

Whatcom County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

Primary Election Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Make sure your ballot gets counted! Return your ballot:

- in a ballot drop box by 8:00 pm August 3rd OR
- In the mail, postmarked by August 3rd

Ballots are mailed July 14, if your ballot hasn't arrived by

July 23

contact the Election Division.



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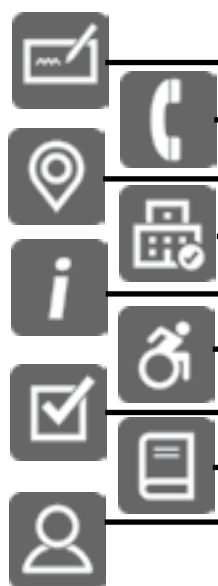


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Dear Voters,

After last year's record-breaking voter turnout, it is my sincere hope that Whatcom County voters will keep up the momentum. For this upcoming Primary Election there are some very important races and measures on the ballot. The results from the races on the Primary ballot will determine which candidates will appear on the November General election ballot. It is important that voters turn in a ballot so they have a voice regarding who moves forward to the General Election. There are three County Council positions, a port district position, the cities of Bellingham, Blaine and Ferndale, the Lynden and Concrete school districts, and Hospital District 304. There are also levy measures in five fire districts.

With fewer COVID restrictions, increased travel, and activities getting back to normal it may be easy to overlook this election. Make your voice heard by voting your ballot. Ballots will go in the mail on July 14, and election day is August 3. Who gets elected to these local government positions and decisions on operating levies does have an impact on your day to day life. If you don't know who to vote for, or don't know the measures – use this local voters' pamphlet to get informed on candidates and measures. Included are candidate statements, and explanatory and pro/con statements for the measures. Don't let someone else make the decision for you. Exercise your right to vote! Remember, democracy is not a spectator sport.

Sincerely,



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Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm*
*Open until 8:00 pm on August 3

ELECTION RESOURCES

Visit our webpage for election results, maps, voter and candidate resources, historical data, election dates, forms, rules and regulations, and public disclosure information.

WhatcomCounty.us/1574/elections

New Ballot Drop Box Location - Regal Barkley



Located in the Regal Barkley parking lot, near the intersection of Woburn Street and Barkley Boulevard.



See page 24 for all ballot drop box locations in Whatcom County.



The following districts are included in the Primary Election:

- Whatcom County
- Port of Bellingham Commissioner District 2
- City of Bellingham
- City of Blaine (only Ward 2 & 3)
- City of Ferndale
- Lynden School District 504
- Concrete School District No. 11
- Fire Protection District 1
- Fire Protection District 4
- Fire Protection District 16
- Fire Protection District 21
- South Whatcom Fire Authority
- Hospital District 304

2020 Election Statistics

87.9%
General Election
Voter Turnout



370,198
Ballots Accepted In
2020



8,377
New Whatcom
County Voters

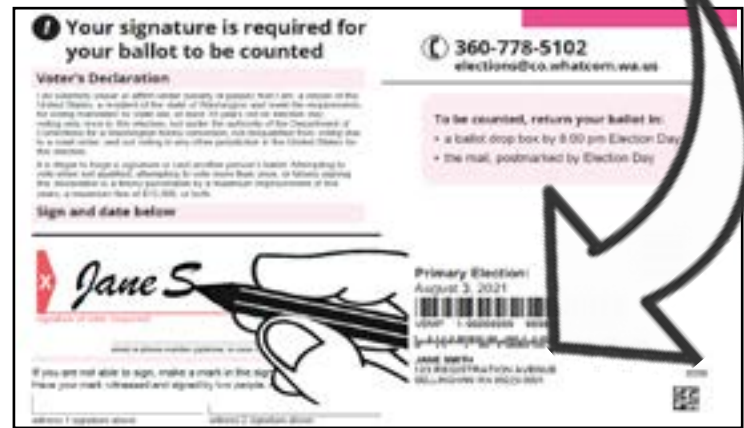


46,000
Voter Registration
Updates



Signature Information

- Sign and date the voter declaration on the return envelope that has your name printed on it.



- We compare the signature on your ballot envelope with the signature on your voter registration. This is how we know you voted the ballot. Every signature is reviewed and verified!
- How do we get your signature?
If you register or update using a paper registration form, we capture your signature from the form. If you register or update through the Department of Motor Vehicles, we capture the signature from your Washington State Driver License or I.D. card.
- Do not sign for another registered voter.
- A Power of Attorney does not have authority to sign for the voter. If a voter is unable to sign, they should make a mark on the signature line and have their mark witnessed by two people. The two witnesses need to sign on the lines provided.
- Our office can have more than one signature on file for you. If you want to provide another signature, please contact us with that request (*Signature Update request*).
- Reference WAC 434-250-120 for more information.



Ballot Drop Boxes are open until 8:00 pm on Election Day, August 3.

(See page 24 for locations)

**To Register to Vote, You Must Be:**

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

How to Register to Vote:

Go to VoteWA.gov on or before July 26 if you have a current Washington State driver license or I.D. card.



Complete and return a Washington State Voter Registration Form. Forms must be received in the Auditor's Office by July 26. Registration forms are available at city halls, libraries, online, or by contacting the Whatcom County Auditor's Office.



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

Registration Deadlines:

Voter registration and address changes online or by mail **must be received by July 26.**

Starting July 27, visit our office to register to vote or change your address by 8:00 pm Election Day.

Military or Overseas Voters:

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

You are Responsible for:

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

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

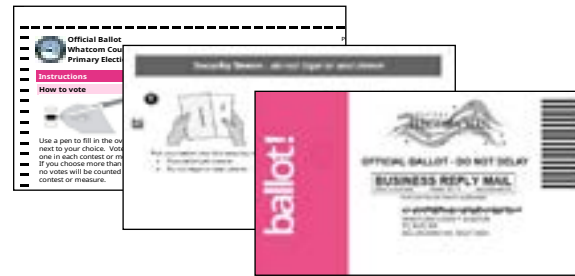
A special thanks to the GIS Analysts at Whatcom County & the City of Bellingham for providing the maps included in this Voters' Pamphlet.

**Accessible Voting Unit (AVU)**

An accessible voting unit (AVU) is equipped with visual and audio technology. Voters requiring reasonable accommodation or assistance may vote on the AVU in the Auditor's Office starting July 14 through August 3.



1. The ballot packet for the August 3 Primary Election will be mailed to you on July 14. The packet will include your official ballot, a security sleeve, and a postage-paid return envelope.



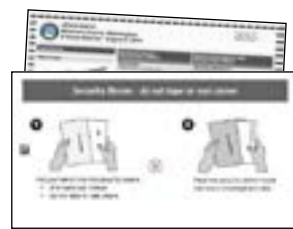
2. To vote the ballot, fill in the oval next to your choice with a blue or black pen. Vote for only one in each contest or measure.



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 that has your name printed on it. **Your signature on the return envelope is required for your ballot to be counted.**

Sign and date below



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



Or



Ballot must be in the drop box by 8:00 pm, August 3

Or

Ballot must be **postmarked** by August 3



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

Whatcom County Nonpartisan Offices
County Council District 1
Kaylee Galloway Eddy Ury Jeremiah Ramsey
County Council District 3
Kathy Sabel Fred Rinard Rebecca Lewis Tyler Byrd
County Council At-Large Position A
Kamal Bhachu Misty Flowers Barry Buchanan Bob Burr
Port of Bellingham Nonpartisan Office
Commissioner District 2
Ken Bell Kelly Krieger Austin Chapin
City of Bellingham Nonpartisan Office
Council At-Large
Kristina Michele Martens Tonia Boze Russ Whidbee
City of Blaine Nonpartisan Offices
Council Ward 2 Position 4
Colin Hawkins Steven Tojek Rhyan Lopez
Council Ward 3 Position 6
Jennifer L. Plombon Eric Davidson Barbara M. Sturdivant
City of Ferndale Nonpartisan Office
Council Position 6
Haley Fimbres Kate Bishop Robert J. Pinkley
Lynden School District 504 Nonpartisan Office
Director Position 4
Steve Jilk Danielle Groeneweg Tonya Hickman
Concrete School District No. 11 Nonpartisan Office
Director District 4, At-Large
Ed Bradel Jordan Mammel Paul E Rogge
Hospital District 304 Nonpartisan Office
Commissioner Position 1
Debra Lancaster Mioara Cretu Greg Thramer

Fire Protection District 1
Proposition 2021-5 Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services
The Board of Fire Protection District 1 adopted Resolution No. 290 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations. This proposition would finance fire protection and emergency medical services by restoring the District's regular property tax levy in 2021, for collection in 2022, to an amount not to exceed \$1.40 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and authorize setting the limit factor at 103% for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2026, collected in 2027, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by RCW 84.55.
Should this proposition be: Approved Rejected
Fire Protection District 4
Proposition 2021-4 Authorizing Increase of Property Tax Levy Rate
The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 4 adopted Resolution No. 2021-02, concerning a proposition to exceed the limitation on increasing property taxes. This proposition would authorize the District to levy and collect taxes at the rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2022. The 2022 levy dollar amount shall be used for computing limitations for subsequent levies, as authorized in Resolution No. 2021-02.
Should this proposition be: Approved Rejected
Fire Protection District 16
Proposition 2021-2 Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy
The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District 16 adopted Resolution No. 04-21 concerning a proposition to authorize a regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize the District to levy \$1.20 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would authorize an annual increase in the limit factor of up to 103% (but not to exceed the \$1.50 rate) for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2026, collected in 2027, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by RCW 84.55.
Should this proposition be approved? Yes No

Fire Protection District 21
Proposition 2021-3 Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy
The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District 21 (the "District"), adopted Resolution No. 2021-03 concerning a proposition to authorize the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would thereafter be subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050.
Should this proposal be approved? Yes No
South Whatcom Fire Authority
Proposition 2021-1 Restoring Regular Property Tax Levy
The Board of Fire Commissioners of South Whatcom Fire Authority, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2021-05 concerning a proposition to restore the Authority's regular property tax levy. This measure would restore the Authority's regular property tax levy to \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would authorize an annual increase in the limit factor of up to 104% (but not to exceed the \$1.50 rate) for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2026, collected in 2027, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by RCW 84.55.
Should this proposition be approved? Yes No

What is a Sample Ballot?

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

- On your ballot, you may vote for one in each contest or measure.
- You are not required to vote for every contest and measure.
- The votes will be counted for the contests and measures you do vote on.



Whatcom County - Council District 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Kaylee Galloway

Elected Experience: First time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: Staff for the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and Washington State House of Representatives. Leadership Whatcom class of 2019. Board of Directors for the Associated Students of Western Washington University.

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, Western Washington University. Master of Arts in Policy Studies, University of Washington Bothell.

Community Service: Member of the Whatcom County Climate Impact Advisory Committee, assisting in updating the Whatcom County Climate Action Plan. Member of the City of Bellingham Community Development Advisory Board, supporting critical projects for affordable housing and human services.

Statement: It has been an honor to serve the people of Bellingham for the last decade. My favorite part of serving this community is bringing people together to find common ground and solve complex problems. This is why I am running to serve you on the County Council. I want to be a voice for those who have

been historically underrepresented and underserved, and see government work for everyone. I am focused on solutions that ensure we have an equitable, healthy, safe, and prosperous community for generations to come.

Listening and learning from our community has given me a deep sense of compassion and understanding, inspiring me to make a difference in our community. I am focusing my efforts on climate change, water quality and salmon recovery, housing and homelessness, business and economic development, and public safety and criminal justice reform. We must actively incorporate racial justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion in all county decisions.

I am proud to be endorsed by the Nooksack Tribe, IAFF Local 106 Firefighters, Washington Education Association Fourth Corner, Young Democrats of WWU, Stonewall Democrats, Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, Representatives Debra Lekanoff, Sharon Shewmake, and Alicia Rule, Senator Liz Lovelett, local community leaders, and many others.

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Eddy Ury

Elected Experience: First-time candidate

Other Professional Experience: RE Sources for Sustainable Communities, 2014-2021: As Climate & Energy Policy Manager: worked to advance clean energy and halt hazardous fossil fuel expansions. Negotiated with oil companies to craft new regulations that protect Cherry Point. Climate Alliance for Jobs & Clean Energy steering committee member. Northwest Energy

Coalition's "4 under 40" awardee.

Education: B.A. Sociology, WWU. Studied inequalities, crime and incarceration.

Community Service: Whatcom County Climate Impact Advisory Committee; Whatcom Housing Alliance steering committee, advocating for affordable homes; Bellingham Tenants Union steward; Coordinated recycling at Paddle 2 Lummi and Subdued Stringband Jamboree; Hundreds of hours volunteering with people experiencing homelessness.

Statement: Renting in Bellingham over the last decade, I know how hard it is

to make a home here. I've seen steeply rising costs of living push my neighbors out. Essential needs like housing, healthcare, and childcare are unaffordable for so many working people. It doesn't have to be this way.

I'm running for council to bring community-driven approaches into government. Those most impacted by issues must always be heard and meaningfully included in shaping policies. As an organizer, I learned how to bring more voices into key decisions. I've also learned how to work with those I disagree with productively to resolve conflicts and achieve ambitious goals.

It's a pivotal time to shape the future we'll live in together, with unprecedented opportunities before us to build a more sustainable, equitable economy. Let's fund new infrastructure to create living-wage jobs and connect all residents and businesses with high speed, affordable internet, clean water and renewable energy. Let's promote public safety through more effective strategies than building a bigger jail. Let's work to end systemic racism, inequities, and injustice in all forms. Are you with me?

To learn more about my platform and endorsements: visit EddyforWhat.com

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Jeremiah Ramsey

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Association of Realtors, Local Director 2018-2020

Other Professional Experience: Real estate broker, co-founder of online language teaching firm, software engineer and language instructor, marketing technology intern at Faithlife.

Education: Born in Germany, raised in Japan, international schooling; grew up traveling to Europe to visit family; extensive travel in Asia Pacific; team policy debate as high school capstone. Earned a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science at the age of 20. Native speaker of English and German; conversational in Japanese and Mandarin Chinese.

Community Service: Volunteer at Habitat for Humanity building new housing projects, active in church outreach to donate food to those in need.

Statement: Whatcom County has a housing shortage never seen before. Home prices are skyrocketing, rental prices are at an all-time high, and families are struggling to pay their bills. Many people are suffering in our community.

As we open up after the COVID crisis, we need to be mindful of the way we do

business, and support each other and our environment. Our community needs thoughtful leaders who understand the consequences of short term thinking, leaders who will offer solutions that benefit everyone, not just the few who have influence and power.

Whether we have lived here for generations, or moved here for an education and stayed for the world-class quality of life, we all love the rural and urban scenes and the activities our beloved county has to offer: the waterfront, the mountains, the local farmer's produce, hiking and mountain biking in balmy summers, skiing in snowy winters, picking berries of all kinds, and rafting on the rivers.

Maintaining and enhancing our quality of life by common sense solutions and working together will prepare the framework for a prosperous future and sustainable growth in harmony with our beautiful natural surroundings. I would be honored to receive your vote.

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For primary and general elections, only registered voters in County Council District 1 may vote for the representative for District 1.

See page 21 for map of County Council District 1.



For primary and general elections, only registered voters in County Council District 3 may vote for the representative for District 3.

See page 21 for map of County Council District 3.





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

**Kathy Sabel****Elected Experience:** Not yet**Other Professional Experience:** retired analyst and clerical**Education:** Graduate of high school, junior college and university**Community Service:** Private Well Owners Caucus alternate representative participating in the Water Resources Inventory Area Number 1 (WRIA1) Planning Unit. Volunteered at a homeless overflow shelter, and participated in my church's vacation bible school. Member of the Assistance League of Bellingham and the American Association of University Women.**Statement:** I am a 68 year old air force brat raised in east and west coast states. I have lived here over five years and want rural communities to have more say in elected government. Rural, city, suburb can all work together for

the good of all. I love wildlife and the beauty of nature, but also value people working the earth to provide for their loved ones, as my relatives did on the prairie and farm. I want to represent all in District 3 by listening to all, and being a voice for all as your elected representative.

A major challenge for Whatcom County is Nooksack water rights will be adjudicated by the courts after June 1, 2023. Pre-adjudication work and community engagement seeking an approach to resolve this challenge happens now for two years. Prior surface water rights adjudication have taken over 40 years to resolve. The Nooksack Adjudication includes both groundwater rights and surface water rights, so who knows how long.

Water is precious to all. No one can live without it. I will work to have all the community involved in water talks, and in any other issue facing us.

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kathysmossy@comcast.net**Fred Rinard****Elected Experience:** worked General Telephone 4 1/2 years installer repair, 32 years Georgia Pacific various jobs throughout company including opportunities to develop company efficiency and cost savings. In recent years worked seasonal jobs farming industry I.E. raspberries, hazelnut, hemp garden, cold storage.**Other Professional Experience:** Union officer twelve years representing union and company grievance problems. Had opportunity to work the political caucus to reaffirm the union in the platform. Delegate at state convention meeting Governor Garner and Rep. Pete Kremen.**Education:** High school, college major small business, ICS structural engineering, B'hm Tech welding, outboard motors, U.S. army field communications.**Community Service:** Church Awana leader, Boy Scouts leader**Statement:** I am concerned about the asbestos from Sumas Mountain flowing into Swift Creek, what is being done, the cost to contain this over flow? Is the material piled up going to be taken away or a health hazard blowing in the wind?

Have annual road maintenance done on rural gravel road and pave those where more population resides.

Warmer drier summers are a concern with major fires coming from open burning of stumps and limbs from land being cleared.

Finding affordable housing for seniors, medium and lower income. To have the opportunity to build our own house is a National Heritage our country has felt for generations. It should always be here for us. However I'm concerned about strict county restrictions that discourage land owners from building their own house. There is plenty of room for everybody. To make this problem affordable.

For More Information:

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**Rebecca Lewis****Elected Experience:** President, Sedro-Woolley Education Association**Other Professional Experience:** Middle school teacher of history and English in the Sedro-Woolley School District for nearly two decades**Education:** Masters in Secondary Education, Western Washington University; Bachelor of Arts in History,

University of NY at Albany

Community Service: Member, Joint Equity Initiative working to close the opportunity gaps and advance equity in our schools; Member, Bellingham Special Needs Parent Group and Whatcom County Parent to Parent; I also hold various local, state, and national committee and representative positions with the teachers union. I'm a proud supporter of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County (DVSAS), and Handbags for Housing**Statement:** As a teacher and a mother, I never envisioned running for elected office. But these unprecedented times call for voices like mine in local office,

particularly as local governments make decisions around public health and safety.

I'll fight to ensure Whatcom County's District 3 is not left behind when it comes to support and resources, like funding from our EMS Levy, which is up for renewal. We deserve the EMS station we were promised, and I'll fight to fulfill that promise. I also believe in investing in our local economy and fighting for living wages as we recover from the pandemic. We must act now to help our struggling small businesses. This is a critical time for our county government to provide more affordable housing.

As a mom of a son with autism and as a teacher in our schools, I've learned how to be an effective advocate for my community and that's why I'm running now for Whatcom County Council. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Proudly endorsed by Whatcom County Firefighters IAFF #106, Washington Conservation Voters, Nooksack Tribe, Washington Education Association, US Congresswoman Susan Delbene, WA State Representatives Sharon Shewmake, Alex Ramel, Alicia Rule, and many more.

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www.lewisforwhatcom3.com**Tyler Byrd****Elected Experience:** Current Whatcom County Council, Current Whatcom County Health Board**Other Professional Experience:** CEO, Red Rokk; *Past:* Partner, BIG Idea Lab; Director of Commercial Lending, Northwest Resource FCU; Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley. *Recipient:* Bellingham Business Journal Business Person of the Year; Technology Alliance Group Influencer of the Year; Bellingham Regional Chamber

Most Valuable Player; Startup Business of the Year

Education: Ferndale High School, 1999; Whatcom Community College, 2001; Linfield University, 2008; Babson College, 2018; National Association of Counties Leadership Academy, 2020**Community Service:** *Partial List:* Board member of Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce, Whatcom Council of Governments, Emergency Medical Services Oversight Board, Local Emergency Planning Committee.**Statement:** I appreciate your overwhelmingly vote in 2017 to elect me as your nonpartisan representative on the County Council. Thank you for the faith and trust you placed in me. Since being elected, I've fought against the

political elite to bring our community more transparency in government, more opportunities to engage in important conversations, and more collaboration with disassociated groups to find the best solutions to the problems that we face.

Yes, my stance has angered some special interest groups and political activists. It's also allowed me to build working relationships of mutual respect with many more individuals across our county and the political divide.

We have made progress in many important areas including reasonable amendments to the Lake Samish Boating regulations; a community stakeholder committee to develop recommendations for updated Cherry Point language; expedited permitting process for green energy projects; budgeted for and acquired 50 new tiny homes for homeless; and free internet resources for families during COVID. Please see a full list of accomplishments on my website.

For a second time, I'm running as an independent candidate - standing against partisan politics and saying no to party endorsements or party money. Please stand with me and vote Tyler Byrd.

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



Kamal Bhachu

Elected Experience: First time candidate, not a career politician.

Other Professional Experience: St. Joseph's Hospital – Senior Maintenance Engineer, Whatcom Hospice House – Certified Nursing Assistant, Self-employed Insurance Broker, and General Construction.

Education: Bellingham Technical College - Automotive Technology & Construction Technology Associate Degrees.

Community Service: Hospice House fundraising. Established the sport of cricket in Whatcom County in 1997, constructed cricket fields in Bellingham and Lynden. Volunteer pickle-ball coach. Teacher, coach and mentor to children learning Punjabi and young men who need guidance. Instructor in firearms technique and safety. Range Officer at Custer Gun Club.

Statement: 2020 - the year that shook us to the core and highlighted how important it is to elect good people. We watched as our lives were turned upside down and wondered when the crisis would end. It hit home how important our local government was as we each felt the impact of their

decisions on our daily lives.

Housing costs continue to rise while our homeless population grows. The mentally ill roam our streets while crime skyrockets and more people find their lives destroyed by drug use.

Our vision for Whatcom County must include affordable housing options and living-wage jobs for our families, high-quality education and daycare for our children, and a cooperative spirit and good will toward each other.

My family immigrated to the United States when I was 15 years old. We came for the opportunities, freedom, and hope for the future. Hard work, caring for each other, pride in community, and giving back were all values instilled in me by my family at a very young age. I promise to be a public servant and never a career politician. It would be my greatest honor to serve you on the County Council. I appreciate your vote.

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Misty Flowers

Elected Experience: Fresh Leadership, People Powered!

Other Professional Experience: Small Business Owner; Management; Organic Gardener/Herbalist/Seed Saver; Human Rights and Civil Rights Advocate; Wellness Educator & Coach; Music Performer

Education: Southwest Institute of Healing Arts 2012; Whatcom Community College 2007; Shasta Community College 2000

Community Service: Be Brave WA facilitator, Informed Choice WA County Coordinator, Long time Child and Family Advocate, neighborhood food garden "free starts" stand; long time recycler

Statement: Hello Whatcom County! I am ready to listen to Whatcom County residents from all areas and represent your needs for a Sustainable Future. I promise to represent all families and jobs, not just the few deemed "essential". I am ready to preserve Whatcom County's amazing environment. With an

increase in homelessness and crumbling infrastructure, I am ready to bring fresh leadership with an ethical and common sense approach. I am dedicated to making sensible decisions that support all Whatcom County families and reduce influence by outside interests.

I've lived in Whatcom County for nearly 20 years and stayed to raise my children because of the diverse, inclusive, thriving, family-oriented community. My hope is to create support for the families most effected by lockdowns, protect business rights to improve local economy and keep taxes down.

We are not Olympia; we should not be governed solely by state-level politicians who do not understand our local needs. Let me represent you and bring Local Governance back to a Local level. Together we can create long-term stability for Whatcom County by following a sensible approach to governing. For More Information: (360)201-3650; info@electmistyflowers.com; www.electmistyflowers.com

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www.electmistyflowers.com



Barry Buchanan

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Council (current Chair of our County Council, elected 2013 and 2017); former Bellingham City Councilmember, former Chair of Whatcom County Democrats

Other Professional Experience: Vice President, Bianchi Group; General Manager, Doyle Training Co; Lead Engineer, Lockheed; US Navy veteran

Education: Bellingham High School; US Navy Advanced Electronics; Ohlone and San Jose Community Colleges, Computer Science

Community Service: Chair and founder of Homeless Strategies Workgroup; Chair of Steering Committee for Whatcom Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force; Board Member of Whatcom Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters (LEOFF); Board Member of Whatcom Public Health Advisory Board; Co-Founder of Bellingham High School Alumni Band.

Statement: I am a fourth-generation Whatcom County resident, US Navy Veteran, and dedicated public servant. My priority is simple: keep the great quality of life we've had since my great-grandparents moved here over a

century ago. This means preserving our farmlands, forestlands, and waterways by responsibly managing our growth.

I have sponsored and passed bills committing long-term funding to affordable housing and homelessness; finally brokered a compromise to preserve jobs at Cherry Point for the long term and protect our environment; crafted the voter-approved levy to make countywide emergency medical services even stronger; and worked hard to create alternatives to jail for those suffering mental health crises.

Now, I'm pushing Whatcom County's government to be smart and responsible with our tax dollars as we recover from this pandemic. I have the experience to run our County efficiently – I owned a successful small business and also worked on big projects like the Space Shuttle and Trident submarines.

My wife Judy and I raised our three kids here and are proud to call Whatcom our home. Endorsements: Bellingham/Whatcom Firefighters Union, Washington Conservation Voters, Young Democrats of WWU, Nooksack Tribe, and County Executive Satpal Sidhu.

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Bob Burr

Elected Experience: Twice President of CCSI. Former Vice Chair of the Washington State Green Party. Twice Vice Chair of 40th LD Democrats. Former State Committee Member and current PCO in 42nd District,

Other Professional Experience: Headed Research and Development for Prudential Insurance. Ran own Research and Consulting Company for 13 years.

Education: Undergraduate, Cal Berkeley; Graduate, Claremont Graduate University. Both in Psychology.

Community Service: Most important one is working with many environmental groups to help delay or avert the mass extinction of Life on Earth

Statement: I am proudly a single issue candidate. That issue is saving all species including our own from *Mass Extinction*. Our county has done virtually nothing to address the looming disaster of global heating/climate change. In

the spirit of Think Globally, Act Locally, I am a 79 year old running because our County has a pitiful record on actions to address climate change. The can has been kicked down the road for too long to study committees, when so many actions that could be taken are of the low hanging fruit "Duh" variety.

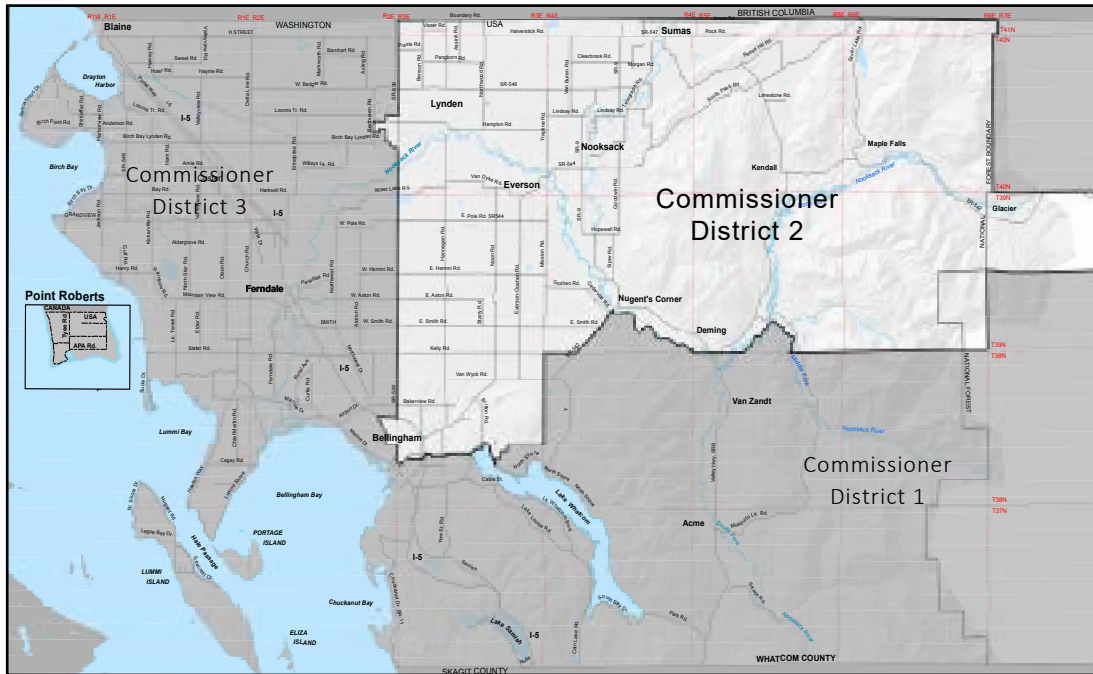
There is one formula that I want you to remember whether you vote for me or not. *Growth Equals Extinction*. It is that simple. So part of my mission on the Council will be to oppose all growth unless it is carbon and ecosystem neutral. I am hard to classify politically as I have been active in the Democrat, Green and Libertarian Parties. Briefly, I am very progressive on social issues, but moderate to conservative on fiscal issues. Vote for Survival. Vote for Bob Burr. As in former campaigns, I will not take money from anybody because money in politics is inherently corrupting.

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



The map to the left shows the boundaries for the Port of Bellingham Commissioner District 2.

In the primary election, only registered voters living in Commissioner District 2 vote for candidates with the top two moving onto the general.

In the general election, all registered voters in Whatcom County will vote on this contest.



Ken Bell

Elected Experience: Port Commissioner 2017-Present; Whatcom County Planning Commissioner; Whatcom County Charter Review Commissioner; Economic Development Investment Board; Small Cities Partnership

Other Professional Experience: President Iron Creek Group; contaminated soil cleanup, Owner Best Recycling Inc., Recycling company that operated in Antarctica, Alaska, Greenland and the Continental US; Owner Bell

Development Corporation

Education: Graduate Wasson High School Colorado Springs, CO, Graduate BA Biological Science from Colorado State University 1981,

Community Service: Board member and chairman Step Denver homeless/treatment center 1986-2018. Board member Whatcom Business Alliance; Silver Beach Neighborhood Association; Bellingham Mayors Neighborhood Advisory Council; Sponsor of Whatcom Hospice;

Statement: I am running to build on the work this Commission has already accomplished. We expanded public access to Port properties! Since

development on the waterfront languished, we began adding amenities, a pump track, and a container retail village. We are constructing a Fisherman's Pavilion and are working on a boat launch for Fairhaven. A landmark compromise with the Lummi tribe provided them moorage for fishing boats and gave the Port needed infrastructure repairs. The Port will soon be operating with 100% renewable energy.

Economic Development: We landed Southwest Airlines, it's just the beginning of expanding business at our airport. We added high wage jobs in Blaine Harbor, the Seaview Boatyard, the Fairhaven Industrial Marine Facility and added ABC recycling to our shipping terminal. We spent \$25 million on cleanup projects. We helped add jobs to boat builders, an electric bus company and a manufactured home company. Broadband will be county-wide soon. *All this was accomplished without raising taxes and during a pandemic.*

Expect more of the same. My priorities will always include increased access to Port assets, marine trades, job growth and civil cooperation with all stakeholders.

Ken is married to DeeDee with two daughters.

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Kelly Krieger

Elected Experience: Whatcom Democratic Party Precinct Committee Officer

Other Professional Experience: Founder and owner of two small businesses, so I understand the ups and downs of business ownership. Former Research Analyst at Kraft Foods and Needham Harper Worldwide

Education: Master's in Business Administration (MBA) and Master's in Psychology (MA). Practical experience in marketing, business analysis, and new product development.

Community Service: In 2020, I organized a community effort of private citizens to sew over 7,000 masks and Tyvek gowns for medical workers. I have worked on numerous local campaigns. Former Board of Directors of Puget Consumers Cooperative.

Statement: I am determined to help our Port become a real engine for innovation and job growth. I'll be a fresh and tireless voice on the Commission for a more modern Port — a Port with the tools to adapt to a changing economy. I will bring my experience founding and running successful

businesses and a commitment to achieving a clean, productive economy.

Whatcom should be leading the trends, not just following. Our traditional industries are becoming higher-tech at the same time that engineering, clean energy, and technology companies around Puget Sound are growing and looking to hire new talent. Whatcom has that talent. Our local schools do an excellent job preparing our workforce. We need government leaders focused on creating opportunities for new generations of workers in our marine trades, aviation, agricultural, and tourism industries.

I'll push the Port to ensure a forward-thinking business environment. We should invest in broadband internet, build affordable workforce housing on unused Port land, protect our working waterfronts, and reward innovation in all Port operations, including our airport, Amtrak station, and shipping terminal.

Endorsements: Labor leaders, Washington Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Democratic leaders including Whatcom Executive Satpal Sidhu and State Representative Sharon Shewmake.

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Austin Chapin

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Airline Pilot, Horizon Airlines; FAA Certified Flight Instructor, Central Washington University; Customer Service Manager, Command Aviation, Bellingham International Airport.

Education: BA in Aviation, Central Washington University, 2018; AA Whatcom Community College, 2015; Diploma, Mount Baker High School 2015.

Community Service: Volunteer at Deming Log Show, 2005-2015.

Statement: I am a proud life-long resident of Whatcom County and a long time-user of Port facilities. In this post-Covid time, we need strong and decisive leadership on our Port Commission. The redevelopment of the waterfront has been a chain of broken promises, and what do we have to show for it? After

20 years of indecision and inaction, the waterfront is still far from achieving its greatest potential uses. Also, as an airline pilot, I see many ways that our airport can be enhanced to better serve Whatcom County while protecting the interest of general aviation and the surrounding property owners. I will work to safeguard our marinas and parks. As a new Port Commissioner, I will bring new leadership and fresh ideas to create quality living wage jobs, improved public access, and responsible growth for our economy. I will be a strong advocate for our aerospace and marine industry workers. I will protect jobs, pursue business innovation, and work with the stakeholders to bring more voices into this process. This is everyone's port, and it should focus on making our community a better place to live. I will work to make that happen.

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City of Bellingham - Council At-Large - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term

**Kristina Michele Martens**

Elected Experience: First-time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: Proud community activist. Real estate agent. Co-host of local TV, radio, and podcasts including Bellingham Tonight. Previously, 15 years in restaurants and hotels managing employees and running small businesses. My work in hospitality gave me a first-person understanding of what it's like trying to make ends meet in our modern economy as a minimum-wage or tipped wage worker.

Education: Associates in Psychology, Grossmont Community College

Community Service: Co-founder of the Whatcom Racial Equity Commission to create a space for policy-focused conversations between local governments and civil society. Founder of the local singing competition "Bellingham Idol!"

Statement: We need more elected officials who live with the problems our communities face. I've seen and felt the ways public policy can both help and hinder working families. That's why ensuring a transparent and accessible public process is priority number one for me. You can count on me to champion

community-generated solutions on racial equity, incarceration reduction, homelessness, and climate.

As your City Councilmember, I commit to embracing big ideas rooted in data and evidence. Let's stop reinventing the wheel and, instead, build on our successes. On housing, for example, we know that rapid re-housing and establishment of an easy access shelter would ease the crisis. Let's invest boldly in these proven solutions. Everyone should have the opportunity to live in a safe, healthy, affordable home.

There's no getting around it: the pandemic turned our economy upside-down. As someone who worked 15 years in restaurants and hotels, I'll be a strong voice for workers and small businesses as we recover. I'll fight to keep our Downtown thriving and growing.

Endorsements: Alliance for Gun Responsibility, WWU Young Democrats, Nooksack Tribe, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, State Representatives Debra Lekanoff, Alex Ramel, and Sharon Shewmake, and many other local leaders!

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**Tonia Boze**

Elected Experience: No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience: I'm the voice for many in Bellingham. As a single mother of four children whose ages range from middle school to adult, and a first-time grandmother, I am actively involved in the lives of many generations whom all have different needs and challenges. I own a small business focusing on improving physical health and mental wellness with clientele with

diverse backgrounds. I approach this campaign with humility, integrity, and an open mind.

Education: A variety of coaching and nutrition certifications.

Community Service: Veteran nutrition coach, local athlete sponsor, Bellingham Public Schools, weekly community outreach through MyChurch, local trail sponsorship.

Statement: As a community member in Bellingham since 1995 I will listen to every voice regardless of career, gender, race, or religion and make our town and environment safe. I'm the voice of a single mother, small business owner,

and advocate for physical health and mental wellness. I believe everyone deserves a seat at the table.

I will look at issues that face the city of Bellingham from a multitude of angles and approach them collaboratively to work toward improvement and resolution.

Bellingham is a beautiful city and we need to work together to maintain the beauty of the public spaces we all enjoy with our families. We need real solutions to our housing challenges. I am committed to working together to address this and other critical issues facing our city. I believe we can make the necessary changes that will positively impact our community for years to come. Bellingham should be a place of opportunity. Regardless of background, or part of the world someone is coming from, Bellingham should strive to be a welcoming city.

I approach and embrace the campaign with great humility accepting the challenges of the unknown and value your trust in me to make responsible decisions.

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**Russ Whidbee**

Elected Experience: First-time Candidate

Other Professional Experience: Financial Advisor (1999-Present), Adjunct Faculty (Accounting), Whatcom Community College (WCC)

Education: Western Washington University (WWU), City University of Seattle, Bachelor of Science (Accounting) (1992)

Community Service: Whatcom Volunteer Center, Bellingham Technical College (BTC) Foundation, Western Washington University (WWU) Men's Basketball Mentor Coach, Brothers and Sister of Whatcom (BASOW), Whatcom County Board of Equalization (B.O.E.), Bellingham Public Schools (BPS) Dollars for Scholars

Statement: With my financial background and perspective, I will be an asset to the City Council and to the people of Bellingham. As a community, we have some upcoming challenges: affordable housing, diverse residential options,

education, living wage jobs, economic recovery, business development and tourism.

I am a 40-year resident of Bellingham and I am a "Bridge Maker & Change Agent" who will work on behalf of the entire community. My approach to public policy decision making is moderate and balanced. I will work to find the best solutions for our community at large through thorough research and balanced compromise.

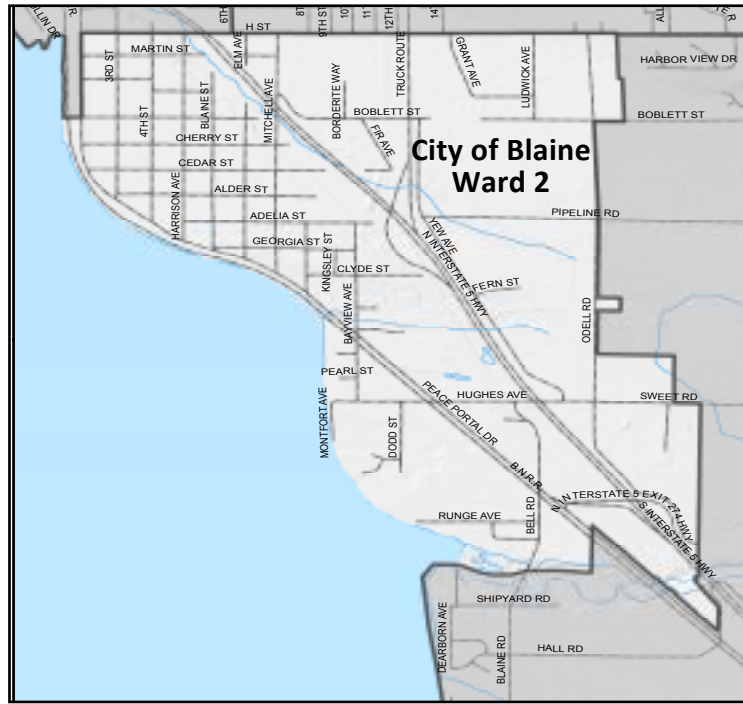
It will be my honor and privilege to serve on behalf of all of Bellingham. I will listen to the entire spectrum of voices represented within our city. My integrity and character will continue to guide me in my work as a council member. I will continue to be a servant leader who treats everyone with respect and empathy.

We must face the future together. With your support, I am ready to be the "Bridge Maker & Change Agent" that Bellingham needs!

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



The map to the left shows the boundaries for the City of Blaine Ward 2. In the primary election, only registered voters in Ward 2 vote for candidates, with the top two moving onto the general. In the general election, all registered voters in the City of Blaine will vote on this contest.



Colin Hawkins

Elected Experience: No Information Submitted.
Other Professional Experience: My work history includes working for small businesses in Blaine such as a shipping company, restaurants, managing family owned coffee shops. For the past 3 years, I worked for the Blaine School District, however, I was one of many displaced by the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope to return to work at the school district in the near future.

Education: Graduate of Blaine High School.
Community Service: Current Chairperson of the Public Works Advisory Committee, member since 2015; Helped organize The Giving Tree; Raised money for the Marine Park Playground; Former President Blaine Community Theater; Volunteered for numerous political campaigns, levies and initiatives.
Statement: In my family, civil service and volunteerism have always been important ways to give back to our community. For over five generations, my relatives have served on the Parks Board, Planning Commission, School

Board, and City Council. My wife and I are raising our kids in the same neighborhood where I grew up and hope to instill these same values in them. My six years on the Public Works Advisory Committee will benefit City Council's decision making processes as we consider the impacts of development on our residents, parks, beaches, infrastructure and businesses as Blaine continues to grow. One of the things that separates me from many City Council candidates is my commitment to our local government. If I am not elected, I will continue to give my time to local boards and committees to help make Blaine the best it can be. I pride myself as someone who has both a long history in Blaine, and the ability to look toward the future. Giving back to the community has always been important to me, and if elected, I will do my best to represent the interests of the people in my neighborhood and the city as a whole.

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Steven Tojek

Elected Experience: No Information Submitted.
Other Professional Experience: I worked in the Workforce Development regarding youth advancement by teaching computer repair and computer assembly. I believe I would be up to the challenge to assist the other council members concerning making decisions regarding activities, events and projects for the Blaine youth.

Education: I have been in Law enforcement for over ten years, and I believe this can assist to qualifications concerning the security of Blaine.
Community Service: I was a volunteer with the P.U.S.H. Buffalo neighborhood development organization prior to moving to Blaine. P.U.S.H stands for People United for Sustainable Housing.

Statement: I am interested in serving on City Council for the reason of getting the opportunity to be included in the decision making to help advance Blaine where necessary. I believe it is to the advantage of the city council to have someone onboard that can offer an outside perspective concerning ideas for helping Blaine to be a more attractive place to live for future residents. I also would like to mention the experience I have that offers ideas to leave an impact regarding a more cooperative Blaine when regarding government officials and law enforcement alike.

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Rhyan Lopez

Elected Experience: No Elected Experience
Other Professional Experience: Nine years of management experience at the Comphy Company. Currently the Director of Operations developing, implementing, and monitoring day-to-day operational systems and processes in support of key initiatives.

Education: Attended Blaine Schools from Kindergarten through High School and a Bachelor of Arts Social Sciences (Economics) Washington State University.
Community Service: I volunteered with the Community Assistance Program (CAP) of Blaine from 2015 – 2020 focused on the alleviation of poverty. I served as the Director of Thanksgiving Baskets, participated in the coat drive, worked at the clothing bank, and was a community meals volunteer.

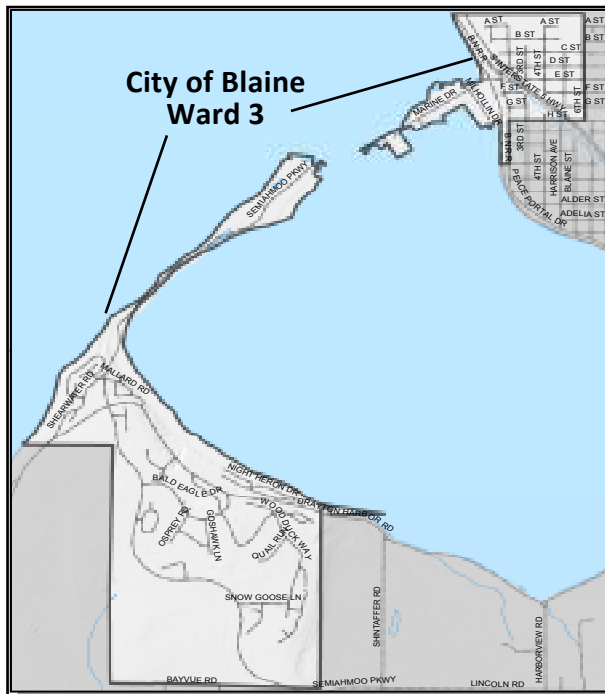
Statement: My aim is to work with fellow council members to reduce the delays that impede the progress of commerce and the creation of family wage jobs. We need to focus on economic development and foster an environment that allows hard-working individuals and families to thrive, while making sure

Blaine does not lose its small-town charm. In my current job at a growing business, we overcome difficulties and challenges daily. Applying these same principles and approaches to our city budget and programs will allow us to maximize results in a cost-effective manner. The current council has made amazing strides in improving our city but there is still more untapped potential for Blaine. My community service is concentrated on helping families and individuals who have fallen on hard times. I have been blessed to work alongside many great people in our Community Assistance Program who taught me that through compassion, understanding and education, we can help many. My wife and I have made Blaine our home for 10 years and want our children to enjoy the same quality of life that we have in this beautiful city. It would be an honor to serve you on Blaine City Council.

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City of Blaine - Council Ward 3 Position 6 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



The map to the left shows the boundaries for the City of Blaine Ward 3.

In the primary election, only registered voters in Ward 3 vote for candidates, with the top two moving onto the general.

In the general election, all registered voters in the City of Blaine will vote on this contest.



Jennifer L. Plombon

Elected Experience: Semiahmoo Resort Association (SRA) Board. SRA Architectural Standards Committee.

Other Professional Experience: Registered Nurse since 1991. Now retired.

Education: BS Nursing, University of MN, 1991. BS Forestry, University of WA, 1979.

Community Service: Founder and Board member of national 501(c)3 animal rescue organization (Hedgehog Welfare Society). Have volunteered at wildlife rehabilitation centers since 2003; currently volunteer at Sarvey Wildlife and Whatcom Humane Society. Write articles about the environment and wildlife for SRA newsletters. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteer for Whatcom County. Helped to create "Map Your Neighborhood" for my neighborhood in Semiahmoo.

Statement: As a registered nurse who also has a forestry degree, I've spent my life caring about others and their surroundings. We are lucky to live in one of the most beautiful, special places in the country. We have excellent schools, parks, interesting places to shop and eat, clean waters, mountains and wildlife in abundance. I feel it is vital to Blaine's economy and the people who call it home that we protect our environment, to draw visitors from the U.S. and Canada and even farther who can share in our beauty and help our city to thrive. If elected, I will listen and respond to your concerns, work to ensure a smart budget and reasonable fees for homes and businesses, and do my best to Keep Blaine a Beautiful Destination.

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Eric Davidson

Elected Experience: Currently serving as Blaine City Council Member, elected in 2017

Other Professional Experience: Registered Nurse; Former Fiscal Manager at WWU Overseeing budgets for Public Safety forecasting balanced long term budgets; US Air Force, Retired Major, Two deployments to Iraq as Director of Operations managing patient care, movement & evacuation, hospital operations and budget; former

business owner

Education: BS Business Finance, CSU, Stanislaus; AS Nursing School, Whatcom CC

Community Service: Chairman Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee, Member Blaine Finance Committee, Economic Development Member; Member Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) Board, Former Chairman of Blaine Public Works Committee; Founding President Lettered Street Neighborhood Association and G Street Neighborhood Watch

Statement: As Blaine Council Member, I work for a better way of life for our families, businesses and community. A vision of what we want in Blaine and

a sustainable economic plan is needed for Blaine's success and quality of life. I've worked hard to attract all kinds of businesses, (retail, light industrial, tourism, doctors' offices) to provide services and jobs- that work has been successful! New businesses have started, even during the pandemic, created local jobs and provide a sense of community. These new and existing businesses are a sign that Blaine continues to attract businesses that serve locals and tourists.

During the pandemic Blaine had a huge loss of revenue but with the hard work and sacrifice of City Council and city staff we balanced the budget, did not compromise service and did it without raising taxes, borrow money or laying employees off!

Working together locally with families, businesses, and community organizations for betterment of Blaine has helped achieve and will continue to achieve our goals in Blaine's future. Blaine is a great town and I intend to work tirelessly every day to make it even better! So please vote Eric Davidson for Blaine City Council, thank you.

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Barbara M. Sturdivant

Elected Experience: Secretary of Members Advisory Board for Semiahmoo G&CC, current. Past President Boundary Ridge Home Owners Association.

Other Professional Experience: Retired RN as clinical nurse for 25 years, 14 year career in drug development with Amgen, Oncology Clinical trial research for an international company.

Education: BA degree History Southern Methodist University Dallas, Texas. BS Nursing from Texas Woman's University. MBA Pepperdine University in California.

Community Service: Several Board positions at Semiahmoo G&CC. Volunteer work at Christ The King Church in Bellingham, WA. Support work with the 'We Will' initiative in Blaine.

Statement: As residents of Blaine for over 15 years, my husband John and I have enjoyed the lifestyle and beauty of the Pacific Northwest and Blaine in

particular. I see a diamond in the rough that could only shine brighter.

Focused development in re-establishing Blaine as a 'go-to' destination for businesses and recreation, is a path worth considering. The City Council should have a role in assisting our local businesses and restaurants, not only in reopening efforts, but continued success as well.

The bike/walk path from downtown Blaine could be expanded to tie in our neighboring communities of Semiahmoo and Birch Bay. As a dog lover, I would like to see a new dog park or improve the current location at Skallman Park.

As a grandmother of 14, Blaine could use more family-focused activities. The July 4 celebration is a great example. It showcases the best of Blaine and its values, while focusing on families and a unique day of fun. As a member of the Blaine City Council, I hope to provide leadership guided by common sense, that will support a safe and prosperous community. Vote Barb For Blaine!

For More Information:



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

**Haley Fimbres**

Elected Experience: First-time candidate

Other Professional Experience: Credit Manager of one of Ferndale's best places to work. Service on employer's "Giving Committee" and other pillar and SBU teams. Certified NACM Credit Business Associate. 20 years of bookkeeping/accounting experience with various local businesses.

Education: University of Arizona, Eller College of Management, BSBA - Accounting (currently enrolled)

Community Service: Service on Ferndale's Parks, Rec, and Trails Advisory Board. Various local volunteer efforts through my employer, including Star Park and Ferndale Food Bank.

Statement: As a life-long resident of Whatcom County and a third-generation Ferndalienne, I want nothing but the best for my hometown. I have seen first-hand the challenges our community has faced over the years, from the traffic issues, housing prices, loss of jobs due to the Intalco closure, quality of drinking water,

and the cost of utility bills. These current issues impacting our town have inspired me to get involved.

I am running for City Council to make a positive, and lasting impact on Ferndale. I will work to facilitate smart and sustainable growth, support local businesses, and fight for meaningful jobs to keep our residents employed locally. I will push for solutions to our rising utility costs and drinking water issues. I will champion for our parks to provide more recreation options in our growing community.

Most importantly, I want to be a catalyst for our community members to have their voices heard. I pledge always to take citizen and business owner opinions and concerns into consideration while making well-thought-out decisions on the matters affecting Ferndale today. Your voice matters to me! In turn, I vow always to communicate freely and make city issues transparent to my fellow Ferndalians.

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**Kate Bishop**

Elected Experience: Four years on the Ferndale City Council, current Mayor pro-tem, and chair of the Finance and Administration Committee where I provide fierce oversight to ensure every penny the city collects is spent wisely. I also spearheaded the creation of the North Whatcom Poverty Task Force to develop real solutions for protecting our most vulnerable.

Other Professional Experience: Social Services

Professional with over 16 years of experience working with low-income residents.

Education: BA in Community Health

Community Service: Board member of the Ferndale Community Service Cooperative where I helped create the Ferndale Utilities Fund to help pay utility bills for residents impacted by COVID-19.

Statement: We have been through a lot the last couple of years. The pandemic, the rising cost of housing, and the brutal rhetoric that has divided us, have all taken their toll. Times have been tough, but I know the people of

Ferndale are tougher.

My name is Kate Bishop (formerly Hansen)—I'm a social services professional, working mom, and for the last four years, your voice on the Council. It has been an honor to serve, to dig in and work for you.

We cannot leave behind the people who call Ferndale home as our town recovers and grows—we need real solutions for affordable housing now. Ground has broken on the Thornton Overpass and I'll keep pushing to improve our roads and sidewalks. Our businesses need support, resources, and the infrastructure of a modern city. Finally, we must fight for justice to ensure all voices are heard in the halls of power.

The next four years are going to be crucial. Ferndale faces big challenges, but together we can make a real difference. That is why I'm asking for your vote.

My name is Kate Bishop and I'm running for reelection because I will never stop fighting for you!

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**Robert J. Pinkley**

Elected Experience: NA.

Other Professional Experience: Co-owner and founder of Leader Block Wine Co. & Italian Eatery in downtown Ferndale, employing 10-15 people after extensive work to rehab historic building. Previously worked with U.S. Department of Commerce, helping manufacturers seeking to export products.

Education: Master of Arts degree in Political Economy, University of Pittsburgh; Bachelor of Arts degree, Pacific Lutheran University.

Community Service: Volunteer and mentor serving the homeless with Catholic Community Services; assistant scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America.

Statement: Ferndale has talked about creating a thriving and vibrant downtown for years. My Leader Block Wine Co. & Italian Eatery, which opened three years ago and survived a pandemic, shows that I know what it takes to make downtown the attractive centerpiece of our community and know what government can do to assist downtown. The restaurant also has affordable housing above it as part of the building rehabilitation.

The Ferndale City Council needs the perspective of a small business owner who lives and works downtown, hears the concerns of local residents coming through my doors, and has employees depending on him. It seems our city government is a bit detached from downtown and not sensitive to its needs. When taxes, zoning and regulations are being considered, I can provide feedback on whether they will actually help or hurt not only downtown, but our entire community.

We should channel the competitive spirit of our amazing high school athletes, working hard to be the best Ferndale can be with our public safety, parks, environment and infrastructure. I want to be even more involved in our wonderful community and humbly ask you to vote for Robert Pinkley for Ferndale City Council.

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

No photo
submitted.

Steve Jilk

Elected Experience: No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience: Eleven years in private corporation in design drafting, computer programming and finance; 42 years working various government agencies, city administration, Port economic development and marine services and as general manager for a public water and electric utility

Education: Bachelors degree in Business Administration, minors in computer science and economics

Community Service: No Information Submitted

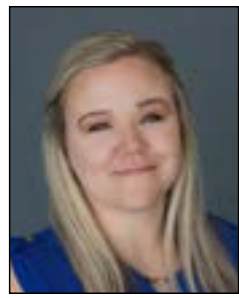
Statement: I have been privileged to be a member of the Lynden School District Board for the last 10 Years. I am grateful to have worked with many other board members, school District administrators and teachers to bring educational opportunities for and support to all students in our Lynden school district Community.

As we move through the pandemic, replace key administrators and educators for our district, deal with a growing student population, and school building needs we face some difficult decisions.

These and other challenges lie ahead for the District in the next months and years. We have a great Board that is collaborative in our work. Great school boards work by listening to our community, to each other and, together maintain a focus on making the best decisions they can for our students and families.

I would like to continue working with the other Board members in the next months and years to come. My wife and I and my family have been part of this community for 27 years and we are proud to call it our own. I take pride in our community and our schools. And I am proud of my work on behalf of the community.

For More Information:



Danielle Groeneweg

Elected Experience: Served our local Whatcom County Association of Realtors Board of Directors for 6 +/- years as treasurer and/or secretary.

Other Professional Experience: Realtor based in Lynden, Wa for over 12 years. Managing other brokers for 7+/- years in addition to running own business.

Education: BA degree from WWU, majoring in Sociology. Continued education as a real estate agent in WA state.

Community Service: Volunteer at local church kids program for over 7 years; Coached soccer through Lynden Action, LYS, & Rangers Select for 6+/- years. Put together & executed local fund raisers for New Way Ministries multiple years. VT @ BVE

Statement: As a local Lynden resident of over 10 years (& hubby grew up here), I have a passion for the kids in our community and helping where I can. My years of service on the WCAR BOD gave me great experience as a board member of an important non-profit. Raising 3 kiddos in our LSD up to HS has given me personal experience & perspective on what works great in our local SD & what can be better. I also have 12+ years exp running my business & a big part of my husband's construction business. I have a huge heart for kids & hope to be a big voice for their needs and interests. My business mindset combined with my compassion for kids is why I think I will be a great representative for our Lynden School Board. I hope to have your vote!

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Tonya Hickman

Elected Experience: First time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: I have worked as a registered nurse for 15 years and understand the value of an individual's life. My primary focus has been raising two amazing girls together with my husband of almost 20 years.

Education: The University of British Columbia, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Community Service: Healing Hearts Ministry; Counselor. Founding board member and former Co-Registrar for North County Alliance Soccer Club in Lynden, which currently serves 1000 kids. Served 3 years as a volunteer firefighter/EMT with the City of Lynden.

Statement: The 2020/21 school year *failed* Lynden students. We watched as our children were isolated and stripped of all normalcy. Mental health issues are on the rise, families are struggling, and our kids' education has suffered

greatly. Going into the 2021/22 school year we should be laser focused on education growth and healing for our students. However, our students face the implementation of divisive Critical Race Theory and state mandated K-12 sex education with its shallow view on personhood. I strongly oppose both. As a nurse, wife, and mother, my role has been that of an advocate. I have advocated for not only my own children but also for the needs of the patients I am privileged to care for. During my parenting journey, I have done whatever necessary to meet the individual needs of my own kids, through working with a partnership program, traditional homeschooling, online public education, or having them attend a brick-and-mortar school. I believe in small government and serving the needs of people locally. I vow to be a voice that fights for the values that have made Lynden Public Schools a source of pride in our community.

For More Information:



Concrete School District No. 11 - Director District 4, At-Large - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Ed Bradel

Elected Experience: No previous elected experience

Other Professional Experience: Lecturer in Zoology The Ohio State University; Professor of Biology University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College; Biology Department Head University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College

Education: BS in Biology Otterbein University; MS in Pathology The Ohio State University; PhD in Medical Physiology, The Ohio State University

Community Service: No previous relevant experience

Statement: Upon my retirement seven years ago as the head of the Biology department at the Blue Ash College (a 2 year regional campus) of the University of Cincinnati I moved to Birdsvew Washington. I have not, however, lost my interest in education. I believe that every child in the Concrete School District deserves to have available to them a quality public education with a choice from a robust general, college preparatory, or vocational pathway.

I also believe in the inherent positive value of extracurricular activities including sports, music, and community service. I am opposed to the teaching of the New York Times Project 1619 reframing of American History; and Critical Race Theory.

With the Covid 19 pandemic appearing to be winding down as I write this statement I advocate reinstatement of full-time, in-person classes in the first term of 2021 without any requirement for Covid vaccination for students at any K-12 level until a vaccine is fully approved By the FDA.

I am in favor of the transfer of ownership of the Birdsvew Grange Hall to the District 10 Fire Department in order to preserve this historic building and provide a community meeting facility for the upper Skagit Valley.

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No Information Submitted.

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Paul E Rogge

No Information Submitted.

For More Information:

Hospital District 304 - Commissioner District 1 - Nonpartisan Office - 4 Year Term



Debra Lancaster

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Higher Education: 15 years with Skagit Valley College and 10 years with Washington State University Extension. Nonprofit: 10 years as Executive Director of United Way of Skagit County.

Education: Bachelor's in Communications and Master's in Education-Leadership Policy, both from the University of Washington. Graduate of Leadership Skagit Class of 2004

Community Service: 25 years - Mount Vernon Soroptimist (President & Treasurer); 17 years - Leadership Skagit board/alumni; 7 years - Skagit Population Health Trust; 2 years - EDASC Foundation Board. One year with Helping Hands Food Bank; SW Chamber; and Help Me Grow Engagement team.

Statement: Debra is passionate about ensuring access to life-long learning and wellness in our communities. She brings decades of experience connecting people to knowledge and resources that can help them enhance

their personal and professional lives. Debra has partnered with District 304 over the past 10 years on several programs aimed at improving the lives of children including coordination of the Children's Council of Skagit County and Varsity in Volunteering at Sedro-Woolley, Concrete and Burlington-Edison high schools. She has a strong network of relationships with current District 304 partners such as Skagit Valley College, EDASC, Skagit County, School Districts, and many businesses. These are the efforts that support kids, families, and seniors. She understands the diverse nature of District 304, since she and her husband, Doug, have lived both in Concrete for 9 years and for the last 27 years in Sedro Woolley. Debra has extensive experience with public organization budgeting: not just how to be a good steward of the money but how to invest those dollars to their highest use in our community. She would be honored to have your vote.

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Mioara Cretu

No Information Submitted.

For More Information:



Greg Thramer

Elected Experience: Burlington-Edison Kiwanis - Past President / Treasurer ; Fir-Conway Lutheran Church - Finance Committee / Treasurer; Padilla Bay Foundation - Treasurer; Kabalo Heights Homeowners Association - President / Treasurer

Other Professional Experience: WA State Certified Public Accountant; Director of Finance, Port of Skagit; Director of Finance, Burlington-Edison School District;

Director of Finance, City of Burlington and other local governments

Education: Burlington-Edison High School; Western Washington University; BA in Accounting

Community Service: Burlington-Edison Kiwanis; Fir-Conway Lutheran Church; Skagit County Search and Rescue; Boys and Girls Club; Padilla Bay Foundation

Statement: The objective of a hospital district is to improve the health and well-being of its constituents. Strong families are the backbone of a vibrant

local community and early wellness initiatives, nutritional resources and community access for all assist to achieve that goal. Substance Abuse, Obesity and Senior Wellness programs will help to lower overall healthcare costs to our society. Healthcare should be proactive and include educational resources while providing opportunities for physical fitness and mental wellbeing.

Hospital districts should be well run with appropriate fiscal oversight to ensure stewardship of our assets.

As a lifelong member of this community, I have been blessed to grow up here and raise a family. Together we can work to ensure that the Skagit Valley continues to be a healthy place to live and grow, while providing opportunities for lifelong wellness.

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



**Fire Protection District 1
Proposition 2021-5
Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services**

Language on the Ballot

The Board of Fire Protection District 1 adopted Resolution No. 290 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations. This proposition would finance fire protection and emergency medical services by restoring the District’s regular property tax levy in 2021, for collection in 2022, to an amount not to exceed \$1.40 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and authorize setting the limit factor at 103% for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2026, collected in 2027, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by RCW 84.55.

Should this proposition be: Approved/Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Fire Protection District 1 provides emergency fire protection and emergency medical services to its citizens. If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to restore its regular real property tax levy rate to \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2021 with an annual growth rate of 3% per year (subject to the statutory \$1.50 limit) for the following five years. The current levy is approximately \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The dollar amount levied in 2026 shall serve as the District’s tax levy base in 2027.

Statement For:

District #1 is considered a junior taxing district which means tax revenues can only increase 1% per year regardless of changes to property valuations. This 1% limit has caused our levy rate to decrease from \$1.40 to \$1.11. This proposition will reset our levy rate back to \$1.40. It also authorizes the District to increase the budget by 3% each year for the next six years, rather than the 1%. This prevents the District’s levy rate from falling so quickly and allows them to keep up with inflation and growth in our community.

Resetting the levy rate will allow District #1 to increase career and volunteer firefighters so both the Everson and Nugent’s Corner stations can be staffed full-time. The need to replace our fire trucks and ambulances continues since 45% of the apparatus is 30 years old.

Resetting the levy is reasonable. For example, a home valued at \$300,000 would see an increase of \$7.25 per month. Without resetting the levy rate, we could suffer longer response times and more occurrences where a crew is unable to respond because they are on another call or transporting patients to the hospital. Let’s keep our community safe and support our firefighters.

Statement For Prepared By: Gary Almy

Statement Against:

No statement submitted.

Complete Text:

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY PRIMARY ELECTION
RESOLUTION NUMBER 290**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 3, 2021, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION RESTORING THE DISTRICT’S REGULAR PROPERTY TAX TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.40 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION IN 2021 AND ESTABLISHING A THREE PERCENT LIMIT FACTOR SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS

Background: WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that the fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for improved capital facilities and firefighter safety, additional apparatus, maintenance and operations in excess of those which can be provided by the District’s regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$1.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation. The District voters last approved a levy lid lift to \$1.40 per thousand in 2016.

WHEREAS, The District experiences annual cost increases affecting its operations that reflect standard inflationary indices and that consistently exceed the statutory 101% limitation on tax levy increases.

WHEREAS, The District believes that it is reasonable to adopt a growth factor for years 2-6 of the levy lid lift period at a rate of three percent per year to help the District keep up with inflation in Whatcom County.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable levy in the sixth year of the levy authorized by this Resolution serve as the levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 1 Whatcom County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. It is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical service vehicles, to acquire and improve station and other capital facilities and to retain properly trained personnel equipped with proper firefighting and emergency medical equipment. The revenues generated by this lid lift will allow the District to cover the gap between inflation and the statutory one percent limit on increases to the District’s budget to fund apparatus replacement and facility upgrades and to provide for investments in firefighter safety all of which are necessary to maintain and improve the level of fire protection, prevention, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the District.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the services described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation and improvement of such services the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the one percent limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010, and levy beginning in 2021 and collect beginning in 2022, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130, RCW 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.40 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits. The District previously levied at the rate at \$1.40 per thousand of assessed valuation in 2016.

Section 3. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services beyond 2022, the District has determined that the limit factor for the five succeeding years shall be three percent. Such percentage shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to the maximum statutory rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, in 2022-2026. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

Section 4. The amount levied in 2026 shall serve as the District’s tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on August 3, 2021, in conjunction with the state primary election to be held on the same date the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be restored to \$1.40 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation and be adjusted by 103% for each of the following five years, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Whatcom County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, to call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Name of Jurisdiction: Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 1
 Proposition#: Proposition No. 1
 Short Title: Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services.

Ballot Title:
 The Board of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 1 adopted Resolution No. 290 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition would finance fire protection and emergency medical services by restoring the District’s regular property tax levy in 2021 to an amount not to exceed \$1.40 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and authorize setting the limit factor at 103% for 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026. The maximum allowable levy in 2026 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be: Approved/Rejected

Section 6. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050(1), the ballot measure shall require approval of a simple majority of voters.

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Fire Protection District 1 Complete Text Continued;

Section 7. The Board of Commissioners finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the District to have information regarding the ballot measure included in the local voters' pamphlet. Furthermore, that the appropriate costs thereof shall be paid for by the District. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to provide such information to the County Elections department for inclusion and to take other actions as necessary to that end. The Board hereby assigns to the Chief or designee the task of appointing members to a committee to advocate voters' approval of the proposition and to a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the proposition.

Section 8. For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the Chief or designee as the individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 9. The Chief or designee is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution, including modifying the text of the ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution.

Section 10. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than May 14, 2021, to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the proper District officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters at the August 3, 2021 election.

Section 11. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 12. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 13. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 1 at an open public meeting of such Board on the 13th day of May 2021, the following Commissioners being present and voting: Tim Wells, Randy VanderHeiden, Shannon Whitford-Ahlers, and Jodi DeBeeld, District Secretary.

Fire Protection District 4 Proposition 2021-4 Authorizing Increase of Property Tax Levy Rate

Language on the Ballot

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 4 adopted Resolution No. 2021-02, concerning a proposition to exceed the limitation on increasing property taxes. This proposition would authorize the District to levy and collect taxes at the rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2022. The 2022 levy dollar amount shall be used for computing limitations for subsequent levies, as authorized in Resolution No. 2021-02.

Should this proposition be: Approved/Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Fire District 4 (the District) is placing a one-year lid lift on the August ballot. State law limits annual growth of the tax levy to 1%. This has caused the tax rate to fall to \$0.82 per thousand, as property values increased. Approval would raise the rate to \$1.45 for 2022. The dollar amount of the 2022 levy would be used to calculate future 1% increases. If approved, property worth \$400,000.00 could anticipate an increase of approximately \$21.00 monthly. This will provide sustainable funding comparable to neighboring districts. In 2022, District 4 will have no EMS levy.

Statement For:

No statement submitted.

Statement For Prepared By: No committee formed.

Statement Against:

No statement submitted.

Statement For Prepared By: No committee formed.

Complete Text:

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD THEREIN ON AUGUST 3, 2021, A PROPOSITION WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE FIRE DISTRICT LEVY RATE OF \$1.45 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD, AND PROVIDING THAT THE LEVY DOLLAR AMOUNT IN 2022 SHALL SERVE AS THE BASE FOR COMPUTING THE LIMITATIONS ON FUTURE YEARS' LEVIES.

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 (the "District"), it is essential for the protection of the public health, safety, life, and property of the citizens and residents of the District that minimum service levels of fire and emergency medical services be maintained; and

WHEREAS, a regular property tax rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, applicable to all taxable property located in the district, may be lawfully levied with voter approval, as allowed by RCW 84.55 as amended, which otherwise limits annual property tax increases to 1% over and above the previous year's tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 authorizes the 1% limit on annual increases to be exceeded with voter approval, commonly referred to as a "lid lift" election, and

WHEREAS, a 1% limitation would restrict the District from levying a property tax of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, potentially necessitating a reduction in the level of services in the District, through longer response times, inadequate resources dispatched to alarms, increased reliance on mutual aid, reducing special services such as hazardous materials and rescue teams, and similar cutbacks; and

WHEREAS, the electorate should be given the opportunity to decide whether the service levels should be reduced or instead, whether the rate of up to \$1.45 per \$1,000 should be levied and maintained, waiving the 1% limit of RCW 84.55, commonly referred to as "lifting the lid";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A regular property tax rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, applicable to all taxable property located in the district, is necessary and appropriate to levy, notwithstanding the 1% annual increase limitation of RCW 84.55.010 et seq., as amended. RCW 84.55 places a 1% limitation on the increase of tax revenue collected by the District annually. If this increase is not approved by the voters, a reduction in services as enumerated in the fourth recital above may be needed, restricting the ability of the District to provide for the growing demand for service. This resolution and the resultant election would give the voters the opportunity to choose to continue a robust level of service pursuant to the levy rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, adopted pursuant to RCW 52.16.160, waiving the 1% limit of RCW 84.55 (commonly referred to as a "lid lift").

Section 2. The proposal set forth below, if authorized by the qualified electors of the District, will allow a levy rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for a one (1) year period. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District, for their ratification or rejection, at an election on August 3, 2021, a proposition to exceed the 1% limitation (and "lift the lid") of RCW 84.55.010 et seq. and levy taxes at the rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for a one (1) year period; provided that the dollar amount of the levy in 2022 shall be used as the base for computing the limitations on future years' levies.

Section 3. The Board hereby requests the Manager of Records and Elections of Whatcom County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections, to call and conduct such special election to be held within the District on August 3, 2021 in conjunction with the primary election, and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN FIRE PROTECTION PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE OF UP TO \$1.45 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD (2022)

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 adopted Resolution No. 2021-02, concerning a proposition to exceed the limitation on increasing property taxes. This proposition would authorize the District to levy and collect taxes at the rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2022. The 2022 levy dollar amount shall be used for computing limitations for subsequent levies, as authorized in Resolution No. 2021-02.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Should this proposition be: APPROVED REJECTED

Section 4. A notice of special election shall be published at least once, which publication shall take place not more than ten (10) days nor less than three (3) days prior to the date of said election. Said publication shall be in a newspaper of general circulation within the District.

Section 5. Approval of the proposition described in Section 3 above shall be construed and interpreted as qualified elector approval of a tax increase in compliance with RCW 84.55 as amended.

Section 6. The Secretary to the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Manager of Records and Elections of Whatcom County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections for the District, by May 14, 2021.

Section 7. With respect to this election, the District shall participate in the publication of information in the Local Voters' Pamphlet, including but not limited to an explanatory statement reviewed and approved by the District's attorney, a Statement For, and a Statement Against, pursuant to Chapter 29A.32 of the Revised Code of Washington.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 on May 11, 2021; Mark Lann, Chairman of the Board, and Harry Andrews. Attest: Kris Parks, District Secretary



**Fire Protection District 16
Proposition 2021-2
Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy**

Language on the Ballot

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District 16 adopted Resolution No. 04-21 concerning a proposition to authorize a regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize the District to levy \$1.20 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would authorize an annual increase in the limit factor of up to 103% (but not to exceed the \$1.50 rate) for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2026, collected in 2027, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by RCW 84.55.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes/No

Explanatory Statement

Fire Protection District 16 seeks voter approval to authorize a regular property tax levy of \$1.20 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and to authorize an annual increase in the limit factor of up to 103% (but not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation) in each of the five subsequent years. This levy is the primary source of funding for fire and emergency medical services by District 16. Voter approval of Proposition 2021-2 will provide funding to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided.

Statement For:

No statement submitted.

Statement For Prepared By: No committee formed.

Statement Against:

No statement submitted.

Statement For Prepared By: No committee formed.

Complete Text:

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 16
RESOLUTION NO. 04-21**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire District No. 16 (the "District"), providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held therein on August 3, 2021, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.20 per \$1,000.00 for Fire Suppression and Emergency Medical Services. This proposition would authorize the District to impose a regular property tax levy of \$1.20 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for 2021 and thereafter and to provide for a limit factor pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations, all as more particularly set forth herein.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that the fire and emergency services enumerated in this resolution be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, and equipment;

WHEREAS, the District has determined it will not be able to maintain its present service levels to its citizens without the approval of a six-year levy lid lift;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for improved capital facilities, additional staffing, apparatus maintenance and operations in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the 2019 rate of approximately \$1.20 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the continued application of the one percent (1%) limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 will not be sufficient to provide for the expected cost increases required to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the District;

WHEREAS, the funds generated by this levy will not supplant existing funds used for the delivery of fire and emergency services in the Whatcom County Fire District No. 16 community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable levy in the sixth year of the levy authorized by this Resolution serves as the levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the District shall provide fire and emergency services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles, and structures needed for the provision of fire and emergency services.

SECTION 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the services described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation and improvement of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and levy beginning in 2021 and collect beginning in 2022, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.140 general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.20 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

SECTION 3. The District has determined that a limit factor of three percent (3.0%) shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to the maximum statutory rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2022-2026. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

SECTION 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection at an election held on August 3, 2021 the question of whether or not such levy for maintenance and operations shall be made.

SECTION 5. The dollar amount levied in 2026 for collection in 2027 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

SECTION 6. The District's attorney is authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as deemed appropriate or as may be recommended by the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney's Office or the Whatcom County Auditor and its Supervisor of Elections, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 7. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 and 29A.36.210, the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.16
AUTHORIZING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire District No. 16 adopted Resolution No. 04-21 concerning a proposition to authorize a regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize the District to levy \$1.20 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would authorize an annual increase in the limit factor of up to 3.0% (but not to exceed the \$1.50 rate) for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2026, collected in 2027, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

YES
NO

SECTION 8. The Secretary of the District is directed (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 04-21 showing its adoption by the Board by May 14, 2021; and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the District at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether such tax levy shall be made.

SECTION 9. The Fire Chief of the District is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

SECTION 10. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

SECTION 11. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be severable from the remaining provisions of this resolution, and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire District No. 16, at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof this 8th day of April, 2021, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 16 Commissioners; Ryan Lenssen, Elvin Kalsbeek, and Jeff Hindman

ATTEST: Candy Roberts, District Secretary



Fire Protection District 21
Proposition 2021-3
Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy

Language on the Ballot

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District 21 (the "District"), adopted Resolution No. 2021-03 concerning a proposition to authorize the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would thereafter be subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes/No

Explanatory Statement

Fire Protection District 21 ("District") seeks voter approval to authorize an increase of its regular property tax levy to \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2021 (with collection beginning in 2022). This levy is the primary funding source for fire and emergency medical services provided by the District. Voter approval of Proposition 2021-3 will provide funding to maintain current service levels, add four battalion chiefs and four firefighters for peak time transports to hospitals; and replace aging fire engines and other fire vehicles.

Statement For:

NWFR voters have not been asked to vote on a levy increase for 12 years, while seeing a 65% increase in service calls over the last few years in this growing district.

North Whatcom Fire & Rescue (NWFR), AKA Whatcom County Fire District 21, provides fire and emergency medical services and transport to approximately 33,800 residents, businesses and properties within its 156 square mile service area. Even with careful resource management and (self-imposed) firefighter salary reductions, the increased growth and demand is straining NWFR's ability to maintain existing service levels.

A "Yes" vote on Proposition 2021-3 will keep NWFR functioning in an optimum state of readiness when called upon to respond and serve at a moment's notice. Approval of Proposition 2021-3 will allow NWFR to promote public safety by maintaining response times, improving reliability and replacing needed apparatus, equipment and tools. With adequate personnel, good training and the right equipment, our dedicated NWFR team can continue to maintain high professional standards of service even as growth and increase in service call volumes continue.

Please, promote service reliability and public safety by voting "Yes on NWFR Prop. 2021-3."

Statement For Prepared By: Kathy Berg, Scott Brown, and Doralee Booth

Statement Against:

No statement submitted.

Complete Text:

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #21
Resolution 2021-03

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21 (the "District"), providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held therein on August 3, 2021, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000 for 2021. This proposition would authorize the District to impose a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2021 pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and would be subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations, all as more particularly set forth herein.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that the fire and emergency services enumerated in this resolution be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, and equipment;

WHEREAS, the District has determined it will not be able to maintain its present service levels to its citizens without the approval of a levy lid lift;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for improved capital facilities, additional staffing, apparatus maintenance and operations in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$1.14671 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation; and

WHEREAS, the funds generated by this levy will not supplant existing funds used for the delivery of fire and emergency services in the Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21 community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the District shall provide fire and emergency services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles, and structures needed for the provision of fire and emergency services.

SECTION 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the services described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation and improvement of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and levy beginning in 2021 and collect beginning in 2022, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.140 general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

SECTION 3. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection at an election on August 3, 2021 the question of whether or not such levy for maintenance and operations shall be made.

SECTION 4. The District's attorney is authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as deemed appropriate or as may be recommended by the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney's Office or the Whatcom County Auditor and its Supervisor of Elections, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and 84.52.069 and 29A.36.071, the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21
AUTHORIZING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21 (the "District"), adopted Resolution No. 2021-03 concerning a proposition to authorize the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would thereafter be subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

YES
NO

SECTION 6. The Secretary of the District is directed to (a) certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 2021-03 showing its adoption by the Board by May 14, 2021; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the District at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether such tax levy shall be made.

SECTION 7. The Fire Chief of the District is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

SECTION 8. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

SECTION 10. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be severable from the remaining provisions of this resolution, and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution.

ADOPTED by the Governing Board of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21, at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof this 27th day of April 2021, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

ATTEST: Bruce Ansell (Chairman), Rich Bosman (Vice-Chairman), Scott Fischer (Commissioner), Kimberly McMurray (Commissioner), Jason Van der Veen (Fire Chief), Jennie Sand (Board Secretary)



**South Whatcom Fire Authority
Proposition 2021-1
Restoring Regular Property Tax Levy**

Language on the Ballot

The Board of Fire Commissioners of South Whatcom Fire Authority, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2021-05 concerning a proposition to restore the Authority’s regular property tax levy. This measure would restore the Authority’s regular property tax levy to \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would authorize an annual increase in the limit factor of up to 104% (but not to exceed the \$1.50 rate) for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2026, collected in 2027, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by RCW 84.55.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes/No

Explanatory Statement

South Whatcom Fire Authority seeks voter approval to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and authorize an annual increase in the limit factor of up to 104% in each of the five subsequent years (but not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation). This levy is the primary source of funding for fire and emergency medical services by South Whatcom Fire Authority. Voter approval of Proposition 2021-1 will provide funding to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided.

Statement For:

Vote Yes to support and maintain the service levels of our local fire department.

Our fire department keeps our community safe providing rapid and reliable responses to medical emergencies, traffic accidents, boating emergencies and fires. Our dedicated firefighters/EMTs are about two-thirds volunteer and one-third paid staff. Day or night we can count on these dedicated neighbors and friends to answer our call. Last year our responders answered over 1,100 alarms.

Now it is our turn to answer the call. The fire department needs the support of the voters to restore its levy to \$1.45 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation and allow up to a 4% increase for five years so long as the amount never exceeds \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Working together, our elected fire commissioners, paid staff and volunteers have always provided cost effective protection to our community - the community where they live. Our fire department and its dedicated staff and volunteers do not ask for much. Here they are asking to restore the \$1.45 levy so they can be there when we call. Please vote “Yes” on South Whatcom Fire Authority Proposition 2021-1 and visit SWRFA.org for more information.

Statement For Prepared By: Citizens for South Whatcom Fire Authority; Dave Ralston, John Parks and Anna Melillo.

Statement Against:

No statement submitted.

Complete Text:

**SOUTH WHATCOM FIRE AUTHORITY
2050 LAKE WHATCOM BLVD.
BELLINGHAM, WA 98229**

RESOLUTION 2021-05

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of South Whatcom Regional Fire Authority (the “Authority”), providing for the submission to the voters of the Authority at a special election to be held therein on August 3, 2021, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000 for fire and emergency services. This proposition would authorize the Authority to impose a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2021 and thereafter and to provide for a limit factor pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations, all as more particularly set forth herein.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the Authority that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the Authority that the fire and emergency services enumerated in this resolution be provided by the Authority. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, and equipment;

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined it will not be able to maintain its present service levels to its citizens without the approval of a six-year levy lid lift;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for improved capital facilities, additional staffing, apparatus maintenance and operations in excess of those which can be provided by the Authority’s regular tax revenue levied at the 2020 rate of approximately \$1.06 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the Authority as limited by the 101% limitation;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the continued application of the one percent limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 will not be sufficient to provide for the expected cost increases required to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the Authority;

WHEREAS, the funds generated by this levy will not supplant existing funds used for the delivery of fire and emergency services in the South Whatcom County community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority that the maximum allowable levy in the sixth year of the levy authorized by this Resolution serve as the levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Authority shall provide fire and emergency services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles, and structures needed for the provision of fire and emergency services.

SECTION 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the services described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation and improvement of such services the Authority shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and levy beginning in 2021 and collect beginning in 2022, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.140 general tax on taxable property within the Authority at a rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

SECTION 3. The Authority has determined that a limit factor of four percent (4.0%)

shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to the maximum statutory rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2022-2026. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

SECTION 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Authority for their ratification or rejection at an election on August 3, 2021 the question of whether or not such levy for maintenance and operations shall be made.

SECTION 5. The dollar amount levied in 2026 for collection in 2027 shall serve as the Authority’s tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

SECTION 6. The Authority’s attorney is authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as deemed appropriate or as may be recommended by the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office or the Whatcom County Auditor and its Supervisor of Elections, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 7. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 and 29A.36.210, the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
SOUTH WHATCOM REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
RESTORING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of South Whatcom Regional Fire Authority, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2021-05 concerning a proposition to restore the Authority’s regular property tax levy. This measure would restore the Authority’s regular property tax levy to \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would authorize an annual increase in the limit factor of up to 4.0% (but not to exceed the \$1.50 rate) for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2026, collected in 2027, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

YES.....
NO.....

SECTION 8. The Secretary of the Authority is directed (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 2021-05 showing its adoption by the Board by May 14, 2021; and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the Authority at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether such tax levy shall be made.

SECTION 9. The Fire Chief of the Authority is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

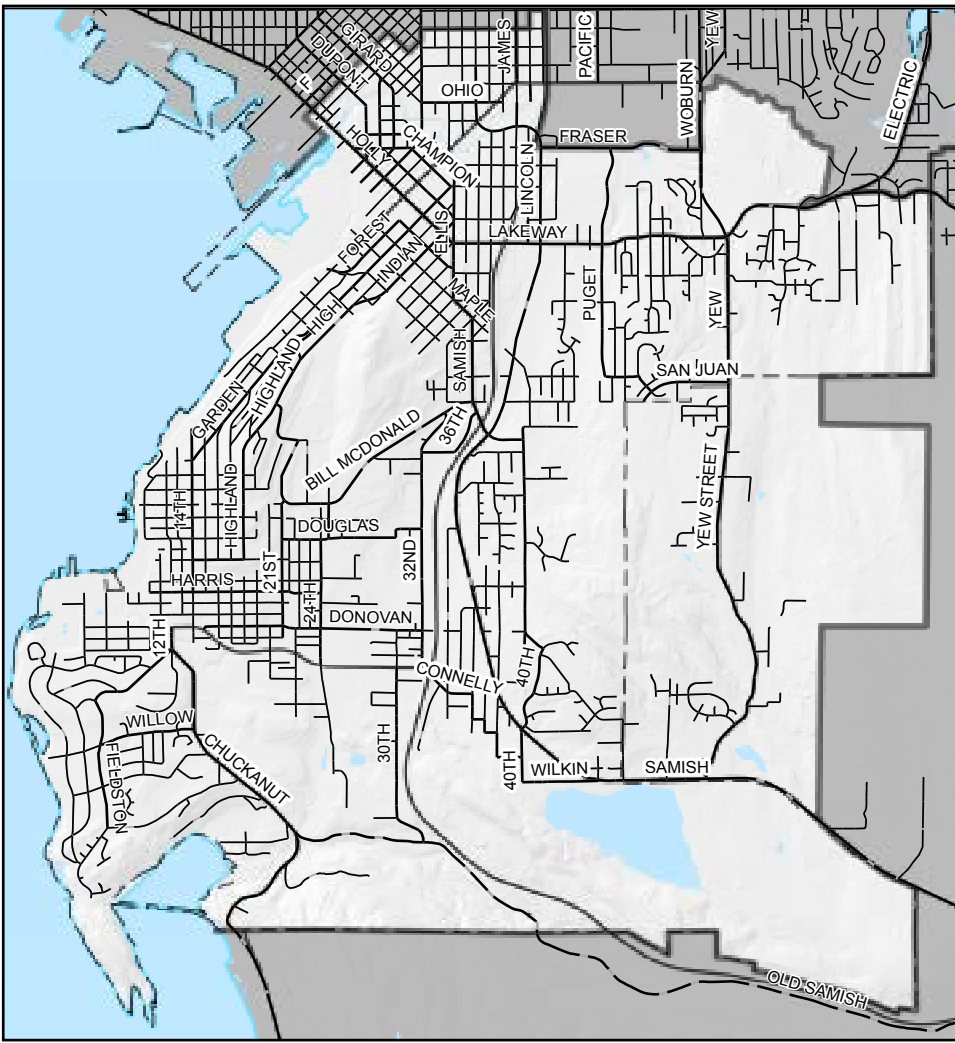
SECTION 10. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

SECTION 11. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be severable from the remaining provisions of this resolution, and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution.

ADOPTED by the Governing Board of South Whatcom Regional Fire Authority, at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof this 11th day of March, 2021, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

South Whatcom Regional Fire Authority Commissioners; Brian Martin, James Willson, Bob Ekdahl, Stefan Paige, and Jim Peeples

Attest: Carrie Carter, Secretary

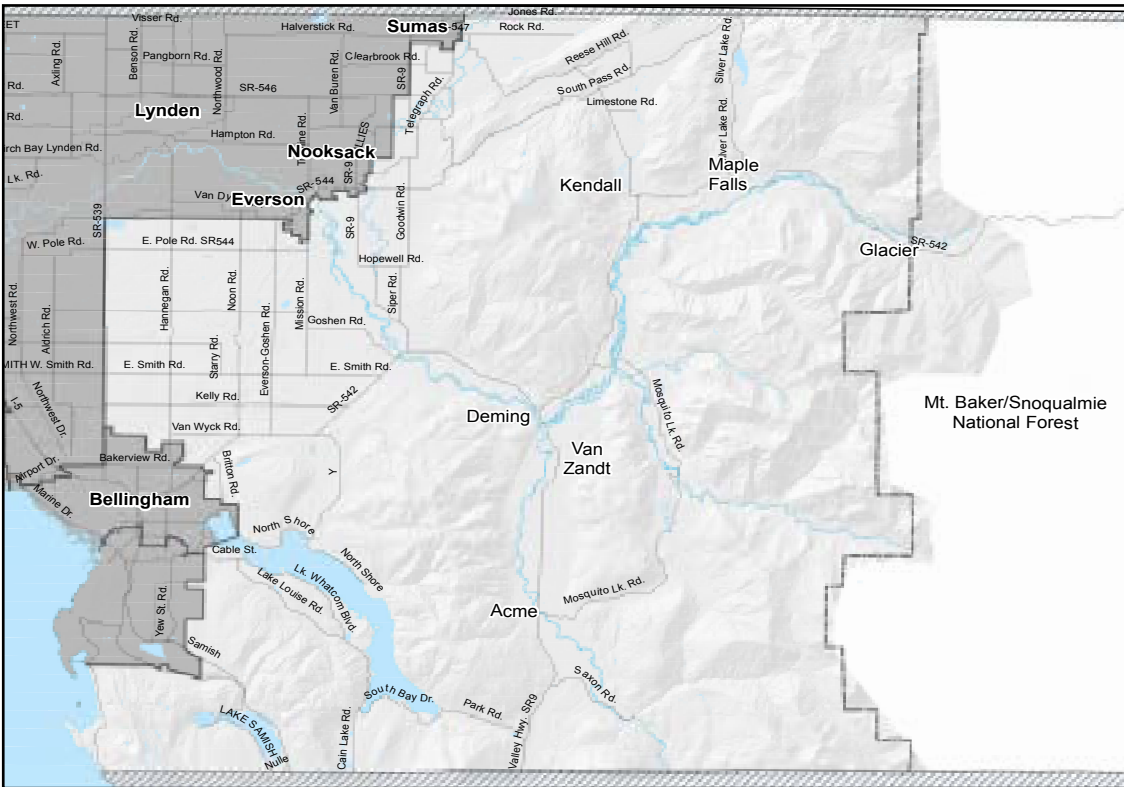
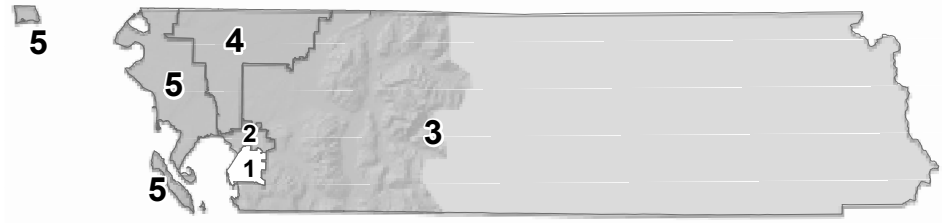


County Council District 1:

Only registered voters in County Council District 1 may vote for the representative for District 1.

The map to the left shows the boundaries for Council District 1.

The map below outlines all five council districts.



County Council District 3:

Only registered voters living in County Council District 3 may vote for the representative for District 3.

The map to the left shows the boundaries for Council District 3.

The map below outlines all five council districts.



Why are only County Council Districts 1 and 3 on the ballot in the primary election this year?

District 1 and 3 had three or more candidates file for office. Nonpartisan offices with three or more candidates appear on the primary election, with the top two moving on to the general election in November. County Council District 2 had only two candidates file, so that contest will appear on the general election ballot this year.

County Council District 4, 5, and At-Large Position B will be open for election in 2023.

Moving?

Change your address online at:
VoteWA.gov

or

Notify the Election Division:

Phone: (360) 778-5102 We accept relay calls

Email: elections@co.whatcom.wa.us





My (spouse, roommate) signed my ballot envelope. What should I do?

This a very common mistake! If someone has mistakenly signed your ballot envelope, draw a line through the incorrect signature and sign your name directly above the correction.

I forgot to put my ballot in the included security sleeve. Is that ok?

Yes! Your ballot will count as long as you have signed the return envelope.

I reopened my ballot envelope and sealed it shut with tape/glue. Will my vote still count?

Yes! As long as the signature on your return envelope matches your registration signature, your vote will count.

I received two ballots, does that mean I get to vote twice?

Sorry you don't get to vote twice! If you have recently moved or changed your address multiple ballots may be mailed to you. Each ballot envelope has a unique barcode which prevents voting multiple times. Once a ballot has been received all other ballots become void.

I got a letter saying my signature did not match the signature on file with your election office. Is my ballot no longer accepted?

All signatures are verified by staff trained by the Washington State Patrol. Staff are trained to look for signature similarities and patterns. However, signatures often change and your signature may no longer match what is currently on file. If you received a signature challenge letter, please sign the letter and promptly return it to our office via mail or email as soon as possible. Your ballot will be counted as soon as we receive your signed letter. Your updated signature letter will also be scanned and your new signature will be added to our database.

I lost/misplaced my original ballot. How do I get another one?

You have a few options to receive a new ballot:

- You can request a new ballot online by visiting VoteWA.gov (log in and select Online Ballot)
- You can also call our office at 360-778-5102 or e-mail elections@co.whatcom.wa.us.

You are encouraged to request a replacement ballot online or by phone however you can still visit the Auditor's Office inside the Whatcom County Courthouse and staff can print you a replacement.

Voter Information That Is Available to the Public

(RCW 29A.08.710):

The following information is public record:

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

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

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

Top 4 Reasons a Ballot Cannot Be Counted

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

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



Write-In Voting

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

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

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

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



Achieve Voting Victory!

Here are a few tips:

- All voters are mailed a ballot on July 14th. If you don't receive yours by July 23, contact the Election Division.
- To view your registration, go to VoteWA.gov and log in with your name and birthdate. Make sure your registration information is up-to-date.
- Use blue or black ink to mark your ballot.
- Fill in the oval next to your choice.
- Need to make a correction? Draw a line through the incorrect choice, then you may fill in the oval next to your correct choice.
- Double check the name on the return envelope before you sign. Each return envelope is specific to each voter (with their name and address printed).

Return your ballot on time!

- Mailing your ballot? The good news is you don't need a stamp! However, you do want to check USPS collection times to ensure that it will have a postmark on or before August 3.
- Prefer to skip the post office? Use an official ballot drop box. Locations listed on page 40. Drop boxes are open until 8:00 pm on August 3!
- Track to see if we have received your ballot at VoteWA.gov (select ballot status).

While Whatcom County is still working to slow the spread of COVID-19 you are encouraged to follow all social distancing guidelines. The Auditor's Office is here to help you through the election and most services can be completed online. If you need assistance, staff is available to help.



Whatcom County Auditor's Office Election Division Contact Information

- In Person:** 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 103, Bellingham
- Phone:** (360) 778-5102
- Fax:** (360) 778-5101
- Email:** elections@co.whatcom.wa.us
- Web:** www.whatcomcounty.us/1574/Elections
- Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm*
*Open until 8:00 pm on August 3



Ballot Processing is Livestreamed

Steps of ballot processing are livestreamed on our website, so you can watch what is happening from home! Scan the QR code to go directly to our website.



Steps with an icon are viewable online.

1. Assembling & Mailing the Ballot Packet: Your ballot packet is assembled and mailed by July 14, 2021. Ballot packets include a ballot, security sleeve, return envelope and informational insert. Additional lists are sent weekly for any recently added or updated registrants. *Ballot packets for Military & Overseas voters were mailed on June 18.*

2. Voting your Ballot: Your ballot packet should arrive by July 23. You have until election day to vote and return your ballot. Return your ballot in: ballot drop box by 8:00 pm August 3, or in the mail postmarked by August 3.



3. Collecting & Sorting Returned Ballots: Ballots are collected from ballot drop boxes and the Post Office daily. The mail sorting machine takes a picture of the signature on the return envelope, to be used during signature verification. It also scans the barcode on the return envelope, which will mark the ballot as being Received.

Viewable at Auditor's Office

4. Checking the signature on the Return Envelope: All signatures are checked before the ballot can be counted. We compare the signature on the Return Envelope with the signature(s) we have on file for each voter. If the signature does not match, or is unsigned, the voter will be mailed a letter to correct the issue, and contacted by phone after Election Day. Voters have until August 16 to respond and have their ballot counted. Ballots without a signature issue are Accepted, ballot envelopes with a signature issue are Challenged or Rejected.



5. Opening the Ballots: Ballots are put into groups for processing. First the security sleeve containing the ballot is removed from the return envelope. Ballots returned without a security sleeve are counted. Once separated, the identity of the voter is unknown to ensure your votes remain private. Secondly, ballots are removed from the security sleeve and inspected. Workers are inspecting the ballot to ensure the votes marked will be read by the scanning equipment. Ballots needing additional adjudication/review are flagged.



6. Scanning the Ballot: The ballots are scanned. Images are stored on a secure and closed system (no internet access). Once scanned, the ballots are kept in a sealed, tamper evident bag.



7. Reviewing the Ballot: After scanning, the electronic images are viewed. Reviewers are adjudicating ballots by reviewing overvotes (more than one choice marked), undervotes (no choices marked), and write-ins. Workers use the Washington State Voter Intent Manual to ensure decisions are made consistently. Any unresolved ballots are reviewed by the Canvassing Board.

8. Reporting Results: Results of the election are unknown until after 8:00 pm August 3. Tabulation occurs at 8:00 pm election night, and posted to our website soon after. Results are uploaded after election day as long as there are ballots to be counted. The primary election will be certified on August 17, 2021.



More Contact Information

Secretary of State - State Elections Division

Email: elections@sos.wa.gov
Phone: 360-902-4180 or 800-448-4881

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

Contact Information for Major Political Parties in Whatcom County:

Democratic Headquarters 215 W. Holly Street, Suite B-27 Bellingham, WA 98225 Phone: (360) 647-7661	Republican Headquarters 2321 E. Bakerview Road, Suite B Bellingham, WA 98226 Phone: (360) 734-5215
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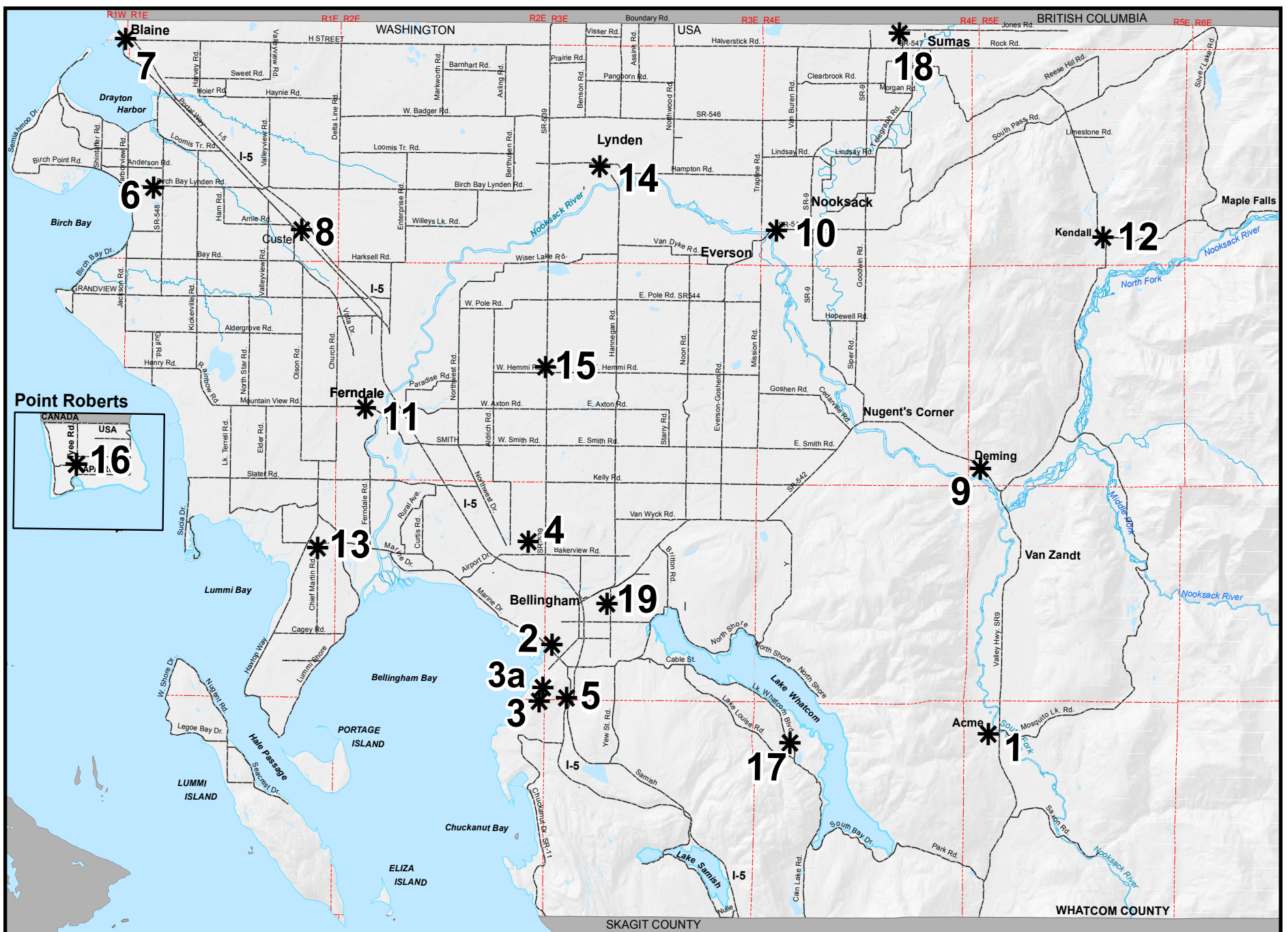
By Drop Box

Boxes open July 14
 Boxes close August 3 at 8:00 pm
 No stamp needed



If store closes in Point Roberts, a temporary ballot box will be available outside store on Election Day only.

Map #	City	Ballot Drop Box Location	Address
1	Acme	Acme Elementary School parking lot	5200 Turkington Road
2	Bellingham	Inside Whatcom County Courthouse and in south parking lot	311 Grand Avenue
3	Bellingham	WWU - on campus in outside Wade King Student Recreation Center	1880 Bill McDonald Parkway
3a	Bellingham	WWU - on campus outside Bond hall	Red Square, WWU
4	Bellingham	Whatcom Community College, on campus beside Heiner Center	231 W. Kellogg Road
5	Bellingham	Haggen Sehome Village, northeast corner of parking lot	210 36th Street
19	Bellingham	Regal Barkley parking lot, near WaFd Bank	3005 Cinema Place
6	Birch Bay	North Whatcom Fire & Rescue parking lot	4581 Birch Bay-Lynden Road
7	Blaine	Blaine Library parking lot	610 3rd Street
8	Custer	Outside Custer Elementary School	7660 Custer School Road
9	Deming	Deming Library parking lot	5044 Mt. Baker Highway
10	Everson	WECU parking lot	106 E. Main Street
11	Ferndale	Ferndale City Hall parking lot	2095 Main Street
12	Kendall	North Fork Library at Kendall parking lot	7506 Kendall Road
13	Lummi	Lummi Nation Administration Building, outside main entrance	2665 Kwina Road
14	Lynden	Behind the Lynden Library	216 4th Street
15	Meridian	Laurel Grange parking lot	6172 Guide Meridian
16	Point Roberts	Inside the International Marketplace: <i>Drop Box only available during store hours. This location will close at 7:00 pm DAILY</i>	480 Tye Drive
17	Sudden Valley	Security Office turnaround	Gate One
18	Sumas	Behind the Post Office in parking lot	534 Railroad Avenue



By Mail

No stamp needed
 Ballots must be postmarked by August 3
 USPS recommends mailing by Tuesday, July 27