility worker and waterwater supervisor,8 years with city of Blaine,30

years with BBWSD

Education: HS diploma blaine high school,certified watewater operator group 2, with washington state DOE

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: lived in the area 59 years,BirchBay water and sewer District is a well run district with dedicated long term employees,my mission is to keep the water/sewer rates as and hook up fees low as possible while maintaining the smooth running of operations

For More Information:

(360) 332-3717

reidf33@comcast.net


Patrick Alesse

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information

submitted

Statement: Quite frankly I enjoy being a board member for the Birch Bay Water Sewer District. The issues we face as a board are challenging and rewarding. As board members, we try to develop policies that will give guidelines for the district to operate efficiently. After all the district belongs to the ratepayers.

For More Information:

(360) 371-2070

cshop@birchbay.net



Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District - **Commissioner District 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Bruce R. Ford

Elected Experience: my career as a water treatment engineer and experienced commissioner qualifies me technically and professionally for this job.

Other Professional Experience: I have managed the operations of municipal water and wastewater facilities

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I have participated with the other board members to make the LWWSD as good as it can be providing important services to the community while protecting our beautiful Whatcom County environment.

For More Information:
(360) 676-8372

Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District - **Commissioner District 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term

Leslie McRoberts

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

Samish Water District - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year short & full term

Art Baddorf

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

Water District 13 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term

Robert Vandenhaak

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

Water District 13 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Jackque Fowler

Elected Experience: I have been a water district commissioner for 25 years for Water District 13.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information

submitted

Statement: I have lived and worked within Peaceful Valley for over 34 years. I have served as a water district commissioner for 25 of those years. It has been a great honor to serve the community and I would like to continue working on behalf of the residents and seniors within the service area.

For More Information:
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Water District 13 - **Commissioner Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Richard Whitson

Elected Experience: 12 years as Water District Commissioner 4 years Park & Recreation District Commissioner

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: AA

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I look forward to seving another term as a Water District Commissioner

For More Information:
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Glacier Water District 14 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

James Evangelista

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

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Columbia Valley Water District - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



Brian Gillis

Elected Experience: Water
Commissioner since February 2017

Other Professional Experience:
Work at the City of Bellingham Water
Department

Education: Water Distribution Manager
Level 2

Community Service: Mt Baker Lions club, Scouting, Volunteer
EMT/Fighter at District 14

Statement: I have been with the city of Bellingham water
department for the last 9 years and see the challenges ahead

of this district and would like to continue working with the
board towards resolutions all while keep rates low which have
remained stable while I've been commissioner.

As a certified operator for Bellingham I bring knowledge
and cost effective ideas on upgrading the water system
effectively and economically so the district can move forward
updating the system on a pay as we go basis without additional
loans which will increase our rates.

Money spent needs to be on critical system operations and
not on frivolous pet projects

For More Information:

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Cemetery District 2 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term

Charles Baker

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

Cemetery District 2 - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year unexpired term

Kathy Thurber

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

Cemetery District 2 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Janet Lutz-Smith

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

Cemetery District 3 - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year unexpired term

Travis Skinner

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

Cemetery District 3 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Gary Gehling

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:



Cemetery District 4 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

David J. Kratzig

For More Information:

No statment or photo submitted.

Cemetery District 5 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Melvin Kuipers

For More Information:

No statment or photo submitted.

Cemetery District 6 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Catherine Flaherty

For More Information:

No statment or photo submitted.

Cemetery District 7 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Jim Larsen

For More Information:

No statment or photo submitted.

Cemetery District 8 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Pauline DeHaan

For More Information:

No statment or photo submitted.

Cemetery District 9 - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year unexpired term

Virginia Arnason

For More Information:

No statment or photo submitted.

Cemetery District 9 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

James Ackerman

For More Information:

No statment or photo submitted.

Lonnie L. Davenport

For More Information:

No statment or photo submitted.


 Cemetery District 10 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year short & full term

Patrick Keily

Elected Experience: Two-term city councilman in Wisconsin, 1973-1977. Served as chairman of Public Safety Committee as well as Roads and Bridges chairman.

Other Professional Experience: Currently serving as Cemetery District 10

Commissioner.

Education: Butternut (Wisconsin) High School; WSU-Oshkosh, Wisconsin; DeVry Institute of Technology, Lombard, IL; Midstate Technical Institute, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin; North Central Technical Institute, Wausau, Wisconsin; University of Wisconsin, Superior, Wisconsin.

Community Service: US Navy Veteran, Volunteer Firefighter 1974-1977, Lynden Pioneer Museum docent, Lynde 500 Volunteer, 4-H Volunteer.

Statement: I have been serving as Cemetery District 10 commissioner since July, 2018 when I accepted an appointment

to fill a vacated seat. I find the work challenging, interesting and sometimes downright irritating, but always walk away feeling like I have contributed in some small way.

I am married to Barbara Keily (nee Strach) of Chicago, Illinois. We have been married for 48 years. Two children- Michael (Tricia) of Duluth, MN, and Christopher, who passed away last year due to complications of type 1 diabetes, the most difficult reality we have had to face.

I retired in 2010 from New Page Corporation, Duluth, MN where I developed control strategies for the paper industry. My hobbies include, but not limited to astrophotography, weaving, woodworking, genealogy, writing, it would be easier to tell you what hobbies I don't have.

I hope to continue to serve the people of Lynden and am hoping for a positive response from the voters. Thank you.

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 Cemetery District 11 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

Donald Harvey

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:



Point Roberts Park & Recreation District 1 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Hugh Wilson

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: I am a professional realtor and tradesman in Point Roberts. I have worked with many different organizations and people in a variety of different capacities within the community.

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Over the years I have volunteered with our schools, park service, seniors, and helping individuals in the the community.

Statement: As a resident of Point Roberts for many decades, I believe in our community and that our spirit can be improved with more use of our community center.

The Community Center was always a focal point and a place that creates that spirit and its cherished memories. Volunteering there, people have said to me they remember

baking bread as children at the community centre and the smell of baking bread still gives them a feeling of safety and happiness. I would be proud to bring that memory back into our lives!

My work has taken me to different homes and created many meaningful friendships, and I believe this exposure to very different people will help me bring the community together, and get best use of our community center and parks.

The community center is about memories and getting things done in the present and it is important in times of crisis and times of joy. I believe my knowledge and knowing the people in this community is a big asset. Past commissioners have done an excellent job of working on our parks and our Community Center, but more is to be done if we are to improve our spirit.

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Bennett Blaustein

Elected Experience: Commissioner on the Point Roberts Park and Recreation District

Other Professional Experience: Worked doing various technical positions in television production. Worked as a lead technician for a

large commercial cable system. Worked as an educational technician at San Jose State University operating a campus cable system and assisting in distance learning through video. Former assistant programmer for a multilingual translation system.

Education: Studied Radio, Television and Film at San Francisco State University

Community Service: Member of Voters Association, Taxpayers Association, Historical Society, Garden Club, Friends of the Point Roberts Library and creator of Point Roberts TV.

Statement: It has been my pleasure to become part of this community and work with many of the wonderful people and groups that make Point Roberts unique. The Park District has

seen massive increases in the use of the community center and Baker Field over the past few years. I hope to continue helping the groups and individuals from our community so we can maximize utilization of these park district assets and increase our recreational activities while helping to preserve historical assets and open space for future generations.

The highlights of my term as park commissioner included running daily operations for the park district then helping train and work with our new Coordinator to fill these duties. I am proud of providing a trail maintenance program including the creation of the Enchanted Forest Trail. Operating the community center with the help of many volunteers as a shelter during our disastrous December 2018 storm. Getting a grant for high speed internet access to the community center. Reaching agreements with the Marina to provide access so we could restart our kayak program and the Historical Society to provide a new Historical Room, and finally helping finish our new public library.

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Point Roberts Park & Recreation District 1 - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Michele Wallis

Elected Experience: This is my first time pursuing an elected position

Other Professional Experience: Marketing professional with a focus on database marketing, financial forecasting, marketing program management, marketing

communications, and investor relations.

Education: B.A., Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

Community Service: Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches

Statement: I look forward to serving the Point Roberts community.

For More Information:
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Point Roberts Park & Recreation District 1 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired term

Holly Robinson

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

Point Roberts Park & Recreation District 1 - **Commissioner Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year short & full term

Chwynyn Vaughan

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

Blaine-Birch Bay Park & Recreation District 2 - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Richard Sturgill

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

Blaine-Birch Bay Park & Recreation District 2 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Jeffery Carrington

Elected Experience: I have been currently serving as a Blaine Birch Bay Parks Commissioner for 8 years.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

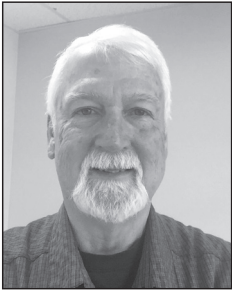
Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: We have a lot of great projects that we are currently working on. I would be honored to continue to represent the community and complete these public projects of parks, trails and public recreation.

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Blaine-Birch Bay Park & Recreation District 2 - **Commissioner Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



David Wilbrecht

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: 15 years of service in Parks and Recreation. Served as Director of Parks, Recreation, & Community Service, Mammoth Lakes, California, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation, & Cultural

Services, City of Federal Way, Washington, and Parks Division Manager, City of Redmond Washington. 15 years of executive experience including City Manager, for the City of Blaine, County Administrative Officer for Mono County California, and Town Manager, for the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California. Real estate development, management, and brokerage.

Education: Master of Public Administration, Seattle University. Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Central Washington University.

Community Service: Board member Health Youth Coalition

Statement: David Wilbrecht has 36 years of public service including many years working the parks and recreation field. This experience includes management, planning, budgeting, supervision, and project management on a wide variety of parks projects, trails, and operations. His experience includes serving at the highest levels of local government where he worked with citizens, volunteers, and business to implement plans and programs.

David's background and experience will benefit Blaine Birch Bay Parks and Recreation District in many ways as it moves forward with important community projects such as the trail between the City of Blaine and Birch Bay, Birch Bay Marine Park, and supporting programs, special events, parks and in facilities in the City of Blaine and district wide.

For More Information:
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Lynden Regional Park & Recreation District 3 - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



James Rose

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: United States Coast Guard, Pest Management

Education: Tallahassee Community College, St Petersburg College, Lake Washington Institute Of Technology,

USCG Marine Scienc 'A' School Yorktown, VA

Community Service: Northshore YMCA Basketball and Soccer Coach 6 Seasons, Lynden Youth Sports Basketball Coach 1 Season, Volunteer-Jansen Art Center

Statement: I want to see Lynden grow to be a top destination for parks and recreations. As a city we have a lot more we can offer to our residents as well the many bicyclists, families and tourists that visit every weekend. Investing in a skate park, city camp summer programs, art spaces/graffiti wall, and dance events are just some of the ideas to enhance Lynden for residents and others. Disability access for all residents to our parks and recreation areas would be a top priority for me. I would love to hear your ideas to strengthen our city.

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Ronald Van Soest

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

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Lynden Regional Park & Recreation District 3 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Tyler (T.J.) Timmermans

No statment or photo submitted.

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Lynden Regional Park & Recreation District 3 - **Commissioner Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term



Harvey Pelleboer

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I am a life long resident of Whatcom County and have lived in Lynden for 18 years. I am married to my high

school sweetheart for sixteen years and have five awesome, active children, ages three to thirteen. I work as a general manager for a local company and also have experience in the construction field and sales.

My family enjoys spending time outdoors so Lynden parks matters to me. I'd love to be part of the future planning of Lynden.

For More Information:

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harvpelleboer@gmail.com

Columbia Valley Park & Recreation District - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year short & full term



Carl McDaniel

Elected Experience: Columbia Valley Water and Sewer Commissioner and Columbia Valley Park and Recreation Commissioner

Other Professional Experience: Research, consulting, computer network maintenance, construction

management, and customer service.

Education: WWU-Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, Physics, Astronomy; WWU-Master of Science, Mathematics; OSU-Ph. D. candidate Mathematics

Community Service: I have volunteered in several areas including: Creation of a parks district, PTA, Kendall watch, Columbia Valley Connections meeting, Maintain Cimarron from entrance to Poppy, working with heath department to keep roads safe for walking, removing garbage from blight properties,

help those in need get around and assist with tasks, helping at the local schools in several ways.

Statement: I, Carl McDaniel, have lived in this district for 18 years. During that time, I have raised my family and now I am enjoying walks with the grandkids. I care deeply about the Kendall community and have worked hard to be as involved as possible to better the area. I am running for Park commissioner to bring my vast experience in several disciplines to help the Park district get up and running as quickly as possible. I also keep myself educated on all the current issues related to the Park district and can apply that knowledge to better our district. My volunteer experience has allowed me to speak with many of my neighbors and I feel that puts me in a unique position as someone who is accessible to listen to what people in the area want. As commissioner, I will reach out to the community to hear their concerns and be their voice.

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Columbia Valley Park & Recreation District - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year term

Rebecca Boonstra

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

Columbia Valley Park & Recreation District - **Commissioner Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 2 year unexpired

Andrew Towle

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:



Chuckanut Community Forest Park District - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term



John McLaughlin

Elected Experience: Chuckanut Community Forest Park District Commission, 4 years

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

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

For More Information:
(360) 738-9446
johnm.ccfpd2@gmail.com

Statement: For two decades, I have worked to apply science and teaching to honor the place we now call Chuckanut Community Forest. With your vote, I will continue to serve

Chuckanut Community Forest Park District - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year unexpired term



Hue Beattie

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Charter Review Commission 2005 Happy Valley Democratic Precinct Committee Officer over 20yrs. D.N.C. Credentials 1992, Platform 2004, Delegate 2012 Vice Pres. Happy Valley Neighborhood Association

Other Professional Experience: Navy Nuclear Submarine Machinist Mate 1st Class with specialties in water chemistry and radiological controls. 8yrs Certified Registered Locksmith 1992-2016 now retired

Education: Undergraduate courses from Harvard, Univ. of

Guam & Western Washington University's Huxley & Fairhaven college.

Community Service: W.S.U. Master Gardener 2yrs Bellingham Community Development Advisory Board 6yrs VISTA with the Opportunity Council 2yrs Founding member Bellingham Farmer's Market

Statement: After many years of struggle to preserve this land, I am committed to ensuring the Chuckanut Community Forest Park District is protected in perpetuity in public ownership and improving its ecological functions.

For More Information:
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Chuckanut Community Forest Park District - **Commissioner Position 4** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term

John G. Brown

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

Point Roberts Public Hospital District - **Commissioner Position 1** - Nonpartisan Office - 4 year unexpired term



Richard Dennis

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Corporate and commercial lawyer for 35 years. Now retired.

Education: UCLA, JD 1983; Rutgers College, BA 1974

Community Service: Point Roberts

Food Bank, 2018-present; Provide legal advice to several Point Roberts nonprofit corporations, 2017-present; Law Advocates,

pro bono clinic legal work, 2019-present; Consumer Law Clinic, Newark NJ, 2012-2017

Statement: I want to continue the good work done by Point Roberts Hospital District Board in providing much needed medical care to Point Roberts. As a result of my volunteer work in this community I am acutely aware of the need for affordable medical services, particularly for our aging population. I believe my business judgment accumulated through years of work experience will be an asset to the Board.

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Point Roberts Public Hospital District - **Commissioner Position 2** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term**Stephen T. Falk**

Elected Experience: I have been an appointed commissioner on the P.R. Public Hospital District since May 2018. I have been a commissioner on P.R. Park and Recreation District No. 1 since 2014. I have recently become an at-large member of the P.R. Community Advisory Committee.

Other Professional Experience: Over 20 years as an intellectual property and corporate lawyer in Philadelphia, PA.

Education: B.S., Biology, University of North Carolina, Chapel

Hill, NCJ.D., Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Community Service: Vice President, Friends of the Point Roberts Library President, Jewish Genealogical Society of British Columbia Board Member, Terezin Music Foundation.

Statement: I am seeking to remain a commissioner of the Point Roberts Public Hospital District to continue to work to make our clinic and its new health care provider as great an assets for our community as it can be.

For More Information:

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Hospital District 304 - **Commissioner Position 3** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term**Morgan Steele**

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Ten years of experience in public health policy advocacy and electoral campaigns.

Education: B.A. Political

Science Certified Grant Writer

Community Service: Board of Directors Member, Riveters Collective Volunteer for King County Sexual Assault Resource Center

Statement: I'm running for Hospital Commissioner because I believe that healthcare is a human right. I'm a dogged advocate for healthy communities, a tenacious organizer, and a relentless optimist. I was raised by nurses who taught me the importance of accessible health care and motivated me to fight for economic justice. My ten years of experience in campaigns and public health policy taught me the best practices for outreach, engagement, and coalition building. My direct experience and insight make me well prepared to engage Americans working to change lives for the better.

For More Information:

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msd.pnw@gmail.com

Gary L. Kent

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:Hospital District 304 - **Commissioner Position 5** - Nonpartisan Office - 6 year term**Robert M. Stanley**

No statment or photo submitted.

For More Information:

End of Candidate Statements



**Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3
Proposition 2019-4**

Trail Construction, Benson Park Development & Glenning Street Property Bonds - \$3,000,000

Language on the Ballot:

The Board of Commissioners of Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District, Washington, passed Resolution No. 2019-1 concerning this proposition which authorizes the District to construct trails, develop the Benson Park on Benson Road, and apply payment towards the purchase of the Glenning Street property, to issue \$3,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years to finance said project, and to levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2019-1.

Should this proposition be: Approved/Rejected

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition 2019-4 would allow Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District to borrow \$3,000,000 by issuing general obligation bonds. In accordance with Resolution No. 2019-1 approving this proposition, the bonds would provide \$1,800,000 in funds for the construction of trails in accordance with the trail program facilitated by the City of Lynden, \$1,000,000 in funds for the Benson Park development and \$200,000 in purchase funds towards the Glenning Street property. The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of up to 20 years.

Statement For:

Please vote to approve the expansion of our city trail and the improvement of newly-acquired park space in Lynden! For less than \$2.50 per month to the average Lynden-area family, this bond will make three more locations in the City's park system useable for all to enjoy.

The first location is the new Dickinson Park, at the southern end of Double Ditch Road. The ever popular Jim Kaemingk Trail will be extended westward, connecting Fisher Elementary to and then through Dickinson Park. The second location is Benson Park. This bond will begin to develop 20 acres of the Benson Road property, adding essentials like utilities, restrooms, road access and parking. The third location is the fields on Glenning Street. This bond will contribute a portion of the purchase price for this 4 acre historic parkland in the heart of town.

Our city has been able to secure these beautiful and unique parcels of land during a time of rapid population growth. Enjoying the activity and serenity of our trails and green spaces is an important part of Lynden's appeal. Please take this rare opportunity to invest not only in our own families, but also in generations to come. Vote "approve"!

Statement For prepared by:

Citizens For Parks & Trails;
Ryan Vandriel, Rena Rudy, and Dave Timmer

Statement Against:

No statement submitted.

The complete text for this ballot measure can be found on page 82





**Complete Text for Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3
Trail Construction, Benson Park Development & Glenning Street Property Bonds - \$3,000,000**

Resolution No. 2019-1

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District, Washington, providing for a form of the ballot proposition and specifying certain other details concerning submission to the qualified electors of the District at an election to be held therein on November 5, 2019 of propositions authorizing the District to issue its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$3,000,000, of which to provide \$1,800,000 in funds for the construction of trails in accordance with the trail program facilitated by the City of Lynden, \$1,000,000 in funds for the Benson Park development, and \$200,000 in purchase funds towards the Glenning Street property.

WHEREAS, the best interests and welfare of the inhabitants of the Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District, Washington (the "District") requires the District to construct trails, develop the Benson Park on Benson Road, and apply payment towards the purchase of the Glenning Street property (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide all or a part of the funds to enable the District to undertake the Project, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the District issue and sell its unlimited tax general obligation bonds to provide funds for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington provide that the question or whether or not such bonds may be issued and sold for such purposes must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LYNDEN REGIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. This Board of Commissioners (the "Board") hereby finds and declares that the best interest of all the people of the District requires the District to carry out the plans hereinafter provided at the time or times and in the order deemed most necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 2. Authorization of Park Project and Bonds.

The District shall undertake the Project to construct trails, develop the Benson Park on Benson Road, and apply payment towards the purchase of the Glenning Street property.

The District shall determine the application of available moneys to the Project so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, the project provided for in this section. If the District shall determine that it has become impracticable to accomplish such Project or portions thereof by reason of changed conditions or needs, incompatible development, costs substantially in excess of those estimated, or acquisition by a superior governmental authority, the District shall not be required to accomplish such Project and may apply bond proceeds as set forth in this section.

If the Project has been completed, or its completion duly provided for, or its completion found to be impractical, the District may apply the bond proceeds or any portion thereof to other capital purposes of the District, or to payment of principal of or interest on the bonds, as the Board in its discretion shall determine.

In the event that the proceeds of the sale of the bonds, plus any other moneys of the District legally available, are insufficient to accomplish the Project provided for by this section, the District shall use the available funds for paying the cost of planning for the Project for which the bonds were approved deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of the District, and may apply unexpended Bond proceeds to the payment of principal or interest on the bonds.

Section 3. Authorization of Bonds. For the purpose of providing all or a part of the funds necessary to pay the cost of the Project, together with incidental costs and costs related to the sale and issuance of the bonds, the District shall issue and sell its unlimited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$3,000,000. The balance of the cost of the Project shall be paid out of any money which the District now has or may later have on hand which are legally available for such purposes. None of said bond proceeds shall be used for the replacement of equipment or for any other than a capital purpose. Such bonds shall be issued in an amount not exceeding the amount approved by the qualified

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electors of the District as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington or exceeding the amount permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington. After voter approval of the bond proposition and in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, the District may issue short term obligations as authorized and provided by Chapter 39.50 RCW.

Section 4. Details of Bonds. The bonds provided for in Section 3 hereof shall be sold in such amounts and at such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by this Board and as permitted by law, shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time the bonds are sold, and shall mature in such amounts and at such times within a maximum term of twenty (20) years from the date of issue, but may mature at an earlier date or dates, as authorized by this Board and as provided by law. Said bonds shall be general obligations of the District and, unless paid from other sources, both principal thereof and interest thereon (including original issue discount) shall be payable out of annual tax levies to be made up on all the taxable property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount and in excess or any constitutional or statutory tax limitations. The exact date, form, terms and maturities of said bonds shall be as hereafter fixed by resolution of the Board of Commissioners. After voter approval of the bond proposition or propositions and in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, the District may issue short term obligations as authorized and provided by Chapter 39.50 RCW.

Section 5. Bond Election. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District requires the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether the District shall issue the Bonds at an election to be held on the 5th day of November, 2019.

The Whatcom County Auditor as ex officio supervisor of elections in Whatcom County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct the election to be held by all mail-in ballot within the District and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition set forth below. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify the proposition to said officials in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

LYNDEN REGIONAL PARKS AND RECREATIONAL DISTRICT
TRAIL CONSTRUCTION, BENSON PARK DEVELOPMENT &
GLENNING STREET PROPERTY BONDS - \$3,000,000

The Board of Commissioners of Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District, Washington, passed Resolution No. 2019-1, I concerning this proposition which authorizes the District to construct trails, develop the Benson Park on Benson Road, and apply payment towards the purchase of the Glenning Street property, to issue \$3,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years to finance said project, and to levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2019-1. Should this proposition be:

Approved []

Rejected []

APPROVED by the Board of Commissioners of Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District, Washington, at a special meeting thereof held the 12th day of June, 2019.

LYNDEN REGIONAL PARKS AND RECREATIONAL DISTRICT,
WASHINGTON Chairman and Commissioner: Ronald
VanSoest; Commissioners: Hank Roorda, Bob Johnson,
and T.J. Timmermans.

ATTEST: T.J. Timmermans, Secretary of the Board

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