

# Whatcom County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet Primary Election – August 7, 2012



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### True or False?

- 1** I have to vote for every office and measure on my ballot.
- 2** I have to return my ballot by mail.
- 3** I'll never know if my ballot has been received by the Auditor's Office.

#### Answers:

- 1. False.** If you don't want to vote for a particular office or measure, you may leave it blank; your other votes will still be counted.
- 2. False.** You may deposit your ballot in one of the ballot drop boxes located throughout the county. No postage is required. (see page 2 for ballot drop box locations)
- 3. False.** You can go to the Auditor's website at [wei.sos.wa.gov/county/whatcom](http://wei.sos.wa.gov/county/whatcom) to find out if your ballot has been received.

### If You Don't Receive Your Ballot

by Friday, July 27th, contact the Election Division:

**Phone:** (360) 676-6740 or TTY (360) 738-4555  
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**E-Mail:** [elections@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.whatcom.wa.us)



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Dear Whatcom County Voters,

Let me introduce myself. I am Debbie Adelstein, your new Whatcom County Auditor. I am replacing Shirley Forslof who served as your auditor for 24 years. I have big shoes to fill, but I am up to the challenge.

This year for the first time we have a new Congressional District that encompasses a majority of our county and other division lines have been impacted as well. The candidates may have changed from those you have customarily voted for in past years, but give serious consideration to the races and issues included on your ballot. This Local Voters' Pamphlet will give you information relevant to each of the items you have to consider. Please give the ballot your prompt attention and return it to my office as soon as you have made your decisions.

Sincerely,

Debbie Adelstein  
Whatcom County Auditor



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**Additional Voter Information  
is available at:  
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## Voter Information

### **How can I register to vote?**

Choose one of the following options:

- Complete the registration form online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) [only if you have a Washington State Driver's License or a Washington State I.D. card].
- Complete the mail-in voter registration form and mail it to your county of residence.
- Complete the form in person at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division.

### **When is the last day I can register to vote?**

You may register at any time; however, the registration must be postmarked or received at least 29 days before an election in order to vote in *that* election.

If you are not currently registered to vote in the State of Washington, you may register in person at the Election Division of the Auditor's Office no later than 8 days before an election.

### **What do I need to do to change my name?**

You must complete a new registration form. We will use your new signature to update your registration record.

### **When would a registration need to be canceled?**

- If you have moved out of Whatcom County, your signature is required to cancel your voter registration.
- If a family member has passed away, contact the Election Division and a form will be mailed for you to complete.

### **How do I change my mailing *and/or* residence address?**

Updating your record is easy!

#### **Address Change *Within* Whatcom County**

Choose one of the following options:

- Online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)
- Call the Election Division at the Auditor's Office at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555
- E-mail the Auditor's Office at: [elections@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.whatcom.wa.us)
- Complete and mail a new voter registration form

#### **Address Change *Outside* Whatcom County**

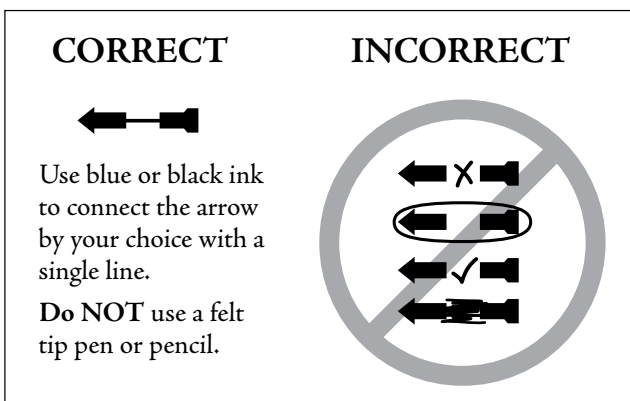
Choose one of the following options:

- Online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)
- Complete and mail a new voter registration form

A new voter registration card will be mailed after your address change is processed.

### **Questions?**

If you have questions, please feel free to call the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or e-mail the Auditor's Office at: [elections@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.whatcom.wa.us)



**Step 1:** Mark your ballot and remove the stub.

**Step 2:** Put your voted ballot in the white secrecy envelope.

**Step 3:** Put the secrecy envelope in the purple return envelope.

**Step 4:** Sign the voter declaration, seal the envelope, and return it to the Auditor's Office. If you are unable to sign your name, you may make a mark in the presence of two witnesses who will verify your act.

- More than one vote for an office and/or measure will be an overvote and no votes for that office or measure will be counted.
- If you do not want to vote for a particular office or measure, you may leave it blank; your other votes will still be counted.
- Contact the Auditor's Office for replacement options if your ballot is damaged or lost.

**If you make a mistake:** Draw a line through the incorrect choice like this:

*John-Doe* ← →, or *YES* ← →, or *NO* ← →.

You then have the option of making another choice, if you wish. ***Do not erase!***

To write-in a name not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the candidate on the line provided.

## Returning Your Ballot

### **By Mail**

Your ballot will count if your envelope is postmarked by Election Day, August 7, 2012. 1st class postage is required.

**OR**

### **If You Do Not Wish to Return Your Ballot by Mail**

You can drop your ballot off as soon as you vote at one of the following ballot drop sites (no postage is required).

#### **Whatcom County Auditor's Office**

Whatcom County Courthouse  
311 Grand Ave., Suite 103  
Bellingham, WA

**HOURS:** Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Election Day Only: 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### **Courthouse Drive-Up Ballot Drop Box**

South courthouse parking lot  
Accessible from Grand Avenue only  
201 Grand Avenue, Bellingham

**OPEN:** July 20

**CLOSE:** 8:00 p.m. Election Day, August 7

#### **Blaine Library Drop Box**

610 3rd St.

#### **Deming Library Drop Box**

5044 Mt. Baker Highway

#### **Everson WECU Drop Box**

106 E. Main St.

#### **Ferndale City Hall Drop Box**

2095 Main St.

#### **Lynden Library Drop Box**

216 4th St. (behind building)

#### **Meridian Middle School Drop Box**

861 Ten Mile Rd.



**Washington State Law Prohibits Ballots Deposited After 8:00 p.m. on Election Day From Being Counted.**



## John Swapp

(Prefers Independent-GOP Party)

**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** A small business owner, I am the founder of a small advanced-technology manufacturing company, now in it's 16th year of operation. I have first-hand experience in starting a business, creating a workforce & payroll, and maintaining that payroll through good times and bad.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science, Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Western Washington University, 1984

**Community Service:** Sedro-Woolley chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors; Sedro-Woolley Rotary club; Chinook Enterprises; Business Advisory Council; Sedro-Woolley High School; Vocational Advisory Council; Society of Manufacturing Engineers; Seattle Chapter Board of Directors

**Statement:** I'm running for Senate to provide a pragmatic voice in the creation of jobs, improving schools and protecting our way of life. Growing up in Anacortes and playing on the beaches since I was a child has given me the desire to preserve our unique environment. I will listen, respect the opinions of others and work with anyone regardless of party to find solutions.

Coming from a family of teachers, I understand the challenges of our education system, and will work with all stakeholders to find solutions.

As a proven job creator, I see our state becoming less competitive and lacking focus on how to create jobs. I will help the private sector grow by reducing the tax burden on everyone and reducing excessive regulations while maintaining our strong environmental protections. I have spent years making calm, measured and rational decisions in the aerospace industry and I can bring that experience to Olympia. The incumbent voted for job-killing tax increases and overturned the voters' will to require a 2/3 majority to increase taxes. I will bring practical and personal knowledge, based on education and experience in the real world outside of government bureaucracy, to the State Senate.

**For More Information:**

(360) 770-3006

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## Kevin Ranker

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience:** WA State Senator '08-'12; San Juan County Councilmember '04-'08

**Other Professional Experience:** Nearly two decades of professional experience in the private and public sectors developing policy, community development strategies, and conservation initiatives: Principal and Owner of a successful consulting company for several years; Chair of the San Juan County Board of County Commissioners;

Senior Fellow with the Ocean Foundation; Chair of the Washington Counties Transportation Committee.

**Education:** BS, Evergreen State College, Ecology/Community Development; Graduate, University of Idaho, Energy Horizon Institute

**Community Service:** Board of Directors UCD School of Wildlife Health SeaDoc Society, Orcas Island; San Juan Island Grange; Sons of the American Legion

**Statement:** As a husband and father, with his son in the US Navy and his daughter in the same Orcas Island home his grandmother lived in while teaching elementary school, Kevin is rooted

in our region and is committed to our quality of life.

As your Senator, Kevin's focus has been on our shared priorities. In his first term, he helped create thousands of needed jobs with local transportation and capital improvement projects. He established critical tax reforms for small businesses. Kevin helped create the strongest oil spill response and preparedness program in the country. He's championed environmental restoration; cleaning up and restoring toxic sites and expanding renewable energy projects-creating numerous green jobs in the process.

As your Senator, Kevin Ranker fought cynical partisan attacks on our schools and universities; protecting K-12 and Higher Education from additional budget cuts. He's proud to have sponsored historic legislation extending full marriage equality to every Washington couple. He's a tireless advocate for women's reproductive rights, family planning and the protection of the social safety net in the budget.

With your support, Kevin will to continue focusing on jobs, economic development and protecting our quality of life. *Let's send Kevin Ranker back to Olympia.*

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www.KevinRanker.com



## Jim Cozad

(States No Party Preference)

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Jim Cozad is a retired teacher and coach from the Bellingham School District, having taught and implemented opportunities for "At Risk" students and families for over 30 years at Sehome High School. He is currently employed at the Opportunity Council in Bellingham working on poverty and homelessness issues. He has served on the Whatcom County

Interfaith Coalition Board for 15 years and the Homeless Coalition for 20 years and is also a former Chairman of the Whatcom County Democrats. He is currently Chairman of the MLK Poverty Action Committee and Executive Director of the Whatcom County Re-Entry Coalition.

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** Election/campaign finance reform; local control of our schools and communities; better pathways to prosperity for all; criminal justice vs. restorative justice; living wage jobs, affordable housing, affordable education, and local sustainable economic vitality efforts are all topics that will be addressed during this campaign.

It's no longer business as usual. We must think outside the box! These will be just a few topics that will be discussed by our campaign. Going into the fifth year of a great economic depression, it has become evident that our systems and structures (political, economic, criminal justice, social systems, education, etc.) are in chaos. If we keep doing the same thing over and over again, we'll get the same results. Not good enough, we must have better results as we move all of our neighbors towards a better hopeful future.

This campaign is about asking tough questions, thinking outside the box in regards to our needs, wants, and priorities from the bottom up, not from the top down. All of us can make a difference in some way. We must all come together in the spirit of community to support our struggling neighbors and move beyond our differences for Better Pathways to Prosperity.

**For More Information:**

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## State Representative District 40 Position 1



## Kristine Lytton

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience:** State Legislator/40th District; Assistant Majority Floor Leader, State House of Representatives; Vice-Chair of the House Education Committee, Member, Agriculture and Natural Resources and Capital Budget Committees.

**Other Professional Experience:** Former President of Anacortes School Board; Shell Oil Company, Financial/Accounting Departments; Citicorp Executive Development Center, Staff Vice President.

**Education:** Southern Illinois University, University of Missouri, Lewis & Clark Community College (Godfrey, Ill.)

**Community Service:** Skagit County Community Action Agency; Ecosystem Coordinating Board; Anacortes Schools Foundation, past Board member; Anacortes Senior College, past Board member; Anacortes/San Juan Island American Red Cross, past Board member.

**Statement:** Kristine Lytton was elected Assistant Majority Leader in her first legislative term, giving our 40th District a front row seat in delivering for our priorities: education, jobs and the environment. She made sure there were no education cuts this year; delivered new teacher/principal evaluation systems; and funded grants to train kids for future science jobs.

Kristine supported new construction jobs for our region and helped improve roads and ferries. With Kristine's support, farms are protected the same as other natural resources, and new laws and funding will help end derelict nets and fishing gear in our marine waters.

**For More Information:**

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## State Representative District 40 Position 2



## Howard A. Pellett

(Prefers Green Party)

**Elected Experience:** Appointed 6 years Bothell Planning Commission, elected 4 years Bothell City Council, chosen chair Green Party of Skagit County 10 years.

**Other Professional Experience:** Significant IRS experience investigation and prosecution of foreign tax evasion schemes and white collar crime.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in accounting.

**Community Service:** Activist formerly involved with the North Sound Alliance. Currently involved with Living Democracy-Skagit. Also President of the Guemes Island Property Owners Association and Alverson Tract Owners Association. Self help group facilitator for Smart Recovery, a substance abuse program with meetings conducted at Monroe Prison, the Everett Community Justice Center and Anacortes. Endorsed by the Green Party of Washington.

**Statement:** I'm asking you to "throw your vote" away, not vote for the lesser of two evils. The sooner we begin to cause candidates of major parties to lose elections, the sooner we'll change the system. We limit campaign contributions to \$100 from individuals only.

Issues I promise to work on are the Motion to Amend the constitution to eliminate corporate person hood, the movement to acquire Community Bills of Right, a State Bank and opposition to the planned coal ports proposed for the Northwest which are estimated to send 150 million tons of coal to Asia, adding to global climate change.

**For More Information:**

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## Jeff Morris

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Significant Career Experience: Jeff Morris is a fourth-generation native of Guemes Island. As owner of Energy Horizon LLC, Jeff directs an international energy planning program. He was co-founder of Northwest Energy Angels which invest in new energy technology start-ups. The US Dept. of Energy recognized his achievements by naming him a "West Coast Power Player" and his work was internationally recognized by the Canadian Government. Noted as one of our most prominent leaders on energy and technology policies, Jeff speaks on these subjects each year around the world.

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** It is my great privilege to represent the citizens of Skagit, Whatcom, and San Juan counties. I am asking you for that privilege again. I have challenged our State government to get out of the box and approach problems differently. It is not an easy fight. Changing business as usual will solve problems more efficiently and effectively. I offer a win-win approach to extreme views in Government. I will also continue my work in technology, clean energy, communications and privacy to get you the newest technology quickly, clean energy cheaply and protect your privacy.

**For More Information:**  
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jeff@morriscampaign.com

## State Representative District 42 Position 1



## Natalie McClendon

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience:** First time candidate

**Other Professional Experience:** Small Business Owner; former teacher in Whatcom County schools.

**Education:** Secondary Teaching certificate, WWU; Career & Technical Education Certificate, Central Washington University; B.A. University of Nebraska.

**Community Service:** Natalie has served as President of the Parkview School PTA, Den Leader and Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 2, and Board Chair of a community-supported radio station. In 2007, she was elected Chair of the Whatcom County Democratic Party.

**Statement:** As a small business owner, I'll use my real world experience to make tough decisions when we balance the state's budget. Good ideas are just that: good ideas, and don't come with a party label. I believe in investing in Washington's people. Jobs are our priority.

My teaching experience will inform another top priority: insuring our children get the best education possible, for the jobs of the future. We must address some of the highest class sizes in America, inadequate buildings and skyrocketing college tuition rates. Endorsed by Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood Votes, Washington State Labor Council.

**For More Information:**  
(360) 319-8287  
natalie@peoplefornatalie.com  
www.peoplefornatalie.com



## Jason Overstreet

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience:** 42nd District State Representative, 2010-Present; Blaine City Councilman, 2005-2010; Former Chairman, Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee; Former Chairman, Rural Economic Development Loan Committee

**Other Professional Experience:** U.S. Army Veteran; Small Business Owner; Professional Firefighter

**Education:** Whatcom Community College, A.A.S.; Bellingham Technical College, A.A.S. Land Surveying

**Community Service:** Former Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer; Former Volunteer Firefighter with Whatcom County Fire Districts 1 & 8

**Statement:** With the future of our state and nation at stake, politicians continue to want to spend more money than they have, raise your taxes and regulate your business and property into oblivion. My campaign for less government, lower taxes and more freedom respects you, your property and the fruits of your labor. I will continue to support market-based solutions that allow the private sector to create jobs, build strong businesses, and ensure a strong economy for Whatcom County and Washington State. I would be honored to have your vote.

**For More Information:**  
(360) 389-2413  
jason@voteoverstreet.com  
voteoverstreet.com

## State Representative District 42 Position 2



## Matthew Krogh

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience:** I am knowledgeable on local issues and feel compelled to run for public office to be your voice in Olympia--Whatcom County deserves strong representation. America's system of law and government is a model for the world and needs practical people involved in our state.

**Other Professional Experience:** I co-own a small apparel manufacturing business and co-authored the book Integrity. I've dedicated my professional life to nonprofit education, at-risk-youth programs, and clean water.

**Education:** BS and MS from WWU

**Community Service:** Beach cleanups, river cleanups, and trail work. Business donor to the Wounded Warrior Project. I'm a third generation Washingtonian and raised my daughter here.

**Statement:** I am a father, husband, homeowner and small business owner. Opportunity and prosperity depend on great public schools, and accessible higher education and healthcare. Our Whatcom economy needs stable agriculture, healthy environment, and real jobs. We need to work with stakeholders to create common sense water policies.

When times are tough, government should invest in infrastructure and business development to create great local jobs and keep people in their homes--not waste taxpayer money on a coal terminal that costs jobs and risks human health. I will keep government accountable, the budget sustainable, and make Washington work for you.

**For More Information:**  
(360) 527-3222  
matt.krogh@comcast.net



## Vincent Buys

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience:** 2010 Elected Washington State Representative - 42nd Legislative District

**Other Professional Experience:** Small business owner and general contractor, Katadoxa Enterprises DBA Dutchman Construction; Ranking Assistant, Business and Financial Services House Committee; House Republican Member, State Building Code Council

**Education:** Graduate Lynden Christian High School; Attended classes at TWU, ITT Tech and PCC; Graduate Bellingham Technical College - Electronics Technologies

**Community Service:** Whatcom Young Professionals, Lynden Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Business Club, Lynden Toastmasters, Starfish Ministries, North County CTK Church

**Statement:** I am honored to have served the last two years as your representative in Whatcom

County. I have *worked hard* to provide effective leadership and understand the needs and values we all share. I have *fought* to decrease unemployment, *strengthen* our local businesses, farms and communities and have been an outspoken *advocate* for higher education. I have *supported* legislation to reduce burdensome regulations, provide water rights flexibility and increase student involvement in education governance.

I will continue, with your support, to be a leader who *prioritizes* the needs of Whatcom County and ensures that *your* voice is heard in Olympia.

**For More Information:**  
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## Mary Kay Becker

(Nonpartisan)

**Legal/Judicial Experience:** Court of Appeals Judge since 1994. Chief judge of Division One for two years; one year as presiding chief judge of the entire court. Attorney in private practice in Bellingham from 1984-1994.

**Other Professional Experience:** Legislator elected to represent 42nd District in Whatcom County for four terms, 1975-1983; Member of Whatcom County Council, 1984-85.

**Education:** Lake Quinalt High School, 1962; B.A. Stanford University, 1966; B. Ed. Western Washington University, 1970; J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 1982.

**Community Service:** Judge Becker was a member of Washington's first constitutional redistricting commission. She was a member of Western Washington University's Board of Trustees from 1989-94.

**Statement:** Mary Kay Becker was born in Aberdeen, Washington and grew up working at her family's business at Kalaloch. She has been a resident of Bellingham since 1969.

Judge Becker was first introduced to the practice of law as a paralegal for Northwest Washington Legal Services. In 1973 she co-authored "Superspill", a fictional account of a major oil spill on Puget Sound. As a member of the state House of Representatives she became particularly involved with legislation having to do with juvenile and adult sentencing, agriculture, environmental affairs, and budgeting for social services and institutions.

This year, Judge Becker is running unopposed. She thanks the voters for the opportunity to do the challenging and interesting work of the Court of Appeals.

A useful website to find out more about judicial candidates in Washington is [www.votingforjudges.org](http://www.votingforjudges.org)

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## Whatcom County Superior Court Judge Position 2



## Dave Grant

(Nonpartisan)

**Legal/Judicial Experience:** Judge, Whatcom County District Court, trial judge hearing criminal and civil trials since 2005. Presiding Judge responsible for overseeing court administration since 2009. Superior Court Elected Judge Pro Tempore since 2007. Deputy Prosecutor, Whatcom County Prosecutor's Office, 1986 – 2005, 12 years criminal trial prosecutor; 6 years civil attorney advising and litigating cases for elected officials, county departments, and the people of Whatcom County.

**Other Professional Experience:** Police Officer, Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Education:** Law Degree, University of Nebraska; Master's Degree, Criminal Justice, Michigan State University; Bachelor's Degree, Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska.

**Community Service:** Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center; District & Municipal Court Judges' Association; Washington Pilots Association.

**Statement:** Judge David Grant has been an outstanding District Court judge for over 7 years;

appointed by the County Council and re-elected twice by citizens. He has presided over hundreds of criminal and civil trials. He developed new programs and procedures for District Court addressing domestic violence, mental health, mediation, and computerized access; all done within budget.

Judge Grant is uniquely qualified to preside over Superior Court cases from day one. As a prosecutor, he spent 18 years practicing law in trial and appellate courts, including the Washington Supreme Court. He is experienced in land use, industrial permitting, and environmental laws. He is experienced in weighing the individual liberty and community safety interests at stake in criminal trials. Being a trial judge, he knows civil law and litigation.

Judge Grant values and protects our rights and liberties, and is committed to upholding our laws and Constitution. He brings to court fairness, common sense, and respect for the rule of law and for all people. Grant is a proven, hardworking, and impartial judge. He would be honored to have your vote.

Judge Grant's endorsements include: Judges Moynihan, Swedberg, Elich, Lewis, Bobbink; Attorney General McKenna; Prosecutor McEachran; Public Defenders; Sheriff Elfo; Police Chiefs.

**For More Information:** [grantforsuperiorcourt@gmail.com](mailto:grantforsuperiorcourt@gmail.com)  
(360) 201-3087 [www.grantforsuperiorcourt.com](http://www.grantforsuperiorcourt.com)



## Deborra Garrett

(Nonpartisan)

**Legal/Judicial Experience:** Whatcom County Superior Court: 30 years of experience in business, family, civil, and criminal law; represented abused children and other crime victims; served as judge pro tem and arbitrator. Successfully argued appeals in Washington Court of Appeals, Washington Supreme Court, and U.S. Supreme Court.

**Other Professional Experience:** President, Whatcom County Bar Association; Disciplinary case hearing officer, Washington State Bar Association.

**Education:** Graduate, Pennsylvania State University and George Washington University Law School.

**Community Service:** Coach, Meridian High School mock trial team (2001-present); pro bono (volunteer) attorney, Womenscare Shelter (1980-present) and YWCA; Board of Directors: St. Francis Foundation, Law Advocates (volunteer attorney program), Pickford Film Center.

**Statement:** Most Superior Court cases involve families, businesses, real estate, employment, and injuries to people. Deborra has practiced in all these areas of law, and she is committed to

the rights and liberties of all members of our community.

Deborra was awarded the Washington State Bar Association's "Local Hero" award for protecting the privacy rights of Whatcom County library patrons and "Pro Bono" award for outstanding work as a volunteer attorney. She successfully represented Mothers Against Drunk Driving in a case before the Washington Supreme Court. Deborra has been rated consistently at "the highest level of professional excellence" and is respected by her colleagues and clients for her legal skills, hard work, and common sense.

Deborra's dedication to our community shows in her far-reaching community service. In addition to her volunteer work with teens and nonprofits, she has served for 25 years with Law Advocates, 8 years on the Bellingham Planning Commission, 3 years on the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission, and on many local and state judicial committees.

Hundreds of local citizens have endorsed Deborra including judges, mayors, state legislators, city and county council members, small business owners, attorneys, and your friends and neighbors. For information, visit [www.dgarrettforjudge.com](http://www.dgarrettforjudge.com) and [www.votingforjudges.org](http://www.votingforjudges.org).

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## Carrie M. Coppinger Carter

(Nonpartisan)

**Legal/Judicial Experience:** Thirteen years as trial lawyer with extensive civil and commercial experience in Whatcom County Superior Court, including criminal and family law. Judge Pro Tem, Whatcom County District Court, since 2007. State Bar Association's Disciplinary Board, 2006-09. Admitted to federal, state, and local tribal courts. Judicial Institute Fellow 2012.

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:** Nooksack Valley HS; University of Washington, BA/BA with honors; Seattle University School of Law, JD.

**Community Service:** 2011 NVHS Graduate of Distinction for Outstanding Service to School, Community and Career; 2009 LAW Advocates Volunteer Attorney Award for extraordinary service; volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, St. Paul's Academy and Immanuel Lutheran Church.

**Statement:** As a judge for the people, I pledge to apply the law as it is written. With experience in criminal and family law and complex property, civil and commercial disputes, I'm respected for being knowledgeable about Superior Court's proceedings and rules of evidence. As a Leadership Institute Fellow and three-time Rising Star Award recipient with a perfect Avvo.com rating, the legal community has recognized my leadership and skills.

A lifelong Whatcom County resident, I learned the value of hard work by milking cows, driving garbage trucks, picking berries and waitressing to put myself through school. As a business owner, I supervise personnel, ensure quality service and maintain efficient operations on a budget. Supporters include Mayors of Everson, Nooksack, Sumas and Blaine, individual law enforcement, firefighters, business owners, union leaders and pastors.

My diverse experiences as an attorney, mother and volunteer will bring a fresh perspective. I possess the necessary energy for Superior Court's high workload, plus the depth and breadth of experience most relevant to the job. While I'd be the first woman to serve as a Whatcom County Superior Court judge, above all I'm the candidate most qualified for the position. I'd be honored to receive your vote.

**For More Information:** [ccc4judge@gmail.com](mailto:ccc4judge@gmail.com)  
(360) 389-8683 [www.ccc4judge.com](http://www.ccc4judge.com)

## Accessible Voting Unit

### What is an Accessible Voting Unit?

An accessible voting unit (AVU) is federally required. It is equipped with visual and audio technology that allows voters with impaired vision and/or physical disabilities to vote a secret ballot. The AVU is an accurate and secure way to vote.

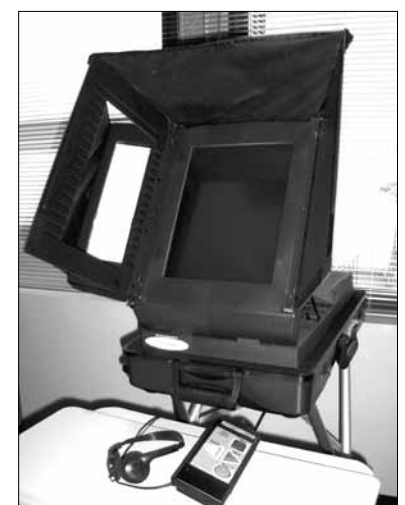
### Where will the AVU be located?

The AVU will be located at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Ave., Suite 103, Bellingham, WA.

### When can I vote using the AVU?

You may vote beginning Friday, July 20, 2012. The AVU will be available to vote in the Auditor's Office Mon. – Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The AVU will be available on Election Day, Tuesday, August 7, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.



**Fire Protection District No. 4  
Whatcom County, Washington  
Proposition No. 1  
Authorizing Real Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 4, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2012-1 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.26 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2012 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

LEVY YES ( )                      LEVY NO ( )

### Explanatory Statement

This measure establishes the levy for Fire District 4 at \$1.26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This is an \$0.15 per \$1,000 increase but is still significantly below the level of \$1.50 per \$1,000 previously approved by voters in 1994. This levy is the primary source of revenue for Fire District 4. Last year, Fire District 4 has made significant changes to reduce operating costs, including consolidating with Fire District 21. However, state limitations on revenue increases do not allow the Fire District to keep up with increasing costs. Passage of Proposition No. 1 will allow the Fire District to set the levy rate at \$1.26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as otherwise authorized by law. Voter approval of Proposition No. 1 will provide funding for the District to continue to provide a consistent level of fire and emergency medical services to its residents.

### Statement For:

Residents of Fire District 4 receive a high quality of fire and emergency services at the lowest levy rate of any comparable fire agency in Whatcom County. Careful planning has allowed the district to improve services without asking residents for any additional funding since 1994. We have grown from an all volunteer department to a combination of part-time paid and full-time career firefighter/EMTs. However, our district is primarily residential with little opportunity for economic growth. Watching property values drop and new construction decline, the board of commissioners began making adjustments to maintain services without draining reserves during the economic downturn.

In July 2011, Fire 4 contracted for services with North Whatcom Fire & Rescue. Doing so, we believe, provides the best emergency response for the money. Both districts can operate more cost-effectively without duplications. Fire 4 has gained 24-hour firefighter staffing at its headquarters station; in-house fleet maintenance; and added training.

Approval of Proposition 1 will allow the district to keep up with costs without sacrificing public safety or gutting reserves. The increased rate of \$0.15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation would cost the owner of a \$200,000 home \$30 annually. Vote YES in continued support of community safety.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

*No statement submitted*

### Statement Against:

*No statement submitted*

### Rebuttal of Statement For:

*No statement submitted*

Statement For prepared by: Citizens for Fire District 4

**Statements For, Statements Against, and Rebuttals are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any government agency.**

## Ballot Measure Complete Text

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4  
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-1**

**A RESOLUTION** of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District 4, Whatcom County, Washington providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held therein on August 7, 2012, in conjunction with the State primary election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.26 per \$1,000 which is an increase of \$0.15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$1.26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2012 and thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations, all as more particularly set forth herein.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4, (the "District") has determined that it appears certain money available for the Expense Fund for the calendar year 2012 would be insufficient to permit the District to meet the expenses of operation, services, and maintenance essential and necessary for the protection of the public health, life, and property of its residents during such calendar year, given the current levy rate of \$1.11 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; and that it is necessary for the regular property tax levy of the District be set at \$1.26 per \$1,000, such levy to be made in 2012 for collection in 2013, and in succeeding years, on all taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing 100% of the true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), in order for the Expense Fund of the District to be able to provide sufficient funds to meet those expenses; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**Section 1.** The Auditor of Whatcom County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to find and declare the existence of an emergency. The Auditor further is requested to call and conduct a special election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held herein on August 7, 2012 in conjunction with the State primary election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the District, for their approval or rejection, a proposition of whether the regular property tax levy of the District shall be set at and maintained at \$1.26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; such levy to be made in 2012 for collection in 2013, and in succeeding years, on all the taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing 100% of the true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations; and for the

dollar amount of such levies to be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050.

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

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
PROPOSITION NO. 1  
RESTORING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 4, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2012-1 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.26 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2012 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

LEVY YES ( )

LEVY NO ( )

**Section 3.** The Secretary of the District is directed (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 2012-1 showing its adoption by the Board at least eighty-four (84) days prior to the date of such special election; and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the District at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether such excess tax levy shall be made.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4, at an open public meeting thereof this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4, Commissioner Harry Andrews, Commissioner Steve Ness, Commissioner Mary Beth Neal.

ATTEST and CERTIFICATION: Kerstin Parks, District Secretary Board of Fire Commissioners

Sample Ballot
Whatcom County, Washington
Primary Election - August 7, 2012

Not all districts or measures on this sample will appear on your ballot. Only the district that you're entitled to vote on will appear.

Beginning this year the only Precinct Committee Officer contests that will appear on the ballot are where there are two or more candidates of the same party running in a precinct.

To Vote: Use either blue or black ink. Do not use a felt tip pen or pencil. Connect the Head and Tail of the arrow that points to your choice with a Single Line as shown.



To Correct A Mistake: Draw a line through the incorrect choice like this: John Doe. You then have the option of making another choice if you wish.

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

In any race you choose to vote, vote for only one candidate.

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

Federal - Partisan Offices

U. S. Senator Position 1

- Michael Baumgartner (Prefers Republican Party)
Will Baker (Prefers Reform Party)
Chuck Jackson (Prefers Republican Party)
Timmy (Doc) Wilson (Prefers Democratic Party)
Art Coday (Prefers Republican Party)
Maria Cantwell (Prefers Democratic Party)
Glen (Stocky) R. Stockwell (Prefers Republican Party)
Mike the Mover (Prefers Republican Party)
Write-In

U.S. Representative Congressional District 1

- John Koster (Prefers Republican Party)
Darcy Burner (Prefers Democratic Party)
Darshan Rauniyar (Prefers Democratic Party)
Laura Ruderman (Prefers Democratic Party)
Suzan DelBene (Prefers Democratic Party)
Steve Hobbs (Prefers Democratic Party)
Larry Ishmael (Prefers Independent Party)
Write-In

U.S. Representative Congressional District 2

- Mike Lapointe (Prefers The 99% Party)
Dan Matthews (Prefers Republican Party)
Eli Olson (Prefers Republican Party)
Rick Larsen (Prefers Democratic Party)
Glen S. Johnson (States No Party Preference)
John C. W. Shoop (Prefers The Republican Party)
Write-In

State of Washington Partisan Offices

Governor

- Rob Hill (Prefers Democratic Party)
Rob McKenna (Prefers Republican Party)
Jay Inslee (Prefers Democratic Party)
James White (Prefers Independent Party)
Christian Joubert (States No Party Preference)
Shahram Hadian (Prefers Republican Party)
L. Dale Sorgen (Prefers Independent Party)
Max Sampson (Prefers Republican Party)
Javier O. Lopez (Prefers Republican Party)
Write-In

Lieutenant Governor

- Glenn Anderson (Prefers Indep Republican Party)
Brad Owen (Prefers Democrat Party)
James Robert Deal (States No Party Preference)
Bill Finkbeiner (Prefers Republican Party)
Dave T. Sumner IV (Prefers Neopopulist Party)
Mark Greene (Prefers Democracy Indep. Party)
Write-In

Secretary of State

- Jim Kastama (Prefers Democratic Party)
David J. Anderson (States No Party Preference)
Sam Wright (Prefers The Human Rights Party)
Karen Murray (Prefers Constitution Party)
Kathleen Drew (Prefers Democratic Party)
Kim Wyman (Prefers Republican Party)
Greg Nickels (Prefers Democratic Party)
Write-In

State Treasurer

- Jim McIntire (Prefers Democratic Party)
Write-In

State Auditor

- Troy Kelley (Prefers Democratic Party)
James Watkins (Prefers Republican Party)
Mark Miloscia (Prefers Democratic Party)
Craig Pridemore (Prefers Democratic Party)
Write-In

Attorney General

- Bob Ferguson (Prefers Democratic Party)
Reagan Dunn (Prefers Republican Party)
Stephen Pidgeon (Prefers Republican Party)
Write-In

Commissioner of Public Lands

- Stephen A. Sharon (States No Party Preference)
Peter J. Goldmark (Prefers Democratic Party)
Clint Didier (Prefers Republican Party)
Write-In

State of Washington (Con't) Nonpartisan Office

Superintendent of Public Instruction

- James Bauckman
Randy I. Dorn
Don Hansler
John Patterson Blair
Ronald L. (Ron) Higgins
Write-In

Partisan Offices

Insurance Commissioner

- John R. Adams (Prefers Republican Party)
Mike Kreidler (Prefers Democratic Party)
Scott Reilly (Prefers Republican Party)
Brian C. Berend (Prefers Independent Party)
Write-In

State of Washington

State Senator District 40

- John Swapp (Prefers Independent-Gop Party)
Kevin Ranker (Prefers Democratic Party)
Jim Cozad (States No Party Preference)
Write-In

State Representative District 40 Position 1

- Kristine Lytton (Prefers Democratic Party)
Write-In

State Representative District 40 Position 2

- Howard A. Pellett (Prefers Green Party)
Jeff Morris (Prefers Democratic Party)
Write-In

State Representative District 42 Position 1

- Natalie McClendon (Prefers Democratic Party)
Jason Overstreet (Prefers Republican Party)
Write-In

State Representative District 42 Position 2

- Matthew Krogh (Prefers Democrat Party)
Vincent Buys (Prefers Republican Party)
Write-In

Washington State Judicial Nonpartisan Offices

State Supreme Court Justice Position 2

- Douglas W. McQuaid
Susan Owens
Scott Stafne
Write-In

State Supreme Court Justice Position 8

- Bruce O. Danielson
Steve Gonzalez
Write-In

State Supreme Court Justice Position 9

- Bruce Hilyer
Sheryl Gordon McCloud
Richard B. Sanders
John W. Ladenburg
Write-In

Court of Appeals Div 1 District 3 Position 1

- Mary Kay Becker
Write-In

Whatcom County Judicial Nonpartisan Office

Superior Court Judge Position 2

- Dave Grant
Deborra Garrett
Carrie M. Coppinger Carter
Write-In

Whatcom County Fire Protection District 4

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LEVY YES

LEVY NO

Election of Political Party Precinct Committee Officer - Partisan Office

For this office only: In order to vote for precinct committee officer, a partisan office, you must affirm that you are a Democrat or a Republican and may vote only for one candidate from the party you select. Your vote for a candidate affirms your affiliation with the same party as the candidate. This preference is private and will not be matched to your name or shared.

Precinct xxx

- John Doe - (party name) I affirm I am a (party name)
Jane Doe - (party name) I affirm I am a (party name)