

**WHATCOM COUNTY OFFICIAL
LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET
General - November 7, 2006**



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Dear Whatcom County Voters:

The first Local Voters' Pamphlet in Whatcom County's history was introduced in the September 19th Primary Election. Whatcom County voters appreciated the easy to read format and informative content. I am very pleased that the Local Voters' Pamphlet was well received by voters and candidates alike.

Inside you will find candidate's statements, city and district ballot measures, details regarding registration, name and/or address change and other important information. The Secretary of State's Office will prepare and mail a voters' pamphlet that will include state-wide issues and federal, judicial, state-wide and legislative candidates.

If a person is not registered to vote in the state of Washington and qualifies to vote in the state, county and precinct in which he/she applies for registration and has not registered by the closing date of October 7, 2006, he/she may register to vote in person at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office and receive a ballot for the General and Special Election. The special in-person registration will be held from Monday, October 9, 2006 through Monday, October 23, 2006, during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 103, Bellingham, WA.

If you have not received your ballot fifteen (15) days prior to the election, call the Elections Division of the Whatcom County Auditor's Office at (360) 676-6742, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to have a replacement ballot mailed to you. Notify the Elections Division if your name or mailing address has recently changed. If you have any questions about the voting process, voter registration, voting aids, or voter assistance, call 676-6742 or TDD (360) 738-4555.

REMEMBER that your ballot needs to be postmarked no later than Election Day to be counted. However, I recommend mailing your ballot no later than November 6th. If you prefer, you may drop your ballot off at the curbside Ballot Drop Box, 311 Grand Ave. near the Courthouse Rotunda, Bellingham, WA or at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, 311 Grand Ave., Suite 103, Bellingham, beginning 20 days prior to the election. The curbside Ballot Drop Box and the Drop Box at the Auditor's Office will close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Inside this pamphlet you will find drop site locations that are open on **Election Day only**.

Please vote and exercise the power that is in your hands. Your vote CAN make a difference!

Sincerely,

Shirley Forslof
Whatcom County Auditor

Participating Jurisdictions:

Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney, Public Utility District Commissioner, Whatcom County District Court Judges, Bellingham City, Lynden City, Fire Protection District No. 3, Fire Protection District No. 13, Fire Protection District No. 18, Water District No. 13

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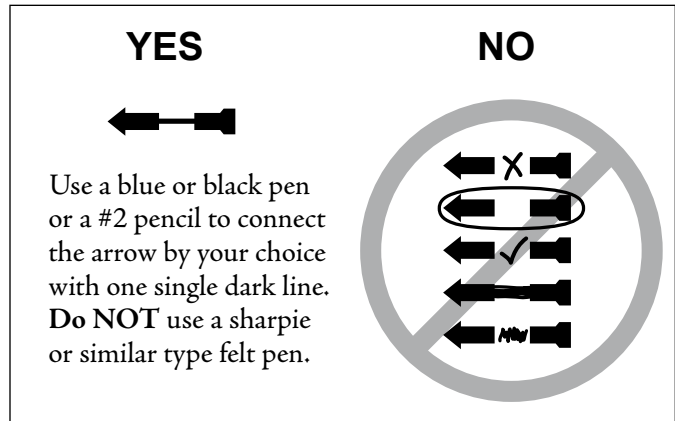
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Marking Your Ballot - Make Your Vote Count

STEP 1: Mark Your Ballot. Use a blue or black pen or a #2 pencil to connect the arrow by your choice with one single dark line. Do NOT use a sharpie or similar type felt pen.

- Make no identifying marks on your ballot or on the secrecy envelope.
- Voted ballots are read electronically so any extra marks on the ballot will delay processing.

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

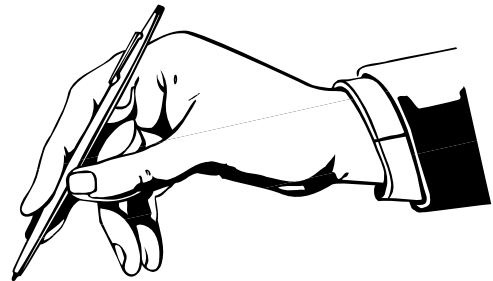


STEP 3: Keep It Secret. Place the voted ballot in the white secrecy envelope and seal it.

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

STEP 5: Sign The Oath. Read and sign the affidavit on the back of the lavender envelope.

- The lavender envelope must be signed by you in order for your ballot to be counted.
- Ballot signatures are matched with your voter registration.
- If a medical or other circumstance has altered the appearance of your signature, you can have two people witness your signature (or mark) on your ballot envelope.



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 a first-class postage stamp 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.

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 for the first time. 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 18, 2006. The AVU will be available to vote in the Auditor's Office Mon. – Fri., 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The AVU will be available on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2006, 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

STATE MEASURES

INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 920
Initiative Measure No. 920 concerns estate tax.

This measure would repeal Washington's state laws imposing tax, currently dedicated for the education legacy trust fund, on transfers of estates of persons dying on or after the effective date of this measure.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

YES ←

NO ←

INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 933
Initiative Measure No. 933 concerns government regulation of private property.

This measure would require compensation when government regulation damages the use or value of private property, would forbid regulations that prohibit existing legal uses of private property, and would provide exceptions or payments.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

YES ←

NO ←

INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 937
Initiative Measure No. 937 concerns energy resource use by certain electric utilities.

This measure would require certain electric utilities with 25,000 or more customers to meet certain targets for energy conservation and use of renewable energy resources, as defined, including energy credits, or pay penalties.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

YES ←

NO ←

**PROPOSED TO THE PEOPLE BY
THE LEGISLATURE
AMENDMENT TO THE STATE
CONSTITUTION
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4223**

The legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on increasing an exemption from the personal property tax.

This amendment would authorize the legislature to increase the personal property tax exemption for taxable personal property owned by each "head of a family" from three thousand (\$3,000) to fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars.

Should this constitutional amendment be:

APPROVED ←

REJECTED ←

FEDERAL

UNITED STATES SENATOR

6 YEAR TERM Vote For One

MARIA CANTWELL D ←

MIKE McGAVICK R ←

BRUCE GUTHRIE L ←

ROBIN ADAIR I ←

AARON DIXON G ←

(Write-In) ←

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 2

2 YEAR TERM Vote For One

RICK LARSEN D ←

DOUG ROULSTONE R ←

(Write-In) ←

STATE LEGISLATIVE

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 39 POSITION NO. 1

2 YEAR TERM Vote For One

SCOTT OLSON D ←

DAN KRISTIANSEN R ←

(Write-In) ←

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 39 POSITION NO. 2

2 YEAR TERM Vote For One

KIRK PEARSON R ←

(Write-In) ←

STATE LEGISLATIVE

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40 POSITION NO. 1

2 YEAR TERM Vote For One

DAVE QUALL D ←

YOSHE REVELLE R ←

(Write-In) ←

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40 POSITION NO. 2

2 YEAR TERM Vote For One

JEFF MORRIS D ←

(Write-In) ←

STATE LEGISLATIVE

STATE SENATOR DISTRICT NO. 42

4 YEAR TERM Vote For One

JESSE SALOMON D ←

DALE E. BRANDLAND R ←

(Write-In) ←

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 42 POSITION NO. 1

2 YEAR TERM Vote For One

JASPER MACSLARROW D ←

DOUG ERICKSEN R ←

(Write-In) ←

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 42 POSITION NO. 2

2 YEAR TERM Vote For One

KELLI LINVILLE D ←

CRAIG MAYBERRY R ←

(Write-In) ←

WHATCOM COUNTY

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

4 YEAR TERM Vote For One

DAVID S. MCEACHRAN R ←

(Write-In) ←

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 2

6 YEAR TERM Vote For One

PAUL D. KENNER NP ←

(Write-In) ←

STATE JUDICIAL

STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE POSITION NO. 2

6 YEAR TERM Vote For One

SUSAN OWENS NP ←

STEPHEN JOHNSON NP ←

(Write-In) ←

STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE POSITION NO. 8

6 YEAR TERM Vote For One

GERRY L. ALEXANDER NP ←

(Write-In) ←

STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE POSITION NO. 9

6 YEAR TERM Vote For One

TOM CHAMBERS NP ←

(Write-In) ←

COURT OF APPEALS DIV 1 DISTRICT NO. 3 POSITION NO. 1

6 YEAR TERM Vote For One

MARY KAY BECKER NP ←

(Write-In) ←

WHATCOM COUNTY JUDICIAL

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE POSITION NO. 1

SHORT & FULL 4 YEAR TERM Vote For One

DAVID GRANT NP ←

(Write-In) ←

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE POSITION NO. 2

4 YEAR TERM Vote For One

MATTHEW S. ELICH NP ←

(Write-In) ←

Sample Ballot

SAMPLE BALLOT WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2006



TO VOTE: Use either pencil, blue or black pen.
CONNECT THE HEAD AND TAIL of the arrow that points to your choice.

TO CHANGE A VOTE: Do not erase, but request a replacement ballot.

TO WRITE-IN: A name not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the candidate in the space provided.

NOT ALL DISTRICTS ON THIS SAMPLE WILL APPEAR ON YOUR BALLOT. ONLY THOSE DISTRICTS THAT YOU'RE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN WILL APPEAR.

CITY OF BELLINGHAM

CITY OF BELLINGHAM CHARTER AMENDMENTS RELATED TO SELECTION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR
By Bellingham City Council

The Bellingham City Council has proposed charter amendments concerning selection of the Finance Director. If approved, section 8.05 would require the Finance Director to be appointed or removed by the Mayor with Council approval. The Finance Director would be appointed based on professional qualifications with special reference to knowledge and experience in municipal finance. Approval of this measure deletes Finance Director as an elected officer in Section 2.01 and deletes reference to the Finance Director's term of office in Section 2.02. This change would be effective January 1, 2008.

Should these amendments be approved?

YES ←

NO ←

CITY OF LYNDEN

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
CITY OF LYNDEN, WASHINGTON
NEW CITY HALL
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$3,900,000**

The City Council of the City of Lynden adopted Resolution No. 747 concerning a proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the City to acquire, construct and equip a new City Hall, to issue \$3,900,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 30 years to finance such improvements, and to levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 747. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED ←

REJECTED ←

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Proposition No. 1
MERGER OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 INTO WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 3, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2006-02 concerning the merger of Fire District No. 3 into Fire District No. 13. This proposition would merge Fire Protection District No. 3 into Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 13 creating one fire protection district to provide fire and emergency medical services for the areas currently served by the two districts. Should this proposal be:

APPROVED ←

REJECTED ←

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Proposition No. 2
RESTORING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 3, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2006-03 concerning a regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain its regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2007 and thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. Should this proposal be:

APPROVED ←

REJECTED ←

WATER DISTRICT NO. 13

WHATCOM COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 13

Shall the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Water District #13 be increased from three to five members?

YES ←

NO ←

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Proposition No. 1
RESTORING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 13, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2006-04 concerning a regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain its regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2007 and thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. Should this proposal be:

APPROVED ←

REJECTED ←

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18 - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING INCREASE OF EXISTING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES**

The proposition will authorize the District Board of Commissioners to increase its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. (This shall not authorize an excess levy and shall be subject to other statutory limits.) The additional revenue is necessary to establish a "duty program" to provide 24 hour 7 day per week coverage to provide improved response service.

Should this Proposition be enacted into law?

YES ←

NO ←

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.



Ballot Drop Box Locations – Election Day ONLY

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

If You Have Not Received Your Ballot

If you have not received your ballot by October 24, 2006, please contact the Whatcom County Elections Division at (360) 676-6742, 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 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 23, 2006, in order to vote in the November 7, 2006 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 TDD (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where Are The State Measures?

A statewide voters' pamphlet, prepared by the Secretary of State's Office, will be delivered to every household in mid-October with information on state measures. This information will also be available on the website: www.vote.wa.gov

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.

Candidate and Committee Statement Editing

The Local Voters' Pamphlet includes statements submitted by candidates for local offices and committees "for" (pro) and "against" (con) 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 person may register to vote by completing a Mail-In Voter Registration Form and mailing it to the preprinted return address on the form, or by completing the form in person at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division.

Voter Information

Where Can I Obtain A Form?

- 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.)

When Can I Change My Voter Record?

Individuals may register to vote at any time. The registration must be postmarked or received at least 30 days prior to an election in order to vote in that election.

A person 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.

Let Us Know When You Move

If your mailing or residence address has changed, your voter record needs to be updated. You can easily update your record by one of the following two ways:

- Online at www.whatcomcounty.us/auditor
- Call Auditor's Office, Elections Division at (360) 676-6742

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

When to Cancel Registrations

One of the biggest 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 feel free to call the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division at (360) 676-6742 or TDD (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

No Democratic candidate filed for this position.



David S. McEachran

Republican
Whatcom County
Prosecuting Attorney

Dave McEachran was first elected to the office of the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney in 1975, after having served as a deputy prosecutor for two and one half years, and is now serving his eighth term

in office. He is the longest serving elected prosecutor in the State of Washington. Dave McEachran directs a staff of fifty two people including twenty three attorneys, and handles an active caseload.

Pointing to his accomplishments during his tenure as Prosecuting attorney, McEachran stated, "I feel that one of the major accomplishments in my past 32 years in office has been the development of a team approach that combines my office and all of the law enforcement

agencies in this county. With the ever increasing level of crime and dwindling resources to fund law enforcement, a team approach is vital."

Dave McEachran was recently appointed by Governor Gregoire to a four-year term on the Forensic Investigations Commission which oversees the State Toxicology Laboratory and the State Crime Laboratory system. He has also served as the president of the Washington State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, and is a lecturer for the National District Attorneys Association.



Paul D. Kenner

Non-Partisan
Public Utility
District No. 1
Commissioner District 2

Serving his fourth term in office, Paul Kenner has provided dedicated leadership to the citizens of Whatcom County. As a Public Utility Commissioner, Paul's accomplishments

include expanded and updated water and electric services to Whatcom County industries.

Paul has focused on resolving water related issues that allow a balance between stewardship of the valuable resource and support of quality economic growth. Currently, through the Whatcom watershed planning effort Paul is involved in and supports reaching positive solutions to supply water to farmers and residents of the North County while assuring water quality and sufficient quantity for salmon recovery efforts.

Expansion of water and electric power services to the Whatcom Community are Paul's goals in his next term on the Whatcom Public Utility District #1 Commission.

It has been an honor and a privilege for Paul to serve as Public Utility Commissioner, and as Whatcom County experiences rapid change, Paul will continue to respond with thoughtful and skilled leadership.

Paul serves as a member of Whatcom County YMCA Board and the Mount Baker Rotary. Paul resides in Lynden with his wife Christine and two sons.

Paul Kenner
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Lynden, WA 98264
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Can't Find it Here?



Check your State Pamphlet

www.secstate.wa.gov

Included in the State Pamphlet:

- Federal Candidates
- State Initiatives and Senate Joint Resolutions
- State Candidates
- Supreme Court Candidates
- Court of Appeals Candidates

Whatcom County District Court Judge, Position 1



David Grant

Non-Partisan
Whatcom County
District Court Judge,
Position 1

Judge David Grant is an innovator who has worked hard to make the District Court more responsive to community needs. He started Night Court for those unable to attend during regular court hours. He also helped bring mediators into the Court's weekly small claims sessions, resulting in more civil disputes being settled by agreement of the parties themselves.

Before joining the Court in 2004, Judge Grant served Whatcom County for 18 years as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in both the criminal and civil divisions of the Prosecutor's Office. He has demonstrated his ability to work collaboratively within local government and obtain results that effectively address the broader interests of the community.

Judge Grant's innovative spirit, experience and integrity have won him broad-based support of his candidacy. His endorsements include all current Whatcom County Judges and Commissioners, all County Council members, Prosecuting Attorney Dave McEachran, and County Public Defender Jon Komorowski.

Judge Grant resides in Bellingham with his wife, Linda, a counselor at St. Joseph Hospital. Their sons, Sean and Alex, attend college. Judge Grant has a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice (University of Nebraska, Michigan State University). He graduated from the University of Nebraska School of Law.

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Whatcom County District Court Judge, Position 2



Matthew S. Elich

Non-Partisan
Whatcom County
District Court Judge,
Position 2

Judge Matt Elich has been a judicial officer since 2001 when he was chosen to be Whatcom County District Court Commissioner. He was elected Whatcom County

District Court Judge in 2002 and has been the Presiding Judge since 2004. Under his direction, the Court established a Specialized Domestic Violence calendar, adopted local rules addressing criminal docket congestion, and started night court. Judge Elich chairs the Coordinated Judicial Response to Domestic Violence Committee leading county-wide efforts to improve the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence.

Judge Elich was born and raised in Whatcom County, and is a fourth-generation County resident. He worked his

way through college and law school as a commercial fisherman and practiced civil and criminal law in Whatcom County for fifteen years before becoming a judicial officer. He was also the city attorney for Blaine and Nooksack and prosecuted criminal cases for the City of Bellingham. In addition, he served as a pro tem judge and hearing examiner for many years while in private practice.

Judge Elich is a member of the Bellingham Bay Rotary Club and a past Board Member for Whatcom County's Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Children's Museum.

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Ballot Measure

CITY OF BELLINGHAM CHARTER AMENDMENTS RELATED TO SELECTION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR By Bellingham City Council

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Should these amendments be approved? YES NO

Explanatory Statement

The City Charter was approved by voters in 1972. It provides for the organization of Bellingham City government, including an elected Finance Director. The Charter provides that the Finance Director is responsible for the finances of the City. The Charter requires no professional experience or qualifications for this position. This Charter amendment would change how the City of Bellingham Finance Director is selected. Instead of being elected, the position would be appointed or removed by the Mayor with City Council approval. If approved, selection of the Finance Director would be based on professional qualifications, including education and experience requirements.

Statement For:

Qualifications and accountability are the main reasons Bellingham needs an appointed Finance Director. The current charter doesn't mention qualifications for the elected position. A city with a \$200 million budget can't afford an unqualified officer in charge of \$130 million in public investments, budget projections, tax collection from 8,000 businesses, and numerous other legally mandated responsibilities. The charter amendment would require appointment of the Finance Director by the mayor with council approval based on professional qualifications. Finance Directors are appointed in every other city in Washington state – clearly this is a “best practice” that assures the most favorable bond rating and the greatest confidence in the quality of financial administration. If you owned a \$200 million business, you would never think of hiring someone without accounting and administrative experience to manage your company's finances and investments. As taxpayers, the city is our business. Citizens deserve to know that our elected officials have clear, concise, timely and unbiased financial information to make informed decisions on our behalf. The Bellingham city charter was written years ago for a much smaller city. It is time to make sure the Finance Director is a qualified, accountable professional in the field of financial management.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Opponents to this amendment forget that this is 2006 not 1972 and the City budget is available online at www.cob.org for every voter to view and comment on. It is further startling that opponents completely ignore the critical need for the voters to protect their tax dollars and bond rating by requiring that the position has to be filled by someone who is actually qualified in Financial Management. Please vote YES on Charter Amendment One.

Statement Against:

It is important that a clear line be drawn between those who oversee the taxpayers' money and those who spend it. The Bellingham Herald stated “if Holm's position became appointed, voters would lose their ability to directly weigh in on the city's financial management.” The finance director – the guardian of the people's finances – should be answerable to the voters, independent of the officials who spend the public's money. The City's argument for this amendment is misleading at best. The finance director's function is administrative. It includes managing staff and serving as liaison with the Council, the Mayor and the taxpayers. The department's staff currently includes several CPAs and other seasoned, qualified employees. They handle the collection, spending and reporting of City finances. Bellingham's success in electing its finance director is reflected by the City's excellent bond rating. This amendment would only be yet another blow to citizens' rights. Please vote No on City Charter Amendment No. 1.

Rebuttal of Statement For:

The committee against the voters electing our Finance Director cites qualifications and accountability as the main reasons for letting the mayor appoint someone. The finance director is already accountable—to the voters, not the mayor. All of our elected finance directors have been qualified. Being Mayor requires no qualifications. Being on city council requires no qualifications. This Amendment is political, eliminating the finance director's accountability to the voters. Please protect our financial integrity; vote No.

Statement For prepared by: Committee in Favor of an Appointed Finance Director

Complete text of this measure may be found on page 21

Statement Against prepared by: Richard Tremaine, Sharon Crozier, Orphalee Smith

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

PROPOSITION NO. 1 CITY OF LYNDEN, WASHINGTON NEW CITY HALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$3,900,000

The City Council of the City of Lynden adopted Resolution No. 747 concerning a proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the City to acquire, construct and equip a new City Hall, to issue \$3,900,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 30 years to finance such improvements, and to levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 747. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED

REJECTED

Explanatory Statement

A vote to approve Proposition No. 1 authorizes the City of Lynden to issue and sell general obligation bonds up to a principal amount of \$3,900,000.00, with maturities not to exceed thirty years. Proceeds from the bond sales will be used to pay necessary costs associated with building design and construction for a new City Hall, plus relocation and related costs. The proposed location for a new City Hall is the block bounded by Main Street and Liberty Street between 3rd Street and 4th Street. The total estimated cost for the new City Hall project is \$4,900,000.00.

Statement For:

Lynden needs a new City Hall now! The current City Hall opened in 1928 to serve a population of about 1,500 citizens. With the population of Lynden nearing 11,000, Lynden must consider building a modern City Hall for the needs of 2006 and beyond. Options that have been considered include remodeling the existing building, purchasing temporary metal modular buildings, or constructing a new City Hall of which the community of Lynden can be proud. Doing nothing is not an option. Lynden needs a new City Hall because:

- ♦ More space is needed to serve larger numbers of city residents effectively and efficiently;
- ♦ Central secured permanent record storage is needed;
- ♦ City Hall must comply with the requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act; disabled persons cannot access any office in the existing building;
- ♦ The existing building is inefficient to heat and maintain; plumbing and electrical systems are obsolete;
- ♦ Community pride.

Approval for Lynden to issue City Hall Bonds is the next step to a City Hall that will serve our community for decades into the future at the lowest amortized cost of any option.

Please vote "YES" for City Hall on November 7th.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

No Statement Submitted

Statement Against:

No Statement Submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No Statement Submitted

Statement For prepared by: People for Lynden's Future, a committee of private citizens.

Complete text of this measure may be found on page 22

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

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Proposition No. 1
MERGER OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3
INTO WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 3, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2006-02 concerning the merger of Fire District No. 3 into Fire District No. 13. This proposition would merge Fire Protection District No. 3 into Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 13 creating one fire protection district to provide fire and emergency medical services for the areas currently served by the two districts. Should this proposal be:

APPROVED

REJECTED

Explanatory Statement

This measure would merge Fire District 3 into Fire District 13. The Board of Commissioners of Fire District 3 unanimously approved and filed a petition with Fire District 13 requesting that Fire District 3 be merged into Fire District 13. The Board of Commissioners of Fire District 13 unanimously passed a resolution approving Fire District 3's petition. Voter approval of Proposition No. 1 is the final step in this process and would merge Fire District 3 into Fire District 13 creating one fire district to provide fire and emergency medical/paramedic services in the areas currently served by both districts.

Statement For:

In 1998 Whatcom County Fire District #3 participated in an efficiency study that stated merging with other fire districts is in the best interest of the taxpayer as service levels would be increased allowing for quicker responses to emergencies. The study stated that by merging with other fire districts, a reduction in the duplication of administrative, operational, training, and maintenance costs, would result in the ability to add additional paid personnel for response when volunteer firefighter availability was low or not existent, thus improving overall response times.

Fire District #3 "partnered" with Fire District #13, to form a non-profit organization that manages fire protection services for both fire districts. For five years this partnership has served as a precursor to actual merging with District #13. It is now time for the two fire districts to become one.

"Re-directing" funds from paying for a duplication of administrative services and other non-emergent costs, to placing more firefighters "on the street" is critical for meeting the increase in a demand for services that exceeds the capability of the "volunteer". To do otherwise is wasting taxpayer dollars placing communities at risk. We need more firefighters and fewer administrators. This is a good governance decision.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

No Statement Submitted

Statement Against:

No Statement Submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No Statement Submitted

Statement For prepared by: T.M. Fields

Complete text of this measure may be found on page 23

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Ballot Measure

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON Proposition No. 2 RESTORING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 3, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2006-03 concerning a regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain its regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2007 and thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. Should this proposal be:

APPROVED

REJECTED

Explanatory Statement

This measure sets the levy for Fire District 3 at the level of \$1.50 per thousand. This levy is the primary source of funding for emergency services provided by Fire District 3. Passage of Proposition No. 2 will allow the fire district to increase the levy rate from \$1.34 to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as otherwise authorized by law. Voter approval of Proposition No. 2 will provide funding for the district to continue with the staffing plan for fire and emergency medical/paramedic services.

Statement For:

Initiative 747, passed in 2002, restricts taxing districts to levy increases of one-percent over the previous year's levy. Only the taxpayer can authorize increases in levies above that one-percent limit. Whatcom County Fire District #3 has not requested tax levy increases since Initiative 747 was approved, yet personnel and operational costs have increased in excess of eight to ten percent annually the past four years

"Skyrocketing" operational costs have been absorbed using dwindling reserve funds, and reserve funds are no longer sufficient to maintain existing service levels or make improvements. There exists a need to increase paid staffing, upgrade apparatus and equipment, and improve facilities. Growth is at an all time high, yet, I-747 limits revenue increases, and the Fire District response capabilities are not keeping pace with service demands. Inadequate staffing and slow response will become the norm rather than the exception should limitations continue.

Growth and the associated increase in service demands are exceeding "volunteer firefighter" capabilities. This means hire additional paid personnel or accept continued decreases in service levels. When life safety is at risk, decreasing service levels is not an option. The prudent solution is, remove the one-percent limitation this year to satisfy service demand increases.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

No Statement Submitted

Statement Against:

No Statement Submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No Statement Submitted

Statement For prepared by: T.M. Fields

Complete text of this measure may be found on page 24

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Ballot Measure

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON Proposition No. 1 RESTORING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 13, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2006-04 concerning a regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain its regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2007 and thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. Should this proposal be:

APPROVED

REJECTED

Explanatory Statement

This measure sets the levy for Fire District 13 at the level of \$1.50 per thousand. This levy is the primary source of funding for emergency services provided by Fire District 13. Passage of Proposition No. 1 will allow the fire district to increase the levy rate from \$1.49 to \$1.50 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 with the staffing plan for fire and emergency medical/paramedic services.

Statement For:

Initiative 747, passed in 2002, restricts taxing districts to levy increases of one-percent over the previous year's levy. Only the taxpayer can authorize increases in levies above that one-percent limit. Whatcom County Fire District #13 has not requested tax levy increases since Initiative 747 was approved, yet personnel and operational costs have increased in excess of eight to ten percent annually the past four years

"Skyrocketing" operational costs have been absorbed using dwindling reserve funds, and reserve funds are no longer sufficient to maintain existing service levels or make improvements. There exists a need to increase paid staffing, upgrade apparatus and equipment, and improve facilities. Growth is at an all time high, yet, I-747 limits revenue increases, and the Fire District response capabilities are not keeping pace with service demands. Inadequate staffing and slow response will become the norm rather than the exception should limitations continue.

Growth and the associated increase in service demands are exceeding "volunteer firefighter" capabilities. This means hire additional paid personnel or accept continued decreases in service levels. When life safety is at risk, decreasing service levels is not an option. The prudent solution is, remove the one-percent limitation this year to satisfy service demand increases.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

No Statement Submitted

Statement Against:

No Statement Submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No Statement Submitted

Statement For prepared by: T.M. Fields

Complete text of this measure may be found on page 25

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Ballot Measure

PROPOSITION NO. 1 WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18 – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING INCREASE OF EXISTING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

The proposition will authorize the District Board of Commissioners to increase its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. (This shall not authorize an excess levy and shall be subject to other statutory limits.) The additional revenue is necessary to establish a “duty program” to provide 24 hour 7 day per week coverage to provide improved response service.

Should this Proposition be enacted into law? YES NO

Explanatory Statement

If approved by the voters, the District will be authorized to increase its regular real property taxes from the current rate of 79.09 cents to a rate not to exceed \$1.25 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The actual levy rate will be established by the Board of Commissioners. The additional regular tax revenue is necessary to establish a “duty program” to enable the fire district to provide 24 hour 7 day per week coverage to provide improved response service.

Statement For:

The District would like to enact a duty program whereby “First-response” qualified firefighters will be scheduled around-the-clock to provide immediate assistance to the fire chief at the scene of any emergency. To facilitate this service enhancement, we propose an increase in the amount levied from the district’s regular tax revenue, and we ask for your support.

We are currently operating at \$.07909 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of the homes in district, which does not adequately support current maintenance and training needs as we continue to provide increased service to our growing community. The proposed levy will increase our budget to \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value permitting us to offer better benefits and training for our volunteer firefighters and establish the duty program. Our fire department is composed of a very dedicated group of volunteers, and we would like to retain and enlarge the department in a consistent, efficient manner. Although the district is entitled to a full \$1.50 in assessed value, the commission believes the \$1.25 will enable us to enact the duty program in a cost-effective manner. Your support in this proposal will result in better benefits for our volunteers and improved response times to the community.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

No Statement Submitted

Statement Against:

No Statement Submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No Statement Submitted

Ballot Measure

WHATCOM COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 13

Shall the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Water District #13 be increased from three to five members?

YES

NO

Explanatory Statement

No Statement Submitted

Statement For:

IT'S YOUR WATER!

On November 7th the customers of Water District No. 13 will be charged with the responsibility of voting to increase the Board of Commissioners from 3 to 5 seats. This is a genuine opportunity to expand and diversify the people's representation in the management and decision making process for the district

SUPPORT OUR COMMISSIONERS

Our seated commissioners have indicated that there are not enough hours in the day to address the business of the district properly, and have openly solicited the assistance of the customers to volunteer their time to assist with the task of managing the districts business

We feel it is our responsibility as citizens and customers to acknowledge this need and to take proactive steps to provide the resources to meet these challenges by legitimizing the need and supporting the commissioners in their request to best ensure the people's representation

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE!

Be part of the solution in Water District No. 13 by supporting the people's decision to increase their representation and by providing the additional resources needed to ensure our water district has adequate management to meet the needs of its customers and the demands of changing times

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

We assume our Commissioners would appoint the most qualified applicants to represent the people's interests – wouldn't they? Temporary appointments are affirmed or rejected by the voters per the guidelines of Title 57. The increase to the district is less than 77 cents per customer for two meetings per month The total cost of 5 Commissioners is less than 34k per year. Its time for a change in Water District 13 –Vote YES on Proposition 1

Statement Against:

There is no valid reason to add 2 new Commissioners to the Water District. Consider also the following:

- ♦ The present Commissioners will appoint the new Commissioners. That means, we the Voters, have no voice or choice as to who the new Commissioners would be.
- ♦ Two additional Commissioners, being paid \$70 each per meeting, could add 2 more salaries to an already financially over- burdened water district. That means there could be reason to again increase water/sewer rates.
- ♦ Our water is good
- ♦ Our sewer system works well

Don't be fooled into thinking that 5 Commissioners are better than 3. It is not necessarily true. Vote NO on the ballot measure!

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Recent performances of the commissioners have demonstrated their ability to greatly improve our water district's operations. The necessity to burden our water district with additional expenses is not warranted.

Statement For prepared by: Citizens of Columbia Valley
Statement Against prepared by: Committee to Just Say "NO"

Complete text of this measure may be found on page 27

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Ballot Measure Full Text

CITY OF BELLINGHAM RESOLUTION NO. 2006-27

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE POSITION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION WHICH WOULD CHANGE THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO AN APPOINTED POSITION, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-24.

WHEREAS, the position of Finance Director for the City of Bellingham is currently an elected position pursuant to section 2.01 of the Bellingham City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Bellingham City Charter requires no professional experience or qualifications for the position of Finance Director even though the City's finances and financial reporting requirements have grown more complex since the positions of Treasurer and Comptroller were combined into one elected position when the City Charter was drafted and approved in 1972; and

WHEREAS, performing the duties required of the Finance Director requires a high degree of skill, technical training and financial management experience; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the best interests of the City would be served if the City had an appointed Finance Director with professional education, expertise and experience and to that end, the qualified voters of the City should be presented with the opportunity to modify the existing City Charter by the adoption of the following amendments; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 13.01 of the City Charter provides that the City Council may, by agreement of a majority of all the Council members, submit proposed amendments to the voters for their ratification; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously authorized these Charter amendments to be proposed to the voters and has directed the City Attorney to prepare the ballot titles; and

WHEREAS, these amendments are interdependent and should be considered by the voters as one ballot measure; and

WHEREAS, the original Resolution No. 2006-24 failed to include language related to the professional qualifications and knowledge of municipal finance required of the proposed appointed Finance Director;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

That the City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an appropriate ballot title for submission of the following proposed charter amendments to the qualified voters of the City at the November 7, 2006 general election:

1. Section 2.01 Elective City Officers.

This section would be amended to provide that the elective officers of the City would be the Mayor and seven (7) Councilmen. The Finance Director would become an appointive officer of the City:

The elective officers of the City shall be the Mayor, and seven (7) Councilmen. All elective officers shall be elected at municipal general elections by majority vote from the City at large.

2. Section 2.02 Terms of Elected Officers.

This section would be amended to delete the reference to the term of office for the Finance Director.

The term of the Mayor shall be four (4) years. The terms of the six (6) Councilmen to be elected by wards shall be four (4) years. The term of the Councilman to be elected at Large shall be two (2) years. The terms of Councilmen shall be so staggered that three (3) ward Councilmen and the Councilman-at-Large shall be elected at each municipal general election.

3. Section 8.05 Finance Director—Duties.

This section would be amended, beginning with the section heading, to provide for the Finance Director's appointment and required professional qualifications by adding a new first paragraph which would read as follows:

Section 8.05 Finance Director—Appointment and Duties.

The Finance Director of the City of Bellingham shall be appointed or removed by the Mayor with Council approval effective on January 1, 2008. The Finance Director shall be appointed on the basis of professional qualifications with special reference to knowledge and experience in municipal finance.

The remainder of section 8.05 remains unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following finalization of the ballot title, the same shall be submitted to the Finance Director who shall cause the foregoing propositions 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 September 7, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2006-24 is hereby rescinded and replaced by the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED by the Council this 24th day of July, 2006; Gene Knutson, Council President.

APPROVED by me this 31st day of July, 2006; Mark Asmundson, Mayor.

ATTEST: Christine Weinberg, Finance Director.

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

Ballot Measure Full Text

CITY OF LYNDEN, WASHINGTON GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS RESOLUTION NO. 747

A **RESOLUTION** of the City Council of the City of Lynden, Washington, providing for a form of the ballot proposition and specifying certain other details concerning submission to the qualified electors of the city at a special election to be held therein on November 7, 2006 for the issuance of its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,900,000, or so much thereof as may be issued under the laws governing the indebtedness of cities, for the purpose of providing funds for acquiring, constructing and equipping a new City Hall.

WHEREAS, the City of Lynden, Washington (the "City") has plans to acquire, construct and equip a new City Hall situated at the block bounded by Main Street and Liberty Street and 3rd and 4th (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide all or a part of the funds to enable the City to undertake the Project, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the City issue and sell its unlimited tax general obligation bonds to provide funds for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington provide that the question of whether or not such bonds may be issued and sold for such purposes must be submitted to the qualified electors of the City for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNDEN DOES ORDAIN, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. This City Council (the "Council") hereby finds and declares that the best interest of the residents and property owners of the City require the City to carry out the plans hereinafter provided at the time or times and in the order deemed most necessary and advisable by the Council.

Section 2. Capital Improvements. The City shall acquire, construct and equip a new City Hall situated at the block bounded by Main Street and Liberty Street and 3rd and 4th Streets (the "Project"). The estimated cost of the Project is \$4,900,000.

The cost of all necessary consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses, on and off-site utilities, related improvements and other costs incurred in connection with the Project shall be deemed a part of the costs of the Project.

If available funds are sufficient from the proceeds of bonds authorized for the above purposes, and state or local circumstances require, the City shall acquire, construct, equip and make other capital improvements, all as the Council may determine.

Section 3. Authorization of Bonds. For the purpose of providing all or a part of the funds necessary to pay the cost of the Project, together with incidental costs and costs related to the sale and issuance of the bonds, the City shall issue and sell its unlimited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$3,900,000. The balance of the cost of the Project shall be paid out of any money which the City now has or may later have on hand which are legally available for such purposes. None of said bond proceeds shall be used for the replacement of equipment or for any other than a capital purpose. Such bonds shall be issued in an amount not exceeding the amount approved by the qualified electors of the City as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington or exceeding the amount permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington. After voter approval of the bond proposition and in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, the City may issue short term obligations as authorized and provided by Chapter 39.50 RCW.

Section 4. Details of Bonds. The bonds provided for in Section 3 hereof shall be sold in such amounts and at such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by this Council and as permitted by law, shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time the bonds are sold, and shall mature in such amounts and at such times within a maximum term of not to exceed thirty (30) years from date of issue, but may mature at an earlier date or dates, as authorized by this Council and as provided by law. Said bonds shall be general obligations of the City and, unless paid from other sources, both principal thereof and interest thereon (including original issue discount) shall be payable out of annual tax levies to be made upon all the taxable property within the City without limitation as to rate or amount and in excess of any constitutional or statutory tax limitations. The exact date, form, terms and maturities of said bonds shall be as hereafter fixed by resolution of the Council.

Section 5. Bond Election. It is hereby found and declared that an emergency exists requiring the City to submit to the qualified electors of the City the proposition of whether or not the City shall issue such bonds for the Project, at a special election to be held therein on the 7th day of November, 2006.

The Whatcom County Auditor as ex officio supervisor of elections is hereby requested also to find the existence of such emergency and to call and conduct said special election within the City on said date. The Clerk of the City is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to said official in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 CITY OF LYNDEN, WASHINGTON NEW CITY HALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$3,900,000

The City Council of the City of Lynden adopted Resolution No. 747 concerning a proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the City to acquire, construct and equip a new City Hall, to issue \$3,900,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 30 years to finance such improvements, and to levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 747. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED?

REJECTED?

APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Lynden, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof held the 5th day of September, 2006, CITY OF LYNDEN, WASHINGTON, Jack Louws, Mayor.

ATTEST and CERTIFICATION: W. Verwolf, City Clerk.

Ballot Measure Full Text

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 RESOLUTION NO. 2006-02

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 3 authorizing the fire chief to file a notice of intention with the Whatcom County Boundary Review Board regarding the merger of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 3 into Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 13 and providing for the submission to the voters of the district at an election to be held therein on November 7, 2006, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 3 to merge into Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 13 pursuant to RCW 52.06.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the interlocal agreement entered on June 26, 2001, Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 3 ("Fire District No. 3") and Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 13 ("Fire District No. 13") have conducted all of their fire and emergency operations jointly as North Whatcom Fire & Rescue Services, Inc. ("NWFRSI"); and

WHEREAS, the joint operations of Fire District No. 3 and Fire District No. 13 as NWFRSI has helped sustain a high level of quality and efficiency in the fire and emergency medical services provided in both districts; and

WHEREAS, the joint operations of Fire District No. 3 and Fire District No. 13 have also allowed both districts to efficiently maximize the benefits of their combined resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. 3 (the "Board of Fire District No. 3") recognizes that the communities of both fire districts will continue to grow and that it must diligently plan for this growth so that it may continue to provide excellent fire and medical emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire District No. 3 believes that by merging Fire District No. 3 into Fire District No. 13, the new fire district will be able to provide the organizational structure, legislative control, administrative organization, funding, and operation necessary to better manage the impending growth of the communities in which both fire districts serve while increasing the fire and emergency medical services thereto; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2006 the Board of Fire District No. 3 petitioned the Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. 13 (the "Board of Fire District No. 13") requesting that Fire District No. 3 be merged into Fire District No. 13; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2006 the Board of Fire District No. 13 adopted Resolution No. 2006-03 approving the petition of the Board of Fire District No. 3 and transmitted the petition and Resolution No. 2006-03 back to the Board of Fire District No. 3; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

Section 1. On behalf of Fire District No. 3, the fire chief shall immediately complete, execute and file with the Whatcom County Boundary Review Board a notice of intention regarding the merger of Fire District No. 3 into Fire District No. 13 pursuant to RCW 52.06.001 and RCW 36.93.

Section 2. Pursuant to RCW 52.06.030, the Whatcom County Auditor is requested to call and conduct an election in Fire District No. 3, in the manner provided by law, to be held herein on November 7, 2006, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of Fire District No. 3, for their approval or rejection, a proposition of whether Fire District No. 3 shall be merged into Fire District No. 13.

Section 3. 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. 3 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON PROPOSITION NO. 1 MERGER OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 INTO WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 3, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2006-02 concerning the merger of Fire District 3 into Fire District 13. This proposition would merge Fire Protection District No. 3 into Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 13 creating one fire protection district to provide fire and emergency medical services for the areas currently served by the two districts. Should this proposal be:

APPROVED ()
REJECTED ()

Section 4. The Secretary of the District is directed: (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 2006-02 showing its adoption by the Board at least 45 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 Fire District No. 3 shall be merged into Fire District No. 13.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 3, at a general open public meeting thereof this 4th day of August, 2006, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting. Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 3, Richard A. Bosman, Commissioner; Roger Hawley, Commissioner; Dean A. Whitney, Commissioner.

ATTEST AND CERTIFICATION: Tom Fields, District Secretary, Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 3.

Ballot Measure Full Text

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 RESOLUTION NO. 2006-03

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District 3, Whatcom County, Washington providing for the submission to the voters of the district at an election to be held therein on November 7, 2006, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2007 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. 3 (the "District"), has determined that it appears certain money available for the Expense Fund for the calendar year 2007 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 \$1.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and that it is necessary the regular property tax levy of the District be set at \$1.50 per \$1,000, such levy to be made in 2006 for collection in 2007, 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

Section 1. The Auditor further is requested to call and conduct an election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held herein on November 7, 2006, 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 \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value; such levy to be made in 2006 for collection in 2007, 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.

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. 3 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON PROPOSITION NO. 2 RESTORING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 3, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2006-03 concerning a regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain its regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2007 and thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. 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. 2006-03 showing its adoption by the Board at least 45 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. 3, at a general open public meeting thereof this 4th day of August, 2006, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting: Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 3 Richard A. Bosman, Commissioner; Roger D. Hawley, Commissioner; Dean A. Whitney, Commissioner.

ATTEST and CERTIFICATION: Tom Fields, District Secretary, Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 3.

Ballot Measure Full Text

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13 RESOLUTION NO. 2006-04

A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District 13, Whatcom County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the district at an election to be held therein on November 7, 2006, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2007 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. 13 (the "District"), has determined that it appears certain money available for the Expense Fund for the calendar year 2007 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 \$1.49 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and that it is necessary the regular property tax levy of the District be set at \$1.50 per \$1,000, such levy to be made in 2006 for collection in 2007, 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

Section 1. The Auditor further is requested to call and conduct an election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held herein on November 7, 2006, 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 \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value; such levy to be made in 2006 for collection in 2007, 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.

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. 13 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON PROPOSITION NO. 1 RESTORING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 13, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2006-04 concerning a regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain its regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2007 and thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. 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. 2006-04 showing its adoption by the Board at least 45 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. 13, at a general open public meeting thereof this 4th day of August, 2006, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting: Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 13, James. V. Hinchey, Commissioner; William Salter, Commissioner; Eddie Lathers, Commissioner.

ATTEST and CERTIFICATION: Tom Fields, District Secretary, Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 13.

Ballot Measure Full Text

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18 RESOLUTION NO. 9-19-06-1 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY (SPECIAL ELECTION)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 7, 2006, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.25 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

Background: WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District. The accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing these services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations and equipment in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 18, Whatcom County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to obtain, operate and maintain emergency fire and medical aid vehicles and facilities staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with suitable fire fighting and emergency medical equipment. The additional regular tax revenue is necessary to establish a duty program to enable the fire district to provide 24 hour 7 day per week coverage to provide improved response service.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010, and Initiative 747 and levy beginning in 2006 and collect beginning in 2007, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130, RCW 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. The District currently levies a regular property tax at the rate of \$.7909 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on November 7, 2006, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be increased to \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Whatcom County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, to declare that an emergency exists and to call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 18 - Board of Commissioners – Proposition Authorizing Increase of Existing Property Tax Levies.

The proposition will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the District to increase its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. (This shall not be construed to authorize an excess levy and shall be subject to other applicable statutory limits.) The additional regular tax revenue is necessary to establish a duty program to enable the fire district to provide 24 hour 7 day per week coverage to provide improved response service.

Should this Proposition be enacted into law?

Yes

No

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 18, Whatcom County, Washington, at a open public meeting of such Board on the 19 day of September, 2006, the following Commissioners being present and voting: Socorro Ruiz, Commissioner; Russell Turner, Commissioner; Claudette Johnson, Commissioner; Jackie Ruiz, Secretary.

Ballot Measure Full Text

WHATCOM COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 13 RESOLUTION 2006-13

A RESOLUTION to call a special election to increase the Board of Commissioners from 3 to 5 members.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Water District #13 has been presented with a petition that meets the requirements for this process, outlined in RCW 57.12.015; and

WHEREAS, the electoral officer of the county of which the District resides, being Whatcom County, Washington, is the Whatcom County Auditor, Shirley Forslof; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Water District #13 that they are formally requesting of the Whatcom County Auditor, Shirley Forslof that the option of increasing the size of the Board be included on the ballot for a special election held in Whatcom County November 7th, 2006.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Water District #13, Whatcom County, Washington, on this 29th day of August 2006; Commissioner Watkins, Commissioner Fowler, Commissioner Cable.

ATTEST Shannon Thorp, General Office Manager.

Special Notice

When Will Vote By Mail Ballots Be Mailed?

Vote by mail ballots are scheduled to be mailed starting October 18, 2006.

If you have not received your ballot by October 24, 2006, please contact the Whatcom County Elections Division at (360) 676-6742, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BALLOTS WITH LATE POSTMARKS CANNOT BE COUNTED

MAIL YOUR BALLOT EARLY!

In the September 19th Primary, 310 ballots were received with late postmarks and were unable to be counted (pursuant to RCW 29A.48.050).

Remember that your ballot needs to be postmarked no later than Election Day, November 7, 2006, to be counted. We recommend, however, mailing your ballot no later than November 6.

Let your voice be heard and your vote be counted; mail your ballot early!

Can't Find it Here?



Check your State Pamphlet

www.secstate.wa.gov

Included in the State Pamphlet:

- Federal Candidates
- State Initiatives and Senate Joint Resolutions
- State Candidates
- Supreme Court Candidates
- Court of Appeals Candidates

County Auditor and Election Department Contact Information

County	Mailing Address	City	Zip	Phone	TDD Service
Adams	210 W. Broadway Ave., Suite 200	Ritzville	99169-1897	509-659-3249	509-659-1122
Asotin	P.O. Box 129	Asotin	99402-0129	509-243-2084	1-800-855-1155
Benton	P.O. Box 470	Prosser	99350-0470	509-736-3085 and 509-786-5618	1-800-855-1155
Chelan	P.O. Box 400	Wenatchee	98807-0400	509-667-6808	1-800-833-6388
Clallam	223 E 4th St., Suite 1	Port Angeles	98362-3026	360-417-2221	1-800-833-6388
Clark	P.O. Box 8815	Vancouver	98666-8815	360-397-2345	360-397-6032
Columbia	341 E. Main St., Suite 2	Dayton	99328-1361	509-382-4541	1-800-833-6388
Cowlitz	207 4th Ave. No., Room 200	Kelso	98626-4130	360-577-3002	360-577-3061
Douglas	P.O. Box 456	Waterville	98858-0456	509-745-8527	509-745-8527, Ext. 297
Ferry	350 E. Delaware Ave. #2	Republic	99166	509-775-5200	1-800-833-6388
Franklin	P.O. Box 1451	Pasco	99301-1451	509-545-3538	1-800-833-6388
Garfield	P.O. Box 278	Pomeroy	99347-0278	509-843-1411	1-800-833-6388
Grant	P.O. Box 37	Ephrata	98823-0037	509-754-2011 Ext. 343	1-800-833-6388
Grays Harbor	100 Broadway Ave. W., Suite 2	Montesano	98563-3614	360-249-4232	360-249-6575
Island	P.O. Box 5000	Coupeville	98239-5000	360-679-7366	360-679-7305
Jefferson	P.O. Box 563	Port Townsend	98368-0563	360-385-9117	1-800-833-6388
King	500 4th Ave., Room 553	Seattle	98104-2337	206-296-8683	206-296-0109
Kitsap	614 Division St.	Port Orchard	98366	360-337-7128	1-800-833-6388
Kittitas	205 W. 5th St., Suite 105	Ellensburg	98926-2891	509-962-7503	1-800-833-6388
Klickitat	205 Columbus St. S., Stop 2	Goldendale	98620-9208	509-773-4001	1-800-833-6388
Lewis	P.O. Box 29	Chehalis	98532-0029	360-740-1278	360-740-1480
Lincoln	P.O. Box 28	Davenport	99122-0028	509-725-4971	1-800-833-6388
Mason	P.O. Box 400	Shelton	98584-0400	360-427-9670, Ext. 469	1-800-833-6388
Okanogan	P.O. Box 1010	Okanogan	98840-1010	509-422-7240	1-800-833-6388
Pacific	P.O. Box 97	South Bend	98586-0097	360-875-9317	360-875-9400
Pend Oreille	P.O. Box 5015	Newport	99156-5015	509-447-3185	509-447-3186
Pierce	2401 S. 35th St., Room 200	Tacoma	98409-7484	253-798-7430	1-800-833-6388
San Juan	P.O. Box 638	Friday Harbor	98250-0638	360-378-3357	360-378-4151
Skagit	P.O. Box 1306	Mount Vernon	98273-1306	360-336-9305	360-336-9332
Skamania	P.O. Box 790	Stevenson	98648-0790	509-427-3730	1-800-833-6388
Snohomish	3000 Rockefeller Ave., #505	Everett	98201-4060	425-388-3444	425-388-3700
Spokane	1033 W. Gardner	Spokane	99260-0020	509-477-2320	509-477-2333
Stevens	215 S. Oak St., Room 106	Colville	99114-2836	509-684-7514 and 1-866-307-9060	1-800-833-6388
Thurston	2000 Lakeridge Dr. S.W.	Olympia	98502-6090	360-786-5408	360-754-2933
Wahkiakum	P.O. Box 543	Cathlamet	98612-0543	360-795-3219	1-800-833-6388
Walla Walla	P.O. Box 1856	Walla Walla	99362-0356	509-527-3204	1-800-833-6388
Whatcom	311 Grand Ave. Suite 103	Bellingham	98225-4038	360-676-6742	360-738-4555
Whitman	P.O. Box 350	Colfax	99111-0350	509-397-6270	1-800-833-6388
Yakima	128 N. Second St., Room 117	Yakima	98901-2639	509-574-1340	1-800-833-6388

ATTENTION speech or hearing impaired Telecommunications Device for the Deaf users: If you are using an “800 number” from the list above for TDD service, you must be prepared to give the relay service operator the telephone number for your county auditor or election department.

VOTERS NOT REGISTERED IN WHATCOM COUNTY MAY MAIL OR PHONE THEIR COUNTY AUDITOR WHERE REGISTERED TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.



Voter Registration and Voting

Voter qualifications

To register to vote in the state of Washington, you must be

- ✓ **A citizen of the United States**
- ✓ **A legal resident of Washington State**
- ✓ **At least 18 years old by election day**

If you have been convicted of a felony, you must have your rights restored before you register to vote.

In the state of Washington, you do not have to register by political party.

Registration deadlines

You can register to vote by sending in a completed Mail-In Voter Registration form at least 30 days before a Primary or General Election. Additionally, you may register in person at your County Elections Department up to 15 days before a Primary or General Election.

If you have moved or changed your name, you may use the Mail-In Voter Registration form to update your existing voter registration.

Change of residence

If you move to a **new** county, you must complete a new voter registration.

If you move within the same county, you do not need to re-register, but you must request a transfer of your registration. This can be done by using a Mail-In Voter Registration form, or by calling or writing your County Elections Department.

*NOTE: You must re-register or transfer your registration at least **30 days** before the election to be eligible to vote in your new precinct.*

Keep your registration up-to-date!

If we do not have your current name or address, you may not be able to vote in the next election. Use the Mail-In Voter Registration form to send your name or address change.

Using the Mail-In Voter Registration Form

You can use the Mail-In Voter Registration form to:

- Sign up to vote in Washington State
- Update your registration if you move to a new address or change your name
- Apply to become a permanent absentee voter

Please complete all sections. Once you have signed the completed form, place it in an envelope and mail to:

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
VOTER REGISTRATION BY MAIL
PO BOX 40229
OLYMPIA, WA 98504-0229**

If you are qualified and the information on your form is complete, you will be mailed a voter registration card which will identify your voting precinct.

Important: See the “Registration Deadlines” and “Change of Residence” sections at left.

Voting by absentee ballot

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot. You do not need to be ill or “absent” to be an absentee voter.

You may request an absentee ballot as early as 90 days before an election. (No absentee ballots are issued on election day except to hospitalized voters.) **The request for an absentee ballot must be made to your County Elections Department** (not to the Secretary of State).

One-time absentee ballot requests may be made either by phone, fax or mail. You may also sign up to automatically receive an absentee ballot before each election. Just check the “Yes” box in the Ongoing Absentee Voter Request section of the Mail-In Voter Registration form.

NOTE: Absentee ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to the County Election Officer on or before election day.

Questions? Information and assistance is available on the Secretary of State’s website at www.vote.wa.gov or through the Secretary of State’s toll-free Voter Information Hotline at **1-800-448-4881** (TDD/TTY 1-800-422-8683).

You can find your County Auditor or County Elections Department under Government Listings in your telephone directory or see the County Auditors list on the Secretary of State’s website.

Mail-In Voter Registration Form



Washington
Secretary of State

You may use this form to:

- Register to vote in Washington state;
- Update your registration if you move;
- Change your name;
- Request ongoing absentee ballots.

Please complete all the information in boxes 1 through 10 on the voter registration form below. **Be sure to include your signature in box 10.** Once you have filled out this form, fold on the dotted lines, seal flap, and mail.

If you are physically unable to sign this form, please mark an X in box 10 and have the person who assisted you in completing this form complete box 11.

If submitting this form by mail and you are re-registering to vote for the first time in this state, and did not enter any information into box 1A or B you must provide a copy of one of the following:

- Current photo ID
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Government check
- Paycheck
- or other government document that shows your name and address

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Use Black Pen - Please Print Clearly NAME CHANGE ADDRESS CHANGE IN WASHINGTON NEW REGISTRATION IN WASHINGTON

NOTE: Do not complete this form if you are not a U.S. Citizen FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Will you be at least 18 years of age or older before election day? YES NO
Are you a Citizen of the United States? YES NO

Federal & State Law require you to provide your WA Driver's or WA ID Card.
If you do not have a WA Driver's License or ID Card, provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.

1 A. WA Driver's License	B. Last 4 Digits/SSN	<input type="radio"/> Check here if you do not have a WA Drivers License, ID card, or SSN.	3 Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)
2 Last Name		<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Daytime Phone Number ()
4 First Name	M.I.	<input type="radio"/> Jr. <input type="radio"/> II <input type="radio"/> Sr. <input type="radio"/> III	E-Mail Address (optional)
5 Washington Resident Address (Required)	City or Town	ZIP Code	
6 Mailing Address Where You Get Your Mail (if different from above)	City or Town	State	ZIP Code
7 Check any that apply! <input type="radio"/> Military Domestic <input type="radio"/> Military Foreign <input type="radio"/> National Guard/Reserves <input type="radio"/> U.S. Citizen Overseas	8 ONGOING ABSENTEE REQUEST I would like to receive absentee ballots for all future elections <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
9 I was previously registered under this name and address			
NAME _____		Sign as previously registered	
STREET _____ COUNTY _____		X	
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____			

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WARNING: If you knowingly provide false information on this voter registration form or knowingly make a false declaration about your qualifications for voter registration, you will have committed a class C felony that is punishable by imprisonment for up to five years, or by a fine of up to ten thousand dollars or both imprisonment and fine. (RCW 29A.08.210)

10 Voter Declaration

By signing this document, I hereby assert, under penalty of perjury, that I am legally eligible to vote. If I am found to have voted illegally, I may be prosecuted and/or fined for this illegal act. In addition, I hereby acknowledge that my name and last known address will be forwarded to the appropriate state and/or federal authorities if I am found to have voted illegally. (RCW 29A.08.210)

- I declare that the facts on this registration form are true;
- I am a citizen of the United States;
- I am not presently denied my civil rights as a result of being convicted of a felony;
- I will have lived in Washington state at this address for thirty days immediately before the next election at which I vote;
- I will be at least eighteen years old when I vote.

(RCW 29A.08,230)

SIGN OR MARK IN THE BOX

X

11 If you are physically unable to sign your name, please have the person who assisted you in completing this form provide the following:	NAME _____
	ADDRESS _____

DATE SIGNED _____ / ____ / ____
Month/Day/Year

WHATCOM COUNTY OFFICIAL LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

General - November 7, 2006



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