

WHATCOM COUNTY LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET General Election – November 4, 2008



Dear Whatcom County Voter:

This is an exciting year as we choose the next United States President and Vice President in addition to federal, state, and local officials!

In each race for partisan office, the two candidates who received the most votes in the August Primary Election advance to the November General Election.

I encourage you to read the entire voters' pamphlet for an excellent source of information on candidates and measures.

We are all a part of history in the making . . . Your vote is our future!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Forslof".

Shirley Forslof
Whatcom County Auditor

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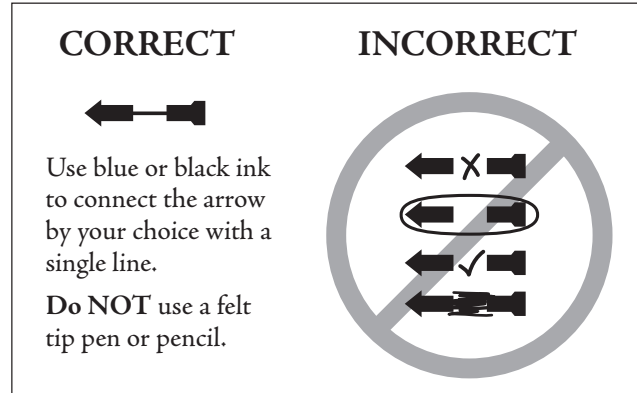
Public Utility Commissioner, Whatcom County, Bellingham City, Fire Protection District Nos. 2, 6, 9, and 10, and Fire Protection District No. 21

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To Vote Your Ballot

STEP 1: To Vote Your Ballot. Use blue or black ink. Do NOT use a felt tip pen or pencil. Draw a single line to connect the arrow. Do not cut or deface your ballot.

- Your ballot will not count if you sign your name or otherwise identify yourself on your ballot.
- More than one vote for an office or ballot measure will be an overvote and no votes for that office or ballot measure will be counted, unless specifically allowed by law.



STEP 2: Remove Stub. Remove the stub at the top of the ballot at the perforation and discard the stub.

STEP 3: Keep It Secret. Place the voted ballot in the white secrecy envelope and seal it.

STEP 4: Mailing Envelope. Place the white secrecy envelope inside the return envelope.

STEP 5: Sign the Voter Affidavit. Read and sign the voter affidavit on the back of the return envelope.

- The return envelope must be signed by you in order for your ballot to be counted. If you are unable to sign your name, have two people witness your mark on your ballot envelope.
- Ballot signatures are matched with your voter registration.

STEP 6: Protect Your Privacy. Seal the envelope so the privacy flap covers your signature as indicated on the envelope.

STEP 7: Mail Your Ballot. Affix first-class postage before you deposit your ballot in the mail.

- To assure your vote will be counted, your ballot needs to be postmarked **no later** than Election Day or deposited in the Curbside Ballot Drop Box located at 311 Grand Ave., by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE: Draw a line through the entire candidate's name like this: ~~John Doe~~ ←— 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 in the space provided.

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.

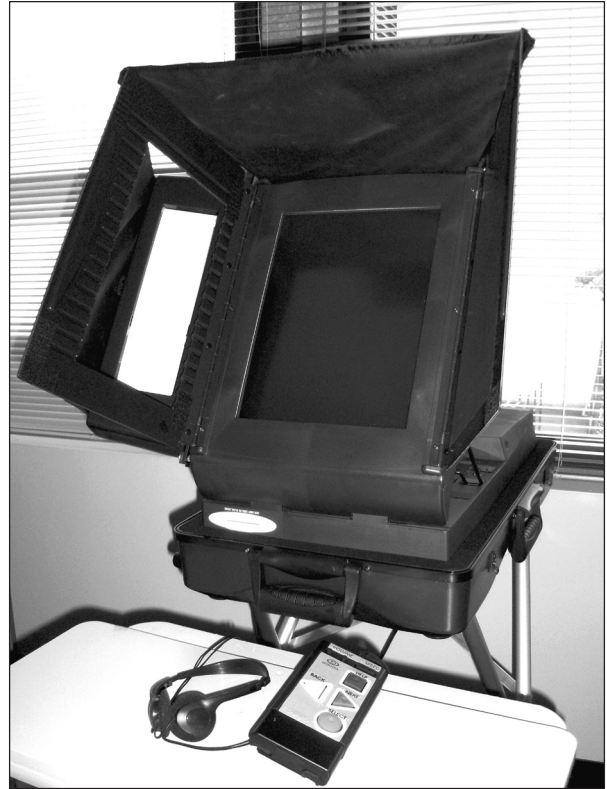
Where will the AVU be located?

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 Wednesday, October 15, 2008. The AVU will be available to vote in the Auditor's Office Mon. – Fri., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The AVU will be available on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2008, from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Is the AVU secure?

Yes. The AVU stands alone and is not connected to the Internet or an intranet. When a vote is cast the ballot selections are encrypted and stored within the voting unit. The ballot order is scrambled to ensure the voter's anonymity and leaves no connection between the voter and his or her recorded vote.

How can I be sure my vote will be counted?

The AVU displays a paper record of your selections before you cast your ballot. Your secret ballot is electronically stored and it cannot be traced back to you.

Sample Ballot

SAMPLE BALLOT WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2008

NOT ALL DISTRICTS OR BALLOT MEASURES ON THIS SAMPLE WILL APPEAR ON YOUR BALLOT. ONLY THE DISTRICT AND MEASURE THAT YOU'RE ENTITLED TO VOTE ON WILL APPEAR.

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.



- **IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE:** Draw a line through the entire candidate's name 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.
- **Overvote:** More than one vote for an office or ballot measure will be an overvote and no votes for that office or measure will be counted.
- **More Instructions:** See enclosed instruction insert.

STATE MEASURES	
INITIATIVE TO THE PEOPLE	
Proposed by Initiative Petition	
INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 985	
Initiative Measure No. 985 concerns transportation.	
This measure would open high-occupancy vehicle lanes to all traffic during specified hours, require traffic light synchronization, increase roadside assistance funding, and dedicate certain taxes, fines, tolls and other revenues to traffic-flow purposes.	
Should this measure be enacted into law?	YES ←
	NO ←
INITIATIVE TO THE PEOPLE	
Proposed by Initiative Petition	
INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 1000	
Initiative Measure No. 1000 concerns allowing certain terminally ill competent adults to obtain lethal prescriptions.	
This measure would permit terminally ill, competent, adult Washington residents, who are medically predicted to have six months or less to live, to request and self-administer lethal medication prescribed by a physician.	
Should this measure be enacted into law?	YES ←
	NO ←
INITIATIVE TO THE PEOPLE	
Proposed by Initiative Petition	
INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 1029	
Initiative Measure No. 1029 concerns long-term care services for the elderly and persons with disabilities.	
This measure would require long-term care workers to be certified as home care aides based on an examination, with exceptions; increase training and criminal background check requirements; and establish disciplinary standards and procedures.	
Should this measure be enacted into law?	YES ←
	NO ←
WHATCOM COUNTY	
CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1	
Submitted by the Whatcom County Council	
The Whatcom County Council has, by Ordinance #2007-069, proposed a charter amendment concerning election of Council Offices. It provides that, in the general election, each voter may vote for each Council Office from each district and for the at-large Council Office regardless of the district in which the voter lives, when those offices are up for election. Each candidate must reside in the district she/he represents, except for the at-large candidate.	
Should this amendment be:	APPROVED ←
	REJECTED ←

FEDERAL Partisan Office	
PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT	
4 YEAR TERM	Vote For One
Barack Obama/Joe Biden Democratic Party Nominees	←
John McCain/Sarah Palin Republican Party Nominees	←
Ralph Nader/Matt Gonzalez Independent Candidates	←
Gloria La Riva/Eugene Puryear Socialism & Liberation Party Nominees	←
James E. Harris/Alyson Kennedy Socialist Workers Party Nominees	←
Bob Barr/Wayne A. Root Libertarian Party Nominees	←
Chuck Baldwin/Darrell L. Castle Constitution Party Nominees	←
Cynthia McKinney/Rosa Clemente Green Party Nominees	←
Write-In (Include the Party)	←
READ: Each candidate for President and Vice-President is the official nominee of a political party. For other partisan offices, each candidate 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 Office	
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 2	
2 YEAR TERM	Vote For One
Rick Larsen (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Rick Bart (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Write-In	←

STATE OF WASHINGTON Partisan Offices	
GOVERNOR	
4 YEAR TERM	Vote For One
Christine Gregoire (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Dino Rossi (Prefers G.O.P. Party)	←
Write-In	←
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	
4 YEAR TERM	Vote For One
Brad Owen (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Marcia McCraw (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Write-In	←
SECRETARY OF STATE	
4 YEAR TERM	Vote For One
Sam Reed (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Jason Osgood (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Write-In	←
STATE TREASURER	
4 YEAR TERM	Vote For One
Allan Martin (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Jim McIntire (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Write-In	←
STATE AUDITOR	
4 YEAR TERM	Vote For One
Brian Sonntag (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
J. Richard (Dick) McEntee (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Write-In	←

Sample Ballot

<p style="text-align: center;">ATTORNEY GENERAL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Rob McKenna ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>John Ladenburg ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Doug Sutherland ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Peter J. Goldmark ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <p>STATE OF WASHINGTON</p> <p>Nonpartisan Office</p> </div> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Teresa (Terry) Bergeson ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p>Randy Dorn ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <p>STATE OF WASHINGTON</p> <p>Partisan Offices</p> </div> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">INSURANCE COMMISSIONER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Mike Kreidler ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>John R. Adams ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE SENATOR DISTRICT NO. 39</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Val Stevens ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Fred Walsler ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 39 POSITION NO. 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Dan Kristiansen ← ▶ <small>(Prefers R Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Scott Olson ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 39 POSITION NO. 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Kirk Pearson ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>David E. Personius ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STATE SENATOR DISTRICT NO. 40</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Steve Van Luven ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Kevin Ranker ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40 POSITION NO. 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Dave Quall ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40 POSITION NO. 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Jeff Morris ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Howard Pellett ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Green Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 42 POSITION NO. 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Doug Ericksen ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Mark Flanders ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 42 POSITION NO. 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Kelli Linville ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Jere Hawn ← ▶ <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small></p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <p>PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1</p> <p>Nonpartisan Office</p> </div> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Jeffrey L. McClure ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p>Roderick M. (Robin) Dexter ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <p>STATE JUDICIAL</p> <p>Nonpartisan Offices</p> </div> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE POSITION NO. 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Mary Fairhurst ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE POSITION NO. 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Charles W. Johnson ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE POSITION NO. 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SHORT & FULL 6 YEAR TERM Vote For One</p> <hr/> <p>Debra L. Stephens ← ▶</p> <hr/> <p>Write-In ← ▶</p> <hr/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <p>CITY OF BELLINGHAM</p> </div> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">CITY OF BELLINGHAM CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATED TO THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE POSITION <small>By Bellingham City Council</small></p> <p>The Bellingham City Council has proposed a charter amendment concerning increasing the term of the City Council Member at Large position. If approved, Section 2.02 of the Charter would be amended to change the term of the position from 2 years to 4 years and provide that the term of the Mayor and Council Member at Large would be staggered for each municipal general election.</p> <p>Should this amendment be approved?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES ← ▶</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO ← ▶</p> <hr/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <p>FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2, NO. 6, NO. 9, NO. 10</p> </div> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSITION NO. 1</p> <p>Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 2 Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 6 Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 9 Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CREATION OF REGIONAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AUTHORITY</p> <p>The Boards of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 passed Joint Resolution No. 2008-01 concerning a proposition to create a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority. This measure would approve the plan to create a regional fire authority (the "Authority"). The Authority would replace Whatcom County Fire Districts 2, 6, 9 and 10 as the service provider for fire protection and emergency medical services and would consolidate operational and administrative services into one governmental agency. Funding would be provided by property taxes pursuant to the Plan; the initial levy rate for the Authority would be \$1.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value.</p> <p>Should this proposition be:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APPROVED ← ▶</p> <p style="text-align: right;">REJECTED ← ▶</p> <hr/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <p>FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21</p> </div> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON PROPOSITION NO. 1 AUTHORIZING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY</p> <p>The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 21, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2008-11 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2008 for collection in 2009, and in succeeding years, 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.</p> <p>Should this proposal be:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APPROVED ← ▶</p> <p style="text-align: right;">REJECTED ← ▶</p>
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Where Can I Deposit My Ballot?

If you do not wish to return your ballot by mail, the following ballot drop box locations will be available:

Ballot Drop Box Locations Open 20 Days Prior To Election Day

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: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

OR

Curbside Ballot Drop Box

311 Grand Avenue
(near Courthouse Rotunda)
Bellingham, WA

OPEN: 20 Days Prior to Election
Election Day: Closes at 8:00 p.m.



Election Day ONLY - Ballot Drop Box Locations

Drop Box Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Blaine City Hall:	344 H Street, Blaine, WA
Everson Fire Station:	101 East Main St., Everson, WA
Ferndale Library:	2222 Main St., Ferndale, WA
Kendall Fire Station:	7528 Kendall Rd., Deming, WA
Lynden Public Library:	216 4th St., Lynden, WA
Western Washington University	Viking Union, Room 714, Bellingham, WA

WWU location will also be open on Mon., 11/03, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If You Have Not Received Your Ballot

If you have not received your ballot by October 20, 2008, please contact the Whatcom County Elections Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

Voter Information

Are You A Registered Voter?

If you are a United States citizen and are registering to vote for the first time in the State of Washington, you will need to do so in person at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office no later than October 20, 2008, in order to vote in the November 4, 2008 General Election.

Need a Replacement Ballot?

If your ballot is damaged or lost, a replacement ballot may be obtained by calling the Whatcom County Elections Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Your Right to Privacy

Every voter has the right to vote his or her ballot in secret. Any person attempting to vote when he or she is not entitled, or who falsely signs the affidavit, shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, or both fine and imprisonment.

Where Are The State Measures?

State measures will appear on the General Election Ballot. The General Election will be held on November 4, 2008. A statewide voters' pamphlet, prepared by the Secretary of State's Office, will be delivered to every household in mid-October with information on measures. This information will also be available on the website: www.vote.wa.gov

Candidate and Committee Statement Editing

The Local Voters' Pamphlet includes statements submitted by candidates for local offices and committees "For" and "Against" ballot measures. Statements printed in this pamphlet are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for spelling, factual, or grammatical accuracy by any official government agency.

Who Is Eligible To Vote?

To register to vote, you must be:

- A United States citizen
- 18 years of age on or before the next election
- A legal resident of the State of Washington
- Not currently denied civil rights as a result of a felony conviction

How Can I Register?

A citizen may register to vote by: (1) completing the registration form online at www.vote.wa.gov *only if* you have a Washington State Driver's License or a Washington State I.D. card; (2) completing the Mail-In Voter Registration Form and mailing it to the preprinted return address on the form, or (3) by completing the form in person at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Elections Division.

Where Can I Obtain A Form?

- Complete the registration form online at www.vote.wa.gov *only if* you have a Washington State Driver's License or a Washington State I.D. card
- Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Ave., Suite 103, Bellingham, WA
- The Mail-In Voter Registration Form can be downloaded from the Secretary of State's website: www.secstate.wa.gov
- City and Town Halls
- Regional libraries, public schools, and City of Bellingham Fire Department
- Most state and federal agencies (Social Security, Congressional, etc.)

Voter Information

When Can I Change My Voter Record?

Citizens may register to vote at any time. However, the registration must be postmarked or received at least 30 days prior to an election in order to vote in that election.

A citizen that is not currently registered to vote in the State of Washington may register in person at the Auditor's Office, Elections Division up to 15 days prior to an election.

Name Change

A name change for voter registration requires completion of a new registration form. Information indicating the former name, address, and signature plus the new name and signature must be provided.

If Your Mailing or Residence Address Has Changed:

Now that you have a new mailing address and/or new residential address, your voter record needs to be updated. Updating your record is easy!

Address Change *Within* Whatcom County:

- Online at www.whatcomcounty.us/auditor or at www.vote.wa.gov
- OR-
- Call the Elections Division at the Auditor's Office at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555

Address Change *Outside* Whatcom County:

- Online at www.vote.wa.gov
- OR-
- Call the Elections Division at the Auditor's Office in your new county of residence.

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

When to Cancel Registrations

One of the challenges we face is keeping track of registered voters who have moved out of Whatcom County or who have recently passed away.

- Your signature is required to cancel your voter registration.
- If a family member has passed away, contact the Elections Division and a form will be mailed for you to complete.

Questions?

If you have questions, please call the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Elections Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTICE

When Will Vote By Mail Ballots Be Mailed?

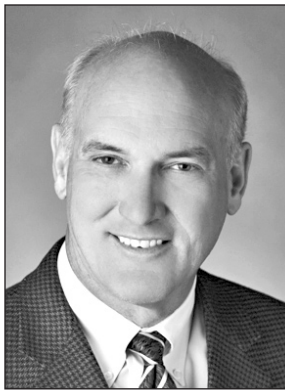
Vote by mail ballots are scheduled to be mailed starting October 15, 2008.

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BALLOTS WITH LATE POSTMARKS CANNOT BE COUNTED
MAIL YOUR BALLOT EARLY!

Remember that your ballot needs to be postmarked no later than Election Day, November 4, 2008, to be counted.

Public Utility District No. 1, Commissioner District No. 1



Jeffrey L. McClure

Non-Partisan
Public Utility District No. 1,
Commissioner District No. 1

Biographical Information

Current Occupation/Employer:
Partner, RMC Architects

Education: University of Washington, BA Environmental Design, 1977; University of Colorado at Denver, Master of Architecture, 1980.

Family: Married 29 years to wife Debra, two teenage children.

Significant Career Experience: Founding partner of a 15 member architectural firm with expertise ranging from masterplanning to the design of large scale projects in the commercial, institutional, and public sectors.

Candidate Statement:

The role of PUD Commissioner requires good judgment, a solid business background, and the ability to navigate the intricacies of complex issues. Having owned and operated a leading architectural firm in Whatcom County for over 25 years, Jeff McClure will provide these essential skills, coupled with a long term vision for management of our precious resources.

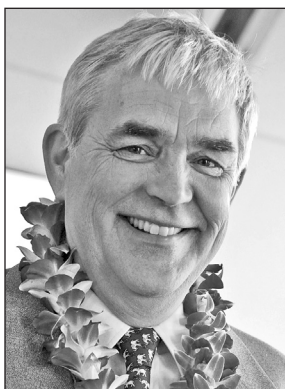
The key to maintaining a successful utility is the stability of the system. Ensuring that stability requires planning and analysis. Whether the issue concerns water rights, infrastructure improvements, local control of utilities, or alternative energy sources, he will bring the same prudent management style to all discussions.

Jeff McClure has been generous in serving his community through participation on boards of the Whatcom Museum Society, Lighthouse Mission, and the Bellingham City Center Development Authority.

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Phone: 360-676-7733

E-Mail: jeff@rmcarchitects.com



Roderick M. (Robin) Dexter

Non-Partisan
Public Utility District No. 1,
Commissioner District No. 1

Robin and his family have lived in Whatcom County since 1971. Robin is a graduate of the Environmental Policy and Planning program at WWU's Huxley College and a career commercial fisherman.

Robin's regard for the PUD developed from his participation in policy negotiations concerning water, salmon, and salmon habitat, and from his appreciation of how much more the PUD #1 is than a simple provider of water and electricity. Following a term on Governor Lowry's Water Resources forum, he became a longstanding participant in the Nooksack Basin/WRIA 1 process at a time when the PUD acted as a key local sponsor of the effort.

Robin understands that the PUD will be cast into an increasingly important role, not only as a manager of last resort for local water systems, but in the resolution of basin wide disputes over water rights, claims, and stream flows. Because it is commonplace for Robin to be the only member of the public to attend Commission meetings, he understands both the PUD budget and the studies and inventories being undertaken to create the foundation for the District's long term capital well being.

3726 Broad St., Bellingham, WA 98229

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E-Mail: robindexter@comcast.net

These statements are submitted by the candidates and are not checked for grammar, spelling or accuracy by any government agency.

Ballot Measure

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1 Submitted by the Whatcom County Council

The Whatcom County Council has, by Ordinance #2007-069, proposed a charter amendment concerning election of Council Offices. It provides that, in the general election, each voter may vote for each Council Office from each district and for the at-large Council Office regardless of the district in which the voter lives, when those offices are up for election. Each candidate must reside in the district she/he represents, except for the at-large candidate.

Should this amendment be: APPROVED REJECTED

Explanatory Statement

Currently, in the general election, each voter may only vote for the Council Office representing the district in which the voter resides and the at-large Council Office, when those offices are up for election. The new law would allow, in the general election, each voter to vote for each Council Office from each district, regardless of the district in which the voter lives, and for the at-large Council Office, when those offices are up for election. Each candidate must reside in the district she/he represents, except for the at-large candidate—this requirement does not change.

Statement For:

Countywide general election voting will give voters more and direct access to all county council members while still ensuring representation from their districts. The top two primary candidates will still be forwarded from their respective districts to the general election.

Unintended consequences occurred three years ago when voters gave up their rights to majority council access. The council majority no longer needs to listen to all. Council decisions are by majority but voters can't currently vote for the majority, causing some council members to tune them out. Voters need more council attention and support.

Presently only the largest issues affecting the most people get the most council attention. But all voters deserve council majority attention. The council is the most local government for many residents, made up of only seven members with no more than four running at any time. The Whatcom County Council is local! Voters deserve direct access to all members!

The new local voters' pamphlet gives voters information unavailable before now regarding ballot measures and council candidates that saves candidates money and ensures more information is available to voters. Use it to take back your rights to make the council majority more accountable to you.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

DIRECT REPRESENTATION is GUARANTEED by COUNTY-WIDE VOTING! The top two candidates voted from each district oppose each other in the general election. Council members MUST reside in the districts they represent.

Unlike the unwieldy, district-only US Congress, Whatcom County is small and local. Our council has only seven members. This measure RESTORES OUR RIGHT to direct access to all council members and PROTECTS OUR RIGHT to direct representation. Vote YES!

Statement Against:

Will people from other parts of the county elect YOUR representative? The voters spoke, but the County Council doesn't want to listen! In 2005, the people overwhelmingly overturned the OLD SYSTEM where OTHERS decided who YOUR representatives should be. You wanted locally known and accountable persons, who will listen to your perspective, to represent your district. What an exciting change!

A few politicians who fear losing their jobs want to return to the old system where OTHERS decide who YOUR representative is going to be! Your choice – and your vote – has been challenged after just one local election (Charter Review is supposed to occur every ten years). Those politicians claim direct representation will cause territorial disputes. This is NOT TRUE – and cannot happen. In every case, the Council clearly knows the impact of each decision on the entire County.

When your voice was heard in 2005, we began a FAIRER PROCESS of electing people who represent the DIVERSITY of Whatcom County, where you select your own representative, instead of an "elite few" who play political games. Don't be hoodwinked now into changing the Charter. Vote NO on Charter Amendment One!

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Four Council members who want to change the rules are up for reelection next year. Yes, they're afraid of "unintended consequences": that voters in their own districts won't vote for them! Their answer: rewrite the law and hope the voters are too naïve to notice.

We have separate council districts to ensure fairness and balance. No outsiders should be allowed to vote for YOUR local representative.

We cannot allow this to happen in our democracy.

Statement For prepared by: Committee For Greater Public Participation
Statement Against prepared by: Michelle Luke, Bob Wiesen, and Sam Crawford

Complete text of this measure may be found on page 92

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Ballot Measure

CITY OF BELLINGHAM CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATED TO THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE POSITION By Bellingham City Council

The Bellingham City Council has proposed a charter amendment concerning increasing the term of the City Council Member at Large position. If approved, Section 2.02 of the Charter would be amended to change the term of the position from 2 years to 4 years and provide that the term of the Mayor and Council Member at Large would be staggered for each municipal general election.

Should this amendment be approved?

YES

NO

Explanatory Statement

No Statement Submitted

Statement For:

Citizen legislators in City Council positions face a daunting learning curve. Limited staff leaves the new Council member struggling to deal with diverse and complex issues. One has to get good at integrating the more measured opinions of City staff with the often emotional input of various groups. Perpetually campaigning and showing up at every function might win votes, but not necessarily provide the City with informed leadership.

Changing the At-Large Council position from two to four years allows this elected official to spend more time conducting important City business and less time in a rigorous, ever-present campaign cycle. Excellent citizen candidates interested in serving our City rather than campaigning endlessly will be more attracted to a four year position. This change saves money for the City, the candidates, and campaign contributors by reducing the frequency of campaigning and voting.

The City Council voted to present this amendment to Bellingham citizens for a vote this year so the At-Large term can be alternated with the Mayor position, maintaining the original Charter intention of electorate accountability by providing an election cycle of four Council Members one year followed by the Mayor and the other three Council Members two years later.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

A four-year term for the City Council At-Large position provides the same term of office as other council members and is more efficient and effective. Don't be confused by statements that citizens will lose rights. This amendment provides that the At-Large position and three other council members must face re-election during one voting cycle, and the mayor and the three other council members must face re-election the following voter cycle.

Vote YES on the amendment.

Statement Against:

Bellingham voters should vote **NO** on this Charter amendment. Voters should reject this amendment because it takes away voters' rights and is contrary to our Charter's intent.

Currently, our Charter gives voters the right to elect a majority of City Council members every other year. Three members with four-year terms, and the At-Large member with a two-year term, are up for election every other year so voters have the right to change a majority of Council every two years. This amendment would take away this important voter right by doubling the term of the At-Large position, requiring four years (instead of two) before citizens could vote to replace a majority of Council.

Doubling the term of the At-Large position would undermine our Charter's intent and make our City Council less responsive to the people. This is as important today as it was in 1972. There's been no lack of candidates running for the At-Large position. When candidates wish to run for the office, they're aware of the term length. Both U.S. and Washington State Representatives have two-year terms, like Bellingham Council's At-Large representative. This keeps our representatives more accountable to citizens.

To protect voters' rights, vote NO on this amendment.

Rebuttal of Statement For:

This amendment may be more convenient for politicians but **it takes away citizens' rights**. Our Charter's intent is to give citizens the right to change a majority of Council members every two years, not to provide a convenient alternating election cycle for Council and the Mayor. Regular campaigning and attending community events keep candidates closer to the people, in touch with issues affecting our daily lives and able to make informed decisions. **Please vote NO.**

Statement For prepared by: Chuck Robinson, Rebecca Johnson, and Grant Deger

Statement Against prepared by: Louise Bjornson, Kenni B. Merritt and Melba Sunel

Complete text of this measure may be found on page 92

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Ballot Measure

PROPOSITION NO. 1
Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 2
Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 6
Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 9
Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 10

CREATION OF REGIONAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AUTHORITY

The Boards of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 passed Joint Resolution No. 2008-01 concerning a proposition to create a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority. This measure would approve the plan to create a regional fire authority (the "Authority"). The Authority would replace Whatcom County Fire Districts 2, 6, 9 and 10 as the service provider for fire protection and emergency medical services and would consolidate operational and administrative services into one governmental agency. Funding would be provided by property taxes pursuant to the Plan; the initial levy rate for the Authority would be \$1.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Should this proposition be: APPROVED REJECTED

Explanatory Statement

This proposition would establish a regional fire protection service authority known as South Whatcom Fire Authority (SWFA). SWFA would replace Whatcom County Fire Districts 2, 6, 9 and 10 in providing fire protection and emergency medical services to those areas. SWFA will maintain necessary emergency services and efficiently consolidate the administrative, training and operational functions of the four fire districts into one agency governed by an elected five member board with representation from each fire district on the board of commissioners. Taxes levied by the SWFA will replace taxes currently levied by the individual fire districts.

Statement For:

It's time to combine Fire Districts 2, 6, 9, and 10 (Sudden Valley, Geneva, Chuckanut, Lake Samish and Yew Street Road).

Why now? Over the last fifty years, our community fire protection has been provided by very dedicated neighbors serving as volunteers. Unfortunately, over the last few years it has been increasingly difficult to recruit and retain enough volunteers.

Why this proposal? Our fire commissioners first addressed this challenge by working together to improve operational efficiencies. This next step will allow our communities to maintain reliable and cost efficient service by pooling our resources.

Is this a new layer of tax? No, the plan provides that the tax of \$1.28 per thousand will replace the tax collected by the fire districts.

Will we lose control of our community fire service? No, the plan provides that a commissioner from each member community will be elected to the new five-member commission.

Will we still have volunteers? Yes, volunteers will remain the backbone of our protection. We will continue to augment the volunteers with a limited paid staff particularly during the day when volunteer response to emergencies is low.

Vote "YES" to maintain reliable and cost efficient community fire service.

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 Reliable & Efficient Community Fire Service

Complete text of this measure may be found on page 93

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Ballot Measure

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

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 21, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2008-11 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2008 for collection in 2009, and in succeeding years, 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 REJECTED

Explanatory Statement

The fire levy is the primary source of funding for emergency services provided by Fire District 21 (North Whatcom Fire and Rescue). The levy rate is currently \$1.32477 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Passage of Proposition No.1 will allow the Fire District to establish a levy rate at \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as otherwise authorized by law. Voter approval of Proposition No. 1 will provide additional funding for District staffing, emergency medical/paramedic services, and planned capital improvements.

Statement For:

Why a Lid Lift?

Like the rest of the U.S., the fire district is feeling the financial affects of increased fuel prices and overall cost of living. Since levies are capped at one percent, actual taxes received by the District can only increase that much. The small increase requested will cover the unanticipated increases that challenge the District's budget.

Why Now?

Community members have indicated they would prefer a small increase every year as opposed to a huge jump, say every ten years.

What It Does For Us

Voting yes provides the District with the additional funds needed to relieve the pressure of budget restraints due to economic inflation. The District can continue to make progress toward its adopted service goals, planned capital improvements, and necessary apparatus replacement.

What It Does For You

The District's ability to pursue its adopted service levels means a higher level of service for our community. A "yes" vote allows the District to pursue that goal.

The Bottom Line

The District is requesting a levy lid lift from \$1.32477 to \$1.40 per \$1,000. This equates to about \$23.00 per year for a \$300,000 home. That's less than \$2.00 per month for fast, professional emergency response.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

No Statement Submitted

Statement Against:

No Statement Submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No Statement Submitted

Statement For prepared by: North Whatcom Fire Commissioners

Complete text of this measure may be found on page 94

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Ballot Measure Full Text

SPONSORED BY: CONSENT
PROPOSED BY: BRENNER
INTRODUCTION DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2007

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-069

FORWARDING CHARTER AMENDMENT 1 TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, FOR INCLUSION ON THE 2008 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL BE ELECTED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY

WHEREAS, Whatcom County is the most local form of government for over half the population of our county; and
WHEREAS, many of the Whatcom County issues determined by the County Council affect all of Whatcom County's population; and
WHEREAS, each Whatcom County district ensures candidates for county council in the general election have already met district standards by residing in the district and being forwarded from the district as the top two candidates after the primary election; and
WHEREAS, there was no comprehensive debate last year regarding general election district-only voting versus general election county-wide voting for county council members who have already been forwarded by their districts; and
WHEREAS, last year's election changed the Whatcom County voting process without a comprehensive debate on its merits; and
WHEREAS, there was no local voters pamphlet which would explain both sides of the issue before the measure was voted upon; and
WHEREAS, Whatcom County has now implemented a comprehensive local voters pamphlet to be able to give all voters both sides of the issue; and
WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council is comprised of only seven members and each general election includes no more than four positions, which is a small enough number to ensure voters can obtain ample information on all council candidates with the assistance of the recently instituted local voters pamphlet; and
WHEREAS, an election cycle has passed in which Whatcom County voters had the experience of district only voting in the general election for county council members; and
WHEREAS, many Whatcom County voters were upset by their inability to vote for all council members who directly affect their lives and were in the last general election; and
WHEREAS, district-only general election voting limits individual Whatcom County voters to only being able to elect a minority of council members who make decisions that may directly affect their lives; and
WHEREAS, the ballot title of the measure that changed Whatcom County's voting process last year may have been confusing to some voters; and
WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Charter allows a super majority of the Whatcom County Council to place charter amendment measures as general election ballot questions to be voted on by all qualified registered voters of Whatcom County.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Whatcom County Council approves placing Charter Amendment 1 on the 2008 General Election Ballot as specified in Exhibits A to this ordinance.
ADOPTED this 4th day of December, 2007. WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ATTEST: Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk; Carl Weimer, Council Chair
APPROVED AS TO FORM: Karen N. Frakes, Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Pete Kremen, County Executive
Date: 12-12-07

EXHIBIT A

WHATCOM COUNTY
CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1

BALLOT TITLE

SHALL SECTION 2.13 OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT, FOLLOWING THE PRIMARY ELECTION, THE TOP TWO CANDIDATES FROM EACH COUNCIL DISTRICT SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT TO BE ELECTED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY.

AMENDED CHARTER LANGUAGE

Section 2.13 – Election Countywide

~~The qualified voters in each district shall vote upon the council members in their district only at the November general election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each position shall be elected. The candidates standing for the council member at large shall appear on the ballot in each district.~~

The registered voters of Whatcom County shall vote upon each council member position at the November general election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each position shall be elected.

Ballot Measure Full Text

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE CITY VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION WHICH WOULD CHANGE THE TERM OF THE AT LARGE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER POSITION FROM A 2 YEAR TERM TO 4 YEAR TERM.

WHEREAS, the Bellingham City Charter, Article II section 2.02 currently provides for the election of the at-Large Council member position every two (2) years; and
WHEREAS, all other Council member positions and the position of Mayor are four (4) year terms; and
WHEREAS, changing the term of the at-Large position would result in less candidate campaigning time and expense and decreased overall election costs to the City; and
WHEREAS, having a longer term, without the added campaign time and expense, may also increase potential candidate interest in the position; and
WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City for voters to have an opportunity to consider whether the term of the at-Large Council Member should be changed to a four (4) year term;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

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That the City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an appropriate ballot title for submission of the following proposed charter amendment to the qualified voters of the City of Bellingham at the November 4, 2008 general election:

SECTION 2.02 Terms of Elected Officials

This section would be amended to provide that the term of the At-Large Council Member would be changed from two (2) years to four (4) years and would read as follows: The term of the Mayor shall be 4 years. The terms of the 6 Council Members to be elected by wards shall be 4 years. The term of the Council Member to be elected At-Large shall be 4 years. The terms of Council Members shall be so staggered that 3 ward Council members shall be elected at each municipal general election. The term of the Mayor and the Council Member At-Large shall be staggered for each municipal general election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following finalization of the ballot title, the same shall be submitted to the Finance Director who shall cause the foregoing proposition to be placed on the ballot in accordance with this resolution by the transmittal of the same to the Whatcom County Auditor no later than August 12, 2008. PASSED by the Council this 21st day of July, 2008; Barbara Ryan, Council President.

APPROVED by me this 1st day of August, 2008; Daniel V. Pike, Mayor.

ATTEST: John C. Carter, Finance Director.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Joan Hoisington, Office of the City Attorney.

Ballot Measure Full Text

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-01

A JOINT RESOLUTION of Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the districts, at an election to be held on November 4, 2008, of a proposition regarding the creation of the South Whatcom Fire Authority coextensive with the boundaries of Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 and the approval of a fire authority plan and providing for other matters properly related thereto.

WHEREAS, over the past few years, local fire protection districts have faced constraints that have resulted in decreasing tax revenues and increasing demand for services;

WHEREAS, these constraints have increased the challenges facing fire protection districts in providing fire protection and emergency services upon which their citizens depend;

WHEREAS, recent changes in the law have created opportunities that could help fire protection districts meet their needs of providing fire protection and emergency services by consolidating among several Fire Districts the resources relegated to fire protection and emergency services;

WHEREAS, this consolidation of resources, through the establishment of a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority, provides a way for the participating Fire Districts to maximize their abilities to provide fire protection and emergency services;

WHEREAS, in order that Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 may provide the most effective fire protection and emergency services, the Boards of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 have studied the design, financing and development of fire protection and emergency services pursuant to RCW 52.26.040 and have created a regional fire service authority plan (the "RFA Plan") copies of which are on file with the District Secretaries for Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10;

WHEREAS, the RFA plan proposes the formation of the South Whatcom Fire Authority whose boundaries are coextensive with Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 and which will be funded with a fire tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Fire Commissioners for Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 hereby certify the RFA Plan to the ballot under the provisions of RCW 62.26.060 by placing before the voters of the proposed Regional Fire Protection Service Authority a proposition calling for the creation of the South Whatcom Fire Authority and the approval of the RFA Plan, all in accordance with state law.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS NOS. 2, 6, 9 AND 10 HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

Section 1. FINDINGS AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSITION.

The respective Boards of Fire Commissioners for Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 hereby find that it is in the best interests of the Fire Districts to submit to the qualified electors of the Districts at the general election to be held on November 4, 2008 a proposition regarding the creation of the South Whatcom Fire Authority, pursuant to chapter 52.26 RCW and the approval of the South Whatcom Fire Authority Plan (the "RFA Plan").

If approved by simple majority of the voters in Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 in accordance with RCW 52.26.060, this Proposition would: (1) create a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority, as defined in RCW 52.26.020, whose boundaries are coextensive with Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 and (2) approve the RFA Plan.

Section 2. BALLOT TITLE AND PROPOSITION

Pursuant to RCW 52.26.060, the governing bodies of Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 have drafted a ballot title and request that the Whatcom County Auditor submit to the qualified electors of Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 at the election to be held on November 4, 2008 a proposition in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

- [Whatcom County Fire Protection District #2]
[Whatcom County Fire Protection District #6]
[Whatcom County Fire Protection District #9]
[Whatcom County Fire Protection District #10]

CREATION OF REGIONAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AUTHORITY

The Boards of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 passed Joint Resolution No. 2008-01 concerning a proposition to create a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority. This measure would approve the plan to create a regional fire authority (the "Authority"). The Authority would replace Whatcom County Fire Districts 2, 6, 9 and 10 as the service provider for fire protection and emergency medical services and would consolidate operational and administrative services into one governmental agency. Funding would be provided by property taxes pursuant to the Plan; the initial levy rate for the Authority would be \$1.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Should this proposition be:

APPROVED.....[]
REJECTED.....[]

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For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.38.080, the Boards of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 hereby designate Dave Ralston, Fire Chief of Whatcom County Fire District No. 2 as the individual to whom the Whatcom County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 3. COPIES FILED WITH THE WHATCOM COUNTY AUDITOR

The respective District Secretaries of Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 are authorized and directed, no later than August 12, 2008, to provide to the Whatcom County Auditor a certified copy of this Resolution and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to the end that the Proposition described in this Resolution appears on the ballot at the November 4, 2008 election. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this Resolution and in furtherance of this objective are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. IMPLEMENTATION

Chief Dave Ralston is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

THIS RESOLUTION shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED jointly by the respective Boards of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Districts Nos. 2, 6, 9 and 10 this 2nd day of July, 2008.

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2, Ron Swanson, Fire Commissioner; Dave Hanson, Fire Commissioner; Paul Guy, Fire Commissioner.

ATTEST AND CERTIFICATION: Carrie Carter, District Secretary, Whatcom County Fire District No. 2

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6, David Franklin, Fire Commissioner; Lynn Trzynka, Fire Commissioner; Brian Martin, Fire Commissioner.

ATTEST AND CERTIFICATION: Lesa Clark, District Secretary, Whatcom County Fire District No. 6

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9, Winton Wefer, Fire Commissioner; Chuck Swanson, Fire Commissioner; Mike Holl, Fire Commissioner.

ATTEST AND CERTIFICATION: Nancy Holl, District Secretary, Whatcom County Fire District No. 9

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 10, Robert Ekdahl, Fire Commissioner; Glen Oltman, Fire Commissioner; Tom Peterson, Fire Commissioner.

ATTEST AND CERTIFICATION: Lesa Clark, District Secretary, Whatcom County Fire District No. 10

Ballot Measure Full Text

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21 RESOLUTION NO. 2008-11

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire District 21, Whatcom County, Washington providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a general election to be held therein on November 4, 2008, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2008 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. 21, (the "District") has determined that it appears certain money available for the Expense Fund for the calendar year 2008 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 \$1.32477 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and that it is necessary for the regular property tax levy of the District be set at \$1.40 per \$1,000, such levy to be made in 2008 for collection in 2009, and in succeeding years, on all taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing 100% of 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 call and conduct an election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held herein on November 4, 2008 in conjunction with the State general 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 \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value; such levy to be made in 2008 for collection in 2009, and in succeeding years, on all the taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), 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. 21 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON PROPOSITION NO. 1 AUTHORIZING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 21, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2008-11 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2008 for collection in 2009, and in succeeding years, 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 ()
Rejected ()

Section 3. The Secretary of the District is directed (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 2008-11 showing its adoption by the Board at least 84 days prior to the date of such general election; and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the District at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether such excess tax levy shall be made.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21, at an open public meeting thereof this 11th day of August, 2008, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

ATTEST: Rich Bosman, Commissioner; Bill Salter, Commissioner; Dean Whitney, Commissioner

CERTIFICATION: T.M. Fields, District Secretary