



# Whatcom County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

November 8, 2011 General Election

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Dear Whatcom County Voter:

The future of Whatcom County is literally at your fingertips as you vote your November General Election ballot. The potential for great changes within our county is up to you; your vote will have a direct influence on our future. I encourage you to read the candidate statements provided within this pamphlet, visit candidates' websites, and attend candidate forums before making a decision that will have an effect on everyone. Also enclosed in this pamphlet are ballot measures with explanatory statements and arguments for and against the proposed measures in addition to voter information.

As I serve the balance of my term of office, I extend my sincere gratitude to the citizens of Whatcom County for allowing me to be your auditor for the last 24 years. I am humbled and honored to have served Whatcom County. I will move into retirement with pride knowing I served the greatest county in Washington State! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shirley Forslof  
Whatcom County Auditor

Participating Jurisdictions:

Port of Bellingham; Whatcom County Executive, Assessor, Auditor, Sheriff, and Treasurer; Whatcom County Council Districts 1, 2, and 3; City of Bellingham Mayor; City of Bellingham Council Wards 1, 3, 5, and At-Large; City of Blaine Council Wards 1, 2, and 3; City of Everson Council Positions 4 and 5; City of Ferndale Mayor; City of Ferndale Council Positions 1, 2, 3, and 4; City of Lynden Council Positions 1, 2, 3, and 4; City of Nooksack Council Positions 2, 4, and 5; City of Sumas Council Positions 3 and 5; Bellingham School District 501; Ferndale School District 502; Blaine School District 503; Lynden School District 504; Meridian School District 505; Nooksack Valley School District 506; Mt. Baker School District 507; Concrete School District 11; Whatcom County Fire Protection Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, and 21; Glacier Fire and Rescue; South Whatcom Fire Authority; Water Districts 2, 7, 13; Point Roberts Water District 4; Birch Bay Water and Sewer District; Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District; Samish Water District; Glacier Water District 14; Acme Water District 18; Columbia Valley Water District; Cemetery Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11; Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1; Northwest Park and Recreation District 2; Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3; Hospital District 304; Point Roberts Public Hospital District

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## Sample Ballot

### Whatcom County, Washington

### General Election - November 8, 2011

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

#### STATE MEASURES

##### Proposed by Initiative Petition Initiative Measure No. 1125

Initiative Measure No. 1125 concerns state expenditures on transportation. This measure would prohibit the use of motor vehicle fund revenue and vehicle toll revenue for non-transportation purposes, and require that road and bridge tolls be set by the legislature and be project-specific.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [ ] No [ ]

##### Initiative Measure No. 1163

Initiative Measure No. 1163 concerns long-term care workers and services for elderly and disabled people. This measure would reinstate background checks, training, and other requirements for long-term care workers and providers, if amended in 2011; and address financial accountability and administrative expenses of the long-term in-home care program.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [ ] No [ ]

##### Initiative Measure No. 1183

Initiative Measure No. 1183 concerns liquor: beer, wine, and spirits (hard liquor). This measure would close state liquor stores and sell their assets; license private parties to sell and distribute spirits; set license fees based on sales; regulate licensees; and change regulation of wine distribution.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [ ] No [ ]

##### Proposed to the People by the Legislature Amendment to the State Constitution Senate Joint Resolution No. 8205

The Legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on repealing article VI, section 1A, of the Washington Constitution. This amendment would remove an inoperative provision from the state constitution regarding the length of time a voter must reside in Washington to vote for president and vice-president.

Should this constitutional amendment be:

Approved [ ] Rejected [ ]

##### Senate Joint Resolution No. 8206

The legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on the budget stabilization account maintained in the state treasury.

This amendment would require the legislature to transfer additional moneys to the budget stabilization account in each fiscal biennium in which the state has received "extraordinary revenue growth," as defined, with certain limitations.




Should this constitutional amendment be:

Approved [ ] Rejected [ ]

##### Whatcom County Charter Amendment No. 1 (Submitted by the County Council) Salary Commission

The Whatcom County Council has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter concerning establishment of an independent salary commission. This measure would establish

#### To Vote Your Official Ballot

- **To Vote:** Use either blue or black ink. Do not use a felt tip pen or pencil. Connect the Head and Tail of the arrow that points to your choice with a **Single Line** as shown. 
- **To Correct A Mistake:** Draw a line through the incorrect choice like this: ~~John Doe~~  or ~~YES~~  You then have the option of making another choice if you wish.
- **Overvote:** More than one vote for an office or measure will be an overvote and no votes for that office or measure will be counted.
- **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.

an independent salary commission to fix the compensation of Whatcom County elected officials, subject to a referendum by the people. Should this proposal be approved? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

#### PORT OF BELLINGHAM

##### Commissioner District 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

(Vote for One)

Jim Jorgensen

Michael J. Murphy

#### WHATCOM COUNTY

##### County Executive, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term (Vote for One)

Doug Ericksen

Jack Louws

##### County Council District 1, Position B, Nonpartisan

4-Year Term (Vote for One)

Tony Larson

Pete Kremen

##### County Council District 2, Position B, Nonpartisan

4-Year Term (Vote for One)

Sam R. Crawford

Christina Maginnis

##### County Council District 3, Position B, Nonpartisan

4-Year Term (Vote for One)

Barbara Brenner

Alan Black

##### County Assessor, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term (Vote for One)

Keith M. Willnauer

##### County Auditor, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term (Vote for One)

J. Lynne Walker

Debbie Adelstein

##### County Sheriff, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term (Vote for One)

Bill Elfo

Steve Harris

##### County Treasurer, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term (Vote for One)

Steven Oliver

Brian Smith

##### City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2011-01

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2011-01 concerns automated traffic safety cameras. This measure would require the removal of any automated cameras used to issue tickets for stoplight, railroad crossing, and school zone violations installed under a 2010 ordinance and prohibit the installation of such cameras to issue tickets, unless approved by City Council and a majority of voters at an election, and limit the penalty to the lowest parking ticket fine.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes? \_\_\_ No? \_\_\_

**CITY OF BELLINGHAM****City of Bellingham Mayor, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Daniel V. Pike  
Kelli Linville

**City of Bellingham Council Ward 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Jack Weiss

**City of Bellingham Council Ward 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Cathy Lehman  
Barry Buchanan

**City of Bellingham Council Ward 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Terry Bornemann

**City of Bellingham Council At-Large, Nonpartisan 2-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Seth Fleetwood  
Larry Farr

**CITY OF BLAINE****City of Blaine Council Ward 1 Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Ken Oplinger

**City of Blaine Council Ward 2 Position 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Dennis M. Olason

**City of Blaine Council Ward 3 Position 5, Nonpartisan Short and Full 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Clark Cotner

**CITY OF EVERSON****City of Everson Council Position 4, Nonpartisan Short and Full 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Eric Oettel

**City of Everson Council Position 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Andy Rowlson  
Andrew (Andy) Jewell

**CITY OF FERNDALE****City of Ferndale Mayor, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Gary S. Jensen  
Lloyd Zimmerman

**City of Ferndale Council Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Cathy Watson  
Steve Malpezzi

**City of Ferndale Council Position 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Melvin Hansen  
Kelli A. Eshuis

**City of Ferndale Council Position 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
J. Manuel Reta  
Keith M. Olson

**City of Ferndale Council Position 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Paul S. Ingram  
Terese E. VanAssche

**CITY OF LYNDEN****City of Lynden Council Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Gary L. Bode

**City of Lynden Council Position 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Ronald DeValois

**City of Lynden Council Position 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Gerald (Jerry) Kuiken

**City of Lynden Council Position 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Brent Lenssen

**CITY OF NOOKSACK****City of Nooksack Council Position 2, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term**

(Vote for One)  
Daniel Bennett  
Peter G. Lubetich

**City of Nooksack Council Position 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Scott Bodven

**City of Nooksack Council Position 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Chuck Betker  
Marshall Judy

**CITY OF SUMAS****City of Sumas Council Position 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Todd Daniels

**City of Sumas Council Position 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Gary deBont

**BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 501****Director Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Camille Diaz Hackler

**Director Position 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Ken Gass

**Director Position 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Kelly Bashaw

**FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 502****Director District 1, Nonpartisan Short and Full 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Kevin Erickson

**Director District 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Stuart McKay  
Jeffrey Marks

**Director District 3, Nonpartisan Short and Full 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Tim Ballew  
Hugh Foulke

**BLAINE SCHOOL DISTRICT 503****Director District 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Campbell McClusky

**Director District 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Todd Berge

**Director District 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term**

(Vote for One)  
Charles Gibson

**LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT 504**

**Director Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Dominic Shiu

**Director Position 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Gary A. Vis

**Director Position 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Kevin Burke

**Director Position 4, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term**  
(Vote for One)  
Stephan Jilk

**MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 505**

**Director District 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Craig L. Wasilewski

**Director District 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Marty R. Gray

**Director District 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
John Bosche

**NOOKSACK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 506**

**Director District 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Cheryl Thornton

**Director District 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Chris Haugen

**Director District 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Mark Olson

**MT. BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT 507**

**Director District 1, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term**  
(Vote for One)  
Gary Chadwick

**Director District 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Ellen Dodson

**Director District 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Trish Hart

**Director District 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt

**CONCRETE SCHOOL DISTRICT 11**

**Director District 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Merlene Buller

**Director District 3, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term**  
(Vote for One)  
Gladys Silrus

**Director District 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Tony Hansen

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 1**

**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Unexpired Term** (Vote for One)  
Tim Wells  
Mannix McDonnell  
Rod Lofdahl

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)  
Orran Dodson

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)  
Steve Ness

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 5**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)  
Bill H. Meursing  
Ed Demezzi

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 7**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)  
Gerald D. Metzger  
Kurt Jensen

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 8**

**Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan Short and Full 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Gail Kelley

**Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)  
L.H. (Butch) Markhart

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 11**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)  
Wendell L. Terry

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 14**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)  
Chris Moe  
Leonard (Shorty) Bjornstad

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 16**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)  
Henry M. Maleng

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 17**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)  
Ralph Peterson

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 18**

**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Unexpired Term** (Vote for One)  
Patrick E. Bistline

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)  
Socorro D. Ruiz

**GLACIER FIRE AND RESCUE**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)  
Jan Eskola

## WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 21

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Bill Salter  
Kelly Gambini

**Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Rich Bosman

**Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Larry McPhail  
Dean A. Berkeley

## SOUTH WHATCOM FIRE AUTHORITY

**Commissioner District 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Winton Wefer

**Commissioner District 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Bob Ekdahl

## WATER DISTRICT 2

**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Unexpired Term** (Vote for One)

Chuck Foster

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Greg Christensen

## WATER DISTRICT 7

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Wendell Poole

## WATER DISTRICT 13

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Thomas L. Watkins

## POINT ROBERTS WATER DISTRICT 4

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Scott Hackleman

## BIRCH BAY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Don Montfort

## LAKE WHATCOM WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

**Commissioner District 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Unexpired Term** (Vote for One)

Laura Weide

**Commissioner District 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Todd Citron

**Commissioner District 5, Nonpartisan Short and Full 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)

John W. Millar

## SAMISH WATER DISTRICT

**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Unexpired Term** (Vote for One)

Gordon Nolan

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Mike Roberts

## GLACIER WATER DISTRICT 14

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Ellen Baker

## ACME WATER DISTRICT 18

**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Unexpired Term** (Vote for One)

Patrick Booth

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Short and Full 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)

Gabriel Harder

## COLUMBIA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Shane Janitscheck

Gerald Kern

**Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term** (Vote for One)

Victoria Anderson

Ben Kjeldgaard

## Whatcom County Cemetery District No. 1 Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners of Cemetery District #1, Whatcom County Washington, adopted Resolution No. 01-11 concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy. The proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed (\$.1125) per \$1,000.00 of assessed value for collection in 2012 to pay operational cost increases, and set the limit factor at 100% plus the annual percentage change for each of the six years (2012 to 2017). 2016 levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be: Approved?\_\_\_ Rejected? \_\_\_

## CEMETERY DISTRICT 1

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Wade A. Pettigrew

## CEMETERY DISTRICT 2

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Short and Full 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)

Karen Weber

**Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term** (Vote for One)

Janet Lutz-Smith

## CEMETERY DISTRICT 3

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term**  
(Vote for One)

Ruth Hanson

**CEMETERY DISTRICT 4**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Short and Full 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Dixon Stremler

**CEMETERY DISTRICT 5**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Kenneth John Ferry

**CEMETERY DISTRICT 6**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Jerry Ferrier

**Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term** (Vote for One)  
Bunny Taylor-Ochoa

**CEMETERY DISTRICT 7**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Mario Bonilla

**CEMETERY DISTRICT 8**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Dan Bourks  
Patricia Birchall

**CEMETERY DISTRICT 9**

**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Unexpired Term** (Vote for One)  
Tom Jones

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-year Term** (Vote for One)  
Tod Arnason

**CEMETERY DISTRICT 10**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Short and Full 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
James Browne

**CEMETERY DISTRICT 11**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Gerald Tenkley

**Proposition No. 1****Point Roberts Park and Recreation District #1**

Shall a tax, of approximately \$0.084065 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (based on 100% of true and fair value) to provide \$49,500 (forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars) for operation and maintenance purposes be levied for the Point Roberts Park and Recreation District #1 in 2011 for collection in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 upon all taxable property within the District, all as specified in Point Roberts Park and Recreation District #1, Resolution One?  
Levy Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Levy No \_\_\_\_\_

**POINT ROBERTS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT 1**

**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Mark Robbins

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Beverly Griffith

**Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term** (Vote for One)  
Mary Edgley

**Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan 2-year Unexpired Term** (Vote for One)  
Heather Good

**Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Linda Hughes

**Proposition No. 1****Northwest Park and Recreation District #2 Levy**

The Board of Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District No. 2 adopted Resolution No. 2011-01 concerning a proposition to impose a property tax levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a six (6) year period (2012-2017) to fund staffing, operations, maintenance and capital improvements in order to provide programs, an activity center and park and recreational improvements for people of all ages in the greater Blaine-Birch Bay area.

Should this proposition be approved? YES [ ] NO [ ]

**NORTHWEST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT 2**

**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Richard C. Sturgill

**Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 4-year Term** (Vote for One)  
Jeffery Carrington

**Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Douglas A. Robertson

**LYNDEN REGIONAL PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT 3**

**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Ron VanSoest

**Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Short and Full 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Bob Bandarra

**Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Bob Fraser

**HOSPITAL DISTRICT 304**

**Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Chuck Ruhl

**Position 4, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Daniel Garcia

**POINT ROBERTS PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term** (Vote for One)  
Robin Nault

## Port of Bellingham—Commissioner District 3



**Jim Jorgensen**  
Non-Partisan

It has been challenging and rewarding to be your Port Commissioner for the past eight years. The Port is involved in many projects that economically benefit the people of Whatcom County. We have responded to citizen needs regarding marinas, reduced taxes, and more. I will continue to work on large economic issues such as our rapidly growing international airport and the development of our waterfront plan at the old Georgia Pacific site.

Many projects with the small cities of Whatcom County are also underway. I've been an integral part of the Port funding that has made these possible. We are on the right track!

I feel qualified to continue as your Commissioner. These two terms have been an educational learning experience and gave me the opportunity to get to know the officials of our outlying



**Michael J. Murphy**  
Non-Partisan

Our Country, State and County are facing difficult times. Critical decisions need to be made for the future of Whatcom County. I do not want to lose the value of our past, see poor decisions made in the present or regret what we leave for the next generation of Whatcom County.

Born and raised here, met my wife here, raised our four children here and have three grandchildren, all living, going to school and working in Whatcom County. This is and will be, our home.

Whether it is Economic Development, Environmental Stewardship or Government Efficiency;

cities, the County, and the City of Bellingham, essential in putting together economic programs.

I've lived in Whatcom County 51 years, taught environmental education at Blaine High School for 30 years and owned/operated Jim's Salmon Charter locally for 40 years. I have been involved many public clubs and organizations and have worked with several 501(c)(3)'s. My most lasting vision is Blaine Marine Park.

**For More Information:**

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I will represent all of Whatcom County.

I want to serve you with my experience, leadership, vision and knowledge in a very critical time.

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## Whatcom County—Executive



**Doug Ericksen**  
Non-Partisan

Senator Doug Ericksen is the experienced leader we can trust in Whatcom County to enhance our quality of life, and help local families by focusing on job creation and preservation. Doug Ericksen is the only candidate with a proven record of standing up for family wage jobs and providing the leadership to make tough decisions. Ericksen's leadership has been recognized by Washington's leading job creating organizations:

Association of Washington Business-Cornerstone Award.

National Federation of Independent Business-Guardian of Small Business Award.

Washington Farm Bureau-highest local rating over the past 12 years for unwavering support of farm jobs.

Ericksen has a proven record of bringing people together to accomplish great things. This includes major transportation projects like the Guide Meridian expansion, protecting jobs at Cherry Point, investing in our local colleges, and building sports fields in Ferndale and Sumas.

Doug was born and raised in Whatcom County; he and his wife Tasha are raising their two children in Ferndale. Doug has served Whatcom County for 15 years, most recently as our State Senator. A Sehome High graduate, Doug earned a BA in Government from Cornell University, and MA in Environmental Policy from WWU. Doug Ericksen-The Experience We Need-The Leader We Trust

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## Whatcom County—Executive *Cont.*



**Jack Louws**  
Non-Partisan

As your County Executive, I will lead a fair and inclusive process that allows all voices to be heard and respected in order to create practical, workable solutions for the tough issues we face. From aging infrastructure to growth management to protecting farmland and Lake Whatcom, I have the experience, professionalism and passion to lead the county's multi-million dollar operation and 800 staff members.

As owner/president for 20+ years of LouwsTruss, I managed people, projects, budgets and business strategy through both up and down times. During my eight-year tenure as Lynden Mayor, my team successfully implemented more than \$60 million in infrastructure projects within a balanced budget. I'm endorsed by

the Mayors of Ferndale, Lynden, Blaine, Nooksack and Sumas, plus a wide cross-section of individuals and community leaders.

The County Executive sets the tone for public participation. We simply can't afford partisan bickering or personal agendas. We must focus on job creation and service delivery.

My father, John, was the first County Executive in 1979. He taught me the value of a dollar and the honor of a good day's work. I'm ready to work for *you* as your County Executive. I'd be honored to receive your vote.

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## Whatcom County—Council District 1, Position B



**Tony Larson**  
Non-Partisan

I was born and raised in this great county and spent my summers picking berries and bucking hay. I graduated Western Washington University with an Economics and Finance degree. I've been a business owner for 22 years and the former owner of the Bellingham Bells Baseball Club.

I'm a husband and father, youth coach, former Big Brother and Junior Achievement volunteer and leadership award recipient. I've been chairman of the NW Private Industry Council, executive board member of United Way, president of the WWU Alumni Assn., recipient of WWU's Builder of Bellingham Award and actively involved in many local organizations.

Our economy is a key driver of our quality of life and sustainable environment. Without a strong and prosperous economy,

families, schools, organizations that support our most vulnerable neighbors, and our environment are at risk. To build a prosperous future and move our community forward, we must have principled leadership.

As your Council representative I will bring a new and refreshing perspective to county government. I will fight for job creation; support only those regulations that work with, not against, our farmers, employers and families; and make decisions based on clear objectives that create fair and equitable outcomes for everyone.

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**Pete Kremen**  
Non-Partisan

Throughout my public service in the Legislature and as County Executive, I've devoted myself to safeguarding the cherished quality of life in our special community. Since I became Executive in 1996 we've enhanced services to more people without raising the county's portion of your property taxes. This was accomplished through a balanced, common-sense approach to government with respect for taxpayers.

Now I'm asking you to send me to the County Council, where I pledge to use my experience, knowledge and productive professional relationships at all levels of government to ensure Whatcom County remains an optimum place to live. I'm proud to be endorsed by almost every mayor and police chief in the county, Prosecutor Dave McEachran and many others.

I support: creating economic opportunities by helping local businesses thrive and attracting new business and industry with family-wage jobs; enhancing public safety by building a "right-size" jail; and preserving our environment by reducing urban sprawl, protecting Lake Whatcom and ensuring our accountable and transparent policies also maintain our farmland and help our farmers.

Fidela, my wife of 39 years, and I truly love Whatcom County. I would be deeply honored to serve you on the County Council. Sincerely, Pete Kremen

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## Whatcom County—Council District 2, Position B



**Sam R. Crawford**  
Non-Partisan

While we deal with the challenges of a tough economy, we must make sure there's a healthy and prosperous Whatcom County for future generations. That means opening the door to clean job-providing businesses, protecting our environment and our farming heritage, and keeping your taxes low.

I've worked hard to make sure your county government keeps its focus on doing the essentials: Public health and safety, responsive and strong law enforcement, good roads and facilities. I've done this for more than a decade without raising your property taxes, but instead finding more efficiency in county government.

As an independent thinker, I listen to the citizens more than I listen to the bureaucrats, and I find ways to get the most 'bang for the buck'. When it comes to protecting our drinking water,



**Christina Maginnis**  
Non-Partisan

I am running for Whatcom County Council because our quality of life is under threat with the prospect of drastically increased train traffic, coal dust pollution, declining water quality, and losing local farmers and farming as a strong part of our County legacy.

I pledge to create an open process while I work to protect farmland and farmers, ensure clean drinking water, and grow our local economy by creating incentives for clean energy, business growth and family wage jobs.

We must have transparency in government. We still have no plan to fund water quality projects. Because I work as a stormwater specialist for Washington State Department of Ecology and have

I've supported Lake Whatcom clean-up efforts that show results by leveraging watershed land preservation and on-the-ground stormwater improvements, instead of one-size-fits-all regulations that are costly and don't accomplish much.

With your vote, I will continue to represent common sense and fiscal responsibility in government, and I always look forward to hearing from you.

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served five years on the Lake Whatcom Watershed Advisory Board, I know the Council is not doing enough to protect our water supply.

My experience provides a deep understanding of how critical water and land issues are affecting the County and I'll ensure the public knows the truth about the coal terminal project for their careful consideration. I received my master's degree from Western Washington University. I've been endorsed by Washington Conservation Voters and Whatcom Democrats, and would be honored to have your vote.

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## Whatcom County—Council District 3, Position B



**Barbara Brenner**  
Non-Partisan

USA Weekend Magazine called Barbara Brenner, "...the hero next door...thinks of others constantly...creative, energetic, independent-minded...takes big risks to make things better." Barbara stopped 100s of tons a day of imported infectious waste; improved phone service;

promoted affordable housing/low impact development. Long history of working with our farmers to support our economy and local jobs. Works passionately for those generally ignored by government, and everyone else. Persistent. Investigative. Responsive. Always limits campaign spending. Its about trust! "I owe no favors. Everyone counts!"

Some local activities since 1983: Owner, Heritage Refinishing; Herald Health Newsmaker of the Year; Certified Erosion Control Lead; Trees for Streams participant; Master Gardener; Master Composter; small farm forester; RSVP volunteer; Hovander

House Docent; home on Re-Store's Recycled Homes Tour and Sustainable Connections Low Impact Development tour; Sean Humphries Hospice House Board; Black Mountain Forestry Board; Rome Grange member; NW Women's Hall of Fame Steering Committee; longest sitting Mental Health Advisory Board member, & much more!

"Sometimes what sounds like motherhood and apple pie is actually inefficient, wasteful, and/or unnecessary. I passionately protect people and the public purse." Actions speak louder than words! "Please vote for me."

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## Whatcom County—Council District 3, Position B *Cont.*



**Alan Black**  
Non-Partisan

I am in this race because of my absolute commitment to protect our environment, our family farms, shorelines, water and air quality. I have lived in Blaine with my wife Kathy for five years and currently serve on the Blaine City Council. I am a retired 747 Captain, an Air Line Pilots Association AFL-CIO member and a Vietnam veteran. I have a B.S. in Engineering from Lafayette College.

My aviation career honed my leadership abilities to make accurate and timely decisions producing successful outcomes. I was taught that good ideas come from many sources. By working together, great outcomes for Whatcom County are achievable.

We have outstanding local resources to achieve a protected environment and an economically sound future. Our decisions will have long-term consequences; this is the time for the

strongest possible leadership toward this future. I will work for clean drinking water, for initiatives to attract living wage jobs, for improving our local business climate, and for ensuring a safety net for our most vulnerable.

I'm honored to be endorsed by Washington Conservation Voters and Whatcom Democrats. I ask for your support for a new, more thoughtful approach to the issues facing our county.

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## Whatcom County—Assessor



No Photo  
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**Keith M. Willnauer**  
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## Whatcom County—Auditor



**J. Lynne Walker**  
Non-Partisan

I am running for Auditor because I believe the core of our democracy rests on our ability to vote and in knowing that our votes count. I will protect this right and ensure that all citizens of Whatcom County know that when they cast their ballots, they are counted accurately and promptly.

Since graduating from Ferndale High School in 1977, I have owned and operated two small businesses, worked for a local law firm, managed three public offices, and earned a degree in Business and Public Administration. In more than a decade of public service in Whatcom County I have provided caring, competent, capable service with honesty and integrity.

I have been actively involved in local elections serving as a trained elections observer, monitoring ballot processing, staffing ballot drop-off locations, and actively working on campaigns and ballot measures. I understand how hard citizens work to

make local elections meaningful. I will make sure the Auditor's office works for you by continuously pursuing excellence in efficiency, accountability, accuracy and security in all the services of the office.

As your Auditor I will never forget that I work for you first. Please see my website at [jlynnewalker.com](http://jlynnewalker.com). I ask for your vote.

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## Whatcom County—Auditor *Cont.*



### Debbie Adelstein

Non-Partisan

As your Chief Deputy Auditor for the last six years, I have served the citizens of Whatcom County under the leadership of Shirley Forslof, retiring Auditor. I am committed to the non-partisan and impartial nature of the office where fiscal responsibility, transparency and responsiveness to citizens are the primary goals.

Experience matters in the Auditor's office. I supervise the Election and Voter Registration Division, the Recording Division and the Licensing Division. I manage 16 employees, oversee a \$2.7 million annual budget, and have administered 23 elections. I have facilitated changing technologies and innovations including Vote-by-Mail, making documents available online, and the transition to optically-scanned ballots. I am a Certified Election Administrator with the Washington Secretary of State.

I am endorsed by retiring Auditor Shirley Forslof and respected local leaders in both major political parties including former Bellingham Mayor Tim Douglas and former State Senator/Whatcom County Sheriff Dale Brandland. Impartiality is critical in an auditor; therefore I did not seek or accept party endorsements.

I have lived in Whatcom County for over 35 years with my husband Steve and have two married children and one grandchild. For more information, please visit [www.adelsteinforauditor.com](http://www.adelsteinforauditor.com) or contact me at (360) 676-9591

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## Whatcom County—Sheriff



### Bill Elfo

Non-Partisan

I am honored to seek your vote to continue serving as your Sheriff. With your past support, much has been accomplished. A Jail Alternative Work Center opened, dangerous criminals are no longer turned away because of the lack of space and inmates work to help pay incarceration costs and support their families. Council is pursuing a new, efficiently designed and "right-sized" jail with increased mental health and sentencing alternatives. Deputies are better equipped, trained and more available in our neighborhoods. Programs and plans made our schools and children safer. Meth labs were eliminated. I testified before Congress on border impacts to our community and over \$5,000,000 was awarded to increase safety and defray costs to local taxpayers. *Crime in our community has dropped 40% and our crime rate is 57% below the state average!*

We will continue to drive crime rates down even further, prevent gang violence and increase efficiencies through technology.

Experience, integrity and teamwork matter! I have extensive law enforcement and leadership experience, including service as a Police Chief and Prosecutor. I'm proud that all local Police Chiefs, our Prosecuting Attorney and leading anti-Domestic Violence/Child Protection/ Mental Health Advocates endorse me for re-election.

Thank you!

Sheriff Bill Elfo

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### Steve Harris

Non-Partisan

For the past 16 years, I have been honored to serve as a deputy with your Whatcom County Sheriff's office. Through hard work and dedication, I now proudly serve as a detective, where I've spent the last 8 years helping to ensure that the most heinous crimes in Whatcom County

were solved and the perpetrators held accountable. I served more than four years as a labor leader and have been elected to lead both private corporations and fraternal organizations.

Law enforcement administrators have seemingly forgotten that our primary purpose is to serve and protect the public. The result has left the victims of crime with little understanding of what to expect. Deputies need to take the time to fully investigate every crime we respond to and explain the process to the victim. We

should not forget that "routine" calls for service may very well be the only time a community member requests the assistance of a deputy.

As your Sheriff, I will concentrate our limited training resources on honing basic investigative skills rather than militaristic tactics. I will reassign redundant supervisory staff from purely administrative roles back to the street to better fulfill our mission to protect the community.

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## Whatcom County—Treasurer



**Steven Oliver**  
Non-Partisan

I have served as your County Treasurer and Deputy County Treasurer for over 12 years safeguarding taxpayer money, collecting all revenues, providing excellent customer service, and implementing new efficiencies. Strong treasury management is the foundation of

transparent government. I fully report all financial activities with no financial gimmicks.

During the most difficult financial crisis of most of our lifetimes, your taxpayer money was safe. The value of well-disciplined and vigilant investment management has been shown as a hallmark of my leadership. I have worked hard to maintain the county's excellent AA credit rating, refinance debt at lower rates, and save taxpayers money.



**Brian Smith**  
Non-Partisan

I have worked in the finance and investment field for the past 20 years and currently own Bellingham Capital Management. I have managed over \$100 million of client investments, indicating the high level of trust my clients placed in me. My extensive business and finance

background allow me to bring competent and proven leadership to the Treasurer's office. As a successful businessman I am held to the highest standards of ethics, integrity, accuracy, efficiency, and client satisfaction. I will bring these tools and principles with me into the Treasurer's office.

I'm extremely proud of our recent accomplishments. A new property tax system, replacing an unsupported 26 year-old system, was completed on-time and under-budget and is already showing greater efficiencies and real cost savings. I also worked to successfully overturn a state audit finding to preserve local, county council financial authority. In the near future, I will be implementing a monthly property tax payment plan for taxpayers and electronic real estate transaction processing for our local real estate, attorney and title company professionals.

I work for you and would be deeply honored to continue serving you as County Treasurer.

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My wife Molly and I have 2 children ages 12 and 14. We are very involved with local community service projects for the schools, church, 4-H, and Boy Scouts. We enjoy camping, boating, horses and skiing. I am a member of Mt Baker Rotary Club as an avenue to invest in our local community.

As an Eagle Scout, I have a strong sense of civic duty and giving back to the community. Serving as Treasurer, I will provide new leadership at a crucial point in our economy. I will also apply my knowledge and experience in managing systems to make sure the Taxpayers get their moneys' worth.

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## City of Bellingham—Mayor



**Daniel V. Pike**  
Non-Partisan

Four years ago, you elected me Mayor. During challenging times for our community and country, I made tough, necessary choices, and today Bellingham ranks among Washington's best-run communities. While other governments struggle, Bellingham's bond rating was *raised*

because of excellent management. Residents feel prouder of their community, parks and libraries than they did four years ago. Businesses have better experiences with City Hall than was true in 2007. We're well-poised to build an even better future.

Moving forward, I'll continue governing with fiscal responsibility, cooperation and creativity. Where possible, we'll work with others, joining forces to better Bellingham. But sometimes, protecting Bellingham requires taking stands. I've defended our right to protect Lake Whatcom. And I'm standing

against the proposed coal terminal at Cherry Point—because it's wrong for Bellingham.

Over the next term, I'll continue protecting and promoting Bellingham. By defending against degradation and enhancing our attributes, we can—we will—emerge an even better community which builds its economy by preserving its character. I ask your support for re-election.

Mayor Dan Pike is endorsed by Firefighters Local #106, Washington Conservation Voters, Chuck and Dee Robinson of Village Books, Councilmembers Gene Knutson and Seth Fleetwood, and former Council member Barbara Ryan.

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## City of Bellingham—Mayor *Cont.*



**Kelli Linville**  
Non-Partisan

I believe Bellingham can be the most liveable city in the nation — safe, cultural, healthy, and educated, where you can live, work and play in the same place. By respecting diverse opinions, establishing strong relationships, setting priorities and engaging the public, we can do it.

Bellingham has everything we need for a healthy economy — innovative ideas, anchor industries, and a well-educated workforce. We need jobs, and every decision we make must ensure that our downtown, waterfront and urban villages thrive. Bellingham's character is determined by the character of our neighborhoods. Uniqueness, housing that is affordable and infill can be achieved if we listen to each other and act together toward our common goals.

We must protect Lake Whatcom. We have the information. Water quality is declining. We need to adopt practical, cost-effective actions now.

I have the experience Bellingham needs. I wrote and balanced a \$34 billion budget, managed a large staff, and prioritized the issues for 125,000 constituents. My experience has prepared me to take on this challenge. I am asking for your support so I can serve this city I love, where I was born, grew up and raised my family.

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## City of Bellingham—Council Ward 1



**Jack Weiss**  
Non-Partisan

In my 24 years in Bellingham, our community has changed dramatically and is poised in the next few years to make more adjustments. As these changes occur, Bellingham needs leadership to accentuate the positives and diminish the negatives.

I want to continue focusing on protecting our health through better management of Lake Whatcom drinking water, providing predictable and responsible growth and zoning that stops sprawl and creates vitality in urban centers and neighborhoods, insisting that the waterfront redevelopment Master Plan reflect the deep-seated input from the community, and helping business development while protecting our community and neighborhood values.

I will continue to offer leadership on these issues with vision, accountability and fairness. I have the energy and willingness to investigate, analyze, and make well-reasoned decisions.

I am Jack Weiss and I ask for your support.

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## City of Bellingham—Council Ward 3



**Cathy Lehman**  
Non-Partisan

Cathy Lehman is a nonprofit director, downtown resident, sustainability advocate and graduate of Western Washington University. She offers a fresh perspective on critical issues facing our city, new energy to bring solutions and results, and a commitment to livability for this amazing place we call home.

Cathy works to stop sprawl and protect farmland, holds a graduate certificate in Sustainable Business, and enjoys managing weekend shifts at the Lighthouse Mission's Agape Home -- a transitional housing shelter for women and children.

Through her work with Futurewise, Sustainable Connections, the Opportunity Council and Whatcom Volunteer Center, and her service with Downtown Bellingham Partnership and Whatcom

Conservation Voters, Cathy has come to believe that business innovation, smart growth, and fresh, bold leadership will ensure that our best days are ahead of us as a city. She knows that a vibrant urban core, transportation choices, clean drinking water, and livable neighborhoods are critical for Bellingham's future.

Her work delivers results. In 2008, Cathy's project, 'Bellingham Green Power Community Challenge' saw Bellingham become the #1 Green Power Community in the country! Cathy Lehman is endorsed by Whatcom Democrats and Whatcom Conservation Voters, and is the clear choice for the most livable future for Bellingham.

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## City of Bellingham—Council Ward 3 *Cont.*



### Barry Buchanan

Non-Partisan

Having grown up in, and raised my family in Bellingham, I am honored to have served as your Ward 3 Council member for the past 4 years, and ask you to re-elect me to that role. My previous work as Chairman of the Whatcom County Democratic Party for six years and

President of the Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association for four years has prepared me well for public office.

I seek re-election as I continue to have a passion for addressing the major issues facing our community - Restoration and Protection of Lake Whatcom; Promoting Public Safety; Improving Bellingham's Business Climate; working with the business community and our higher educational institutions to promote job creation and preserving the character of our Neighborhoods.

I have built working relationships and partnerships that allow

me to be effective in serving as the Council representative to the Council of Governments Board of Directors; the Downtown Bellingham Partnership and the Northwest Economic Council.

Finally, I am proud to be able to share with you that I am endorsed by all of the Bellingham Public Employee unions: the Bellingham/Whatcom County Firefighters Local 106, the Bellingham Police Guild, Teamsters Local 231 and AFSCME Local 114.

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## City of Bellingham—Council Ward 5

No Photo  
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### Terry Bornemann

Non-Partisan

Terry Bornemann is the current City Councilmen from Bellingham's 5th ward. He resides in the Sehome neighborhood with his wife of 33 years and their two sons. Terry serves as Chair of the Transportation Committee, and Chair of the Waterfront committee. He also serves as

Council liaison to the Sustainable Connection board and the Whatcom Museum board. In addition to his council duties, Terry works as a Family therapist with Whatcom Juvenile Court. Terry is a Viet Nam veteran. As a City Councilman, Terry had been very active in working for the protection of the Lake Whatcom Reservoir, the revitalization of our downtown, the protection of our neighborhoods, and working for sustainable economic growth. He has been very active in working with neighborhood groups,

business owners and private citizens in improving the quality and safety of our great community. He has worked to improve public access and process with City government. "Bellingham is a very special place. We need to protect the natural environment in which we reside, protect the character of our neighborhoods, and work to build a truly sustainable economy in a way that compliments our current quality of life"

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## City of Bellingham—Council At-Large

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### Seth Fleetwood

Non-Partisan

I was born in Bellingham, graduating from Sehome High in 1981. I worked at a king crab processing plant near Dutch Harbor for a period. Thereafter, I lived in Seattle, graduating from the University of Washington in 1986. I then moved to Washington DC. I worked for

Bellingham's Congressman, Al Swift, during this time. In 1988 I traveled throughout Central and South America and began law school in 1989. I graduated from Willamette University College of Law in 1992. I fished in Prince William Sound in 1993 before returning to Bellingham late that year. I opened a Law Office in Fairhaven, where I have been for many years, committed to issues of local public interest. I worked on numerous boards and committees, including the Greenway's Committee. I served two terms on the Whatcom County Council with a special interest in

growth and water quality issues before winning a seat on the Bellingham City Council in 2009. I believe we must resolutely commit to building a full protection program for Lake Whatcom and we must continue to grow in ways that do not require systematic expansion of our growth boundaries to the detriment of our natural resource lands in the County.

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## City of Bellingham—Council At-Large *Cont.*



**Larry Farr**  
Non-Partisan

As a citizen I believe in a representative form of government. Sitting on the city council means I represent you. Not a group, or a set of ideas, but *you* the citizen and taxpayer. My experience working in the community stands out as I do not need on the job training, but can step in support and establish community policies that has your best interest in mind.

People should be asking key questions of our government: questions like - How can we best manage the anticipated growth for our community (and all that this entails), and how will we pay for it, without creating burden on those already taxed and fee'd extensively? How do we keep our city one of the most liveable

cities in America? How do we complete the waterfront while protecting the environment and stimulating growth in business and the economy? These are the questions we need to address, with solid answers.

Having worked with numerous boards and organizations, (Hospice Foundation, American Red Cross, The Downtown Partnership, the Railroad Avenue Merchants Association, and numerous others), I come ready to serve working hard to represent you. Please Vote for Larry Farr, Bellingham City Council, At-Large Position.

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## City of Blaine—Council Ward 1 Position 1



**Ken Oplinger**  
Non-Partisan

I believe Blaine is on the verge of some important, positive changes. From the development community's interest in our downtown, to the Port and City's Master Plan for the Marina, to the hundreds of units of housing in East Blaine, there is no question that Blaine has the potential of reclaiming its role as a true economic and cultural center for Whatcom County.

This was one of the reasons Diana and I chose to move here seven years ago. We both said, "Someday, Blaine can and will be a draw for tourists and locals, business and industry, and we should be a part of it!"

Since coming to Whatcom County, I have served as the President/CEO of the Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce &

Industry. I have also served on the Blaine Planning Commission for six years, the last three as its Chair, and my wife Diana and I live in the Lettered Streets with our daughter, Rachel.

As we approach this election season, please consider the goals you have for Blaine, and please consider voting for me for the Ward 1 seat on the Blaine City Council. Together, let's make our goals a reality.

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## City of Blaine—Council Ward 2 Position 3



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## City of Blaine—Council Ward 3 Position 5

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**Clark Cotner**  
Non-Partisan

I accepted a position in 1996 as a senior executive for an international corporation, whose home office was located in Vancouver, British Columbia. I relocated my family at that time and purchased a home in Blaine. Currently I own and operate a business with several employees

throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Long range planning and budgeting to be successful requires seasoned judgment. As your City Councilman, I feel very strongly that my years of experience as an executive and business owner will serve our community well.

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## City of Everson—Council Position 4



**Eric Oettel**

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## City of Everson—Council Position 5



**Andy Rowson**  
Non-Partisan

I am pleased to have served my community on the Everson City Council since 2000. Over that time I've helped the City to tackle many important issues such as assuring well-planned neighborhood growth, strengthening our Police Department, maintaining the City parks, and

expanding our trail network. In addition, I have helped address infrastructure needs such as building a 3rd water tower, replacing sewer lift stations, and paving streets.

Please support me as I seek re-election this fall. If I can assist you or answer any questions, you may contact me at 360-927-9378 or [rowlson1@gmail.com](mailto:rowlson1@gmail.com).

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## City of Everson—Council Position 5 *Cont.*



**Andrew (Andy) Jewell**  
Non-Partisan

For the last 11 years I have enjoyed living in Everson, where I am raising my family, in this unique and family-friendly community. I have served on the boards of charities and businesses alike. I have been a union member and I now own my own small business. My experience is diverse and has taught me to work with people from different perspectives to reach a common goal.

As a city council member, I would like to help preserve Everson as Everson. I would bring my experience as a problem solver that works with others, to help Everson balance a community that is friendly to small business, while maintaining a safe and

family-friendly city to raise our children in. I ask for your vote and would be privileged to serve Everson in this capacity.

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## City of Ferndale—Mayor



**Gary S. Jensen**  
Non-Partisan

Mayor Jensen was born in 1955 and is the owner of Sullivan Plumbing. He graduated from Ferndale High School in 1973. Married to wife Kelly for 30 years who teaches Kindergarten at Central Elementary. They have one daughter, Taryn, who works in Seattle. His father is the former police chief and retired as fire chief. Brother Allan works as a Bellingham police detective. Community service is family tradition.

I have served our city for the past six years. My goal is to rise each day and try to help our city. During tough economic times your city has balanced its budget each year. The position of mayor is dominated by the need for management experience. The mayor manages employees and the budget. Even during difficult financial setbacks we have prioritized our spending and

accomplished progress for Ferndale. We have new streets, buildings, businesses and a reputation for welcoming the future.

Tough times are not over and the future will demand and require continued, mature leadership.

“Some dream but accomplish little. Some dream, plan and accomplish their goals. The first is merely a dreamer, the latter is a leader!” I politely ask that you allow me to serve you once again.

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**Lloyd Zimmerman**  
Non-Partisan

I'm running for Mayor because the time has come for a change at City Hall. Ferndale is at a crossroads; the next Mayor must get it right. As a four-year Council member I've voted against wasteful spending, tax & fee increases, and against borrowing millions without voter approval, then awarding it to out of town contractors, managers, and architects. I will insure that Ferndale resources benefit Ferndale citizens.

I'm passionate about engaging Ferndale's youth however and whenever possible---for learning, work experience, academics and positive, healthy "play."

My first action as mayor will be to systematically evaluate city services and resources for efficiency and cost. Fixing downtown traffic will be a top priority if I am mayor. Fresh water for

Ferndale and our Lummi neighbors requires a comprehensive approach, which is not presently the case. Preservation, quality, delivery, and cost of critical water resources are major issues confronting our city.

As a Ferndale resident for the past 20 years, and a small business owner for 15, I've learned a great deal about our community. As mayor I will come to the citizens *first*--for their opinions, wishes, criticism, and assistance. I ask for your vote: "Zimm for Mayor."

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## City of Ferndale—Council Position 1



**Cathy Watson**  
Non-Partisan

I moved to Washington five years ago from Houston, where I worked for NASA. In my last position, I managed 10 experiment teams, helping researchers determine how living aboard the International Space Station affected astronaut physiology and psychology. I've worked as an electronics technician (U.S. Coast Guard), meteorologist and public affairs officer (NASA), and middle school teacher (Virginia). Currently, I am a volunteer for the Mt. Baker Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Whatcom Unified Emergency Management Team, and Whatcom County Habitat for Humanity. I also serve as Secretary of the Ferndale Public Market Steering Committee and as a board member of the Pacific Highlands Homeowners Association.

As a Councilperson, I will work to bring more family-wage jobs to Ferndale. Developing and supporting local businesses, and



**Steve Malpezzi**  
Non-Partisan

I have decided to run for Re-Election due to the borrow and spend mentality of the current administration and council majority. Our debt capacity has more than doubled in the past 4 years and is almost maxed out. The financial decisions we make today will affect our community and children for the next 20 years. And I cannot stand by idly and watch our grand city fall into similar habits as our great nation is facing. Ferndale has never seen such high debt obligations before, and I pledge to do my best to bring these totals back in line with values my fellow citizens would hold to be historical and reasonable.

I have served the great city of Ferndale for the last four years as a city councilman. I have had a career in the law enforcement field for almost two decades; which require a similar set of skill

working to bring new companies to Ferndale, are essential to our long-term survival. Ferndale must also find ways to provide services and maintain its infrastructure without depending on cyclical sales tax revenue or dwindling State and Federal funding. I believe we must work together to solve our problems, through partnerships with our local university, community and technical colleges, businesses, and community groups, and not let outside interests divide us.

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sets. I have also participated in various city board & commissions and other community organizations such as: founding member of the Economic Viability Steering Committee, CCA, Economic Development Commission, Ferndale FDDA, NWHC of Commerce and FAC.

My Priorities include: Economic Growth and Stability, Long-Term Planning, and Real-Time Traffic Solutions.

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## City of Ferndale—Council Position 2



**Melvin Hansen**  
Non-Partisan

I have lived in Ferndale for over 40 years with my wife Bertella and son Greg. For 28 years I was the Ferndale High School Band Director, a successful program known nationally as well as locally. I have been a Ferndale City Council Member for 12 years and currently serve as a trustee of the Old Settlers Association and as a Charter Member of the Ferndale Kiwanis Club.

Ferndale's number one priority must be the health and safety of our citizens. A strong, well paid police force, adequate police facilities, and adequate water and sewer systems are essential. Safe and well maintained roads are important. We need to continue the sidewalk program so eventually every student walking to school has a sidewalk. Seeking funding for street rebuilding and upgrades should be a high priority.

We must plan for the future because growth will happen, and it is important that the City has in place development regulations and standards so that the community determines how Ferndale will look in the future.

Finally, parks are an essential need for a quality lifestyle. We need to re-establish the parks department and maintain as well as expand our parks system as funding permits.

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## City of Ferndale—Council Position 2 *Cont.*



**Kelli A. Eshuis**  
Non-Partisan

My name is Kelli Ann Eshuis and I was born and raised in Ferndale. I am a 37 year old single mother who dreams of being a voice for the working parents of the City of Ferndale and the younger generation. Our children are our future and they need to have a safe place to call home.

I support a new community center with a pool and theater and skate park. I think Ferndale has a serious traffic problem that is in dire need of a solution. These are the things I will work hard to accomplish as a council person. My 8 years of military service in the United States Navy prepared me for the leadership role I am eager to start. Please join me in my journey to making Ferndale a safe and successful city!

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## City of Ferndale—Council Position 3



**J. Manuel Reta**  
Non-Partisan

I have been a local resident since 1956. By 12 I had already started working at local farms for \$1 a day, after one year my father and I combined our savings to purchase our first home officially settling us here. This was my first lesson in accountability and persistence.

I wish to serve as your council member to increase my involvement with local community and business issues, to provide an example and encourage our Hispanic community to become more engaged in our city, and improve quality of life in Ferndale. I will serve you with honesty and integrity.

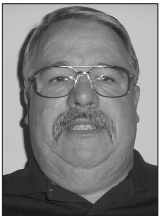
I believe I bring a fresh, new perspective and presence to our city government as demonstrated through my participation in the Ferndale Downtown Association as well as establishment of

the Northwest Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in 2007. Since then we have established ourselves as an organization within the Ferndale community that's making a difference. I will continue making myself available to all citizens of Ferndale to listen and serve you well. My experience as a decorated Army Veteran, Intalco retiree, and local downtown business owner has strengthened my skills in communication, leadership, and administration.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

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**Keith M. Olson**  
Non-Partisan

I am running for the Ferndale City Council position #3 to continue fiscal responsibility to the Ferndale City government. I believe we've seen many good projects happen in Ferndale such as the 2nd street renovations which bring an additional entrance/outlet into our city and alleviate

Main Street traffic congestion.

We have seen a huge increase in businesses being started or relocated into Ferndale in the last 4 years and I'd like to see that continue. New business brings much needed sales tax revenue which is what city government is funded with. Sales tax revenue also takes away pressure from city government to increase taxes on homeowners, something I adamantly oppose.

City council positions require a huge learning curve and I have previously served a 4 year term and I am ready to step back in

with no learning curve. In my two year absence I've continued to follow city issues and made my concerns known to elected officials. In my full time position, I oversee a business with 59 employees and a large budget and I know how to make a dollar stretch.

I'm asking for your vote and your trust and I promise to keep Ferndale moving forward!

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## City of Ferndale—Council Position 4



**Paul S. Ingram**  
Non-Partisan

I am a candidate for re-election to the Ferndale City Council. I am very proud of the things that we as a council have accomplished in these past 3 1/2 years. We have extended 2nd Avenue to I-5 at exit 263 and added Griffin Town Park, a beautiful new place for all to enjoy. We have remodeled the old Boys and Girls Club into our beautiful Pioneer Pavilion that our Library is using as a temporary home. We have improved Main St. from 3rd Avenue to Washington St. with underground utilities and new sidewalks and bike lanes.

We have started the process of returning our water supply to our own well system. Main St. improvement from Douglas to Church Rd. has been designed. And last but surely not least, this is the City Council that after 29 years and millions of dollars of

studies, has granted the contract and funded the building of our desperately needed new Police Station.

Each and every one of these projects has made Ferndale a better place to live, work and play. Please vote for me to allow me to help continue to improve Ferndale.

Thank You, Paul

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**Terese E. VanAssche**  
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## City of Lynden—Council Position 1

No Photo  
Submitted

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## City of Lynden—Council Position 2

No Photo  
Submitted

**Ronald De Valois**  
Non-Partisan

Our economic times make being frugal necessary even for cities. Lynden cannot spend money it does not take in. The money it does receive must be spent wisely.

Lynden faces challenges. Its water treatment plant is aging and must be replaced. There is increased demand for recreational facilities. Equipment and vehicles for providing essential services need replacement. Certain streets require upgrading. All this comes at a cost and thus

priorities must be set. As your elected representative I pledge myself to give serious thought to the issues and then make responsible decisions.

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### City of Lynden—Council Position 3

No Photo  
Submitted

#### Gerald (Jerry) Kuiken

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### City of Lynden—Council Position 4



#### Brent Lenssen

Non-Partisan

It has been a privilege to serve as your City Councilor for the past two years. Even though I am running unopposed, I feel it is important to share a few words. I and the other elected officials want to hear your thoughts on how we can improve our community. Under our direction,

the Lynden city staff works hard to deliver essential services and the extras that make our community a great place to live with the funds entrusted to us. So stop by City Hall, attend a public meeting, or send a letter or email.

To continue to move our city forward, collaboration between the City, local businesses, charitable entities, and those of us who live in the Lynden area must continue and grow. This will insure that Lynden will remain a great place to live, work and play.

Please collaborate and participate with us to make Lynden great. Our community has a plethora of wonderful opportunities to serve. I look forward to serving you- our community members- for another 4 years.

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### City of Nooksack—Council Position 2



#### Daniel Bennett

Non-Partisan

Education: BA, Pacific Lutheran University

Statement: I was born and raised in northern Whatcom County and presently serve on the city council. Growing up in the area has given me a true concern for the issues that impact our city and its residents. It is my belief that

the council needs to be responsible to its citizens. It should do this by making practical, well thought out decisions, especially in these difficult economic times. More then ever we need to be diligent in stretching our dollars to ensure the least financial impact on us, the citizens. It is also my belief the council should have a desire to work with its fellow citizens when making decisions because it is you we serve.

When elected, I will continue to work with my fellow council members to make quality decisions the people of Nooksack deserve.

## City of Nooksack—Council Position 2 *Cont.*



### **Peter G. Lubetich**

Non-Partisan

I would like to take an active role in the ongoing improvement of our community. I will bring a fresh approach to the City of Nooksack Council and represent our community without obligations to special interest. My first and only desire is to represent you.

I will be an advocate for responsible budgets that reflect our city priorities. There are many critical issues facing our city, including managing growth and development, protecting our neighborhoods, preserving open space, and maintaining our buildings and roads. It is important to me that these issues are prioritized and fiscally responsible.

My career background includes commercial fishing, marine insurance, and international finance. I have several years experience with budgeting, forecast, financial analysis, and business contracts. For the past 7 years I have been raising my children in the City of Nooksack. As a single father, I personally know the challenges of living in these economically trying times.

I would appreciate your vote as your voice on the City of Nooksack Council Position 2.

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## City of Nooksack—Council Position 4

No Photo  
Submitted

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## City of Nooksack—Council Position 5

No Photo  
Submitted

### **Chuck Betker**

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Submitted

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## City of Sumas—Council Position 3

No Photo  
Submitted

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## City of Sumas—Council Position 5

No Photo  
Submitted

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## Bellingham School District 501—Director Position 1

No Photo  
Submitted

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## Bellingham School District 501—Director Position 2

No Photo  
Submitted

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## Bellingham School District 501—Director Position 3



### Kelly Bashaw

Non-Partisan

As your School Board member for the past four years, I have supported the successful rebuilding of Whatcom Middle School that will open one year early, the opening of Cordata Elementary School and the implementation of all day, every-day kindergarten.

During this time, I was on the hiring committee that brought on our excellent new Bellingham School Superintendent, Greg Baker. I have also been a part of a shift in how the Bellingham School Board conducts its work. We intentionally connect, listen and act with our constituencies including elementary parents, the early learning community and the Hispanic community. I

look forward to continuing to connect with the business community, faith communities and the homeschooling community.

I appreciate your support and look forward to serving another four years as your representative on Bellingham School Board, Position 3.

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## Ferndale School District 502—Director District 1



**Kevin Erickson**  
Non-Partisan

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

I'm Kevin Erickson and because of that conviction, I'm asking you to allow me the opportunity

to continue serving on the Ferndale School Board. Growing up in Ferndale, attending Ferndale schools and having three sons currently enrolled in the district gives me a broad perspective on the local educational process. Time spent volunteering at and participating in various school events, advocating for student needs and attending college to become a veterinarian has further developed my educational perspective.

As a school board member, I recognize that I represent the people whom elected me and must be a good steward of their

trust. I must diligently strive to ensure that all their children receive the best education possible and that their tax dollars are spent responsibly. I must listen intently to their concerns, answer their questions and research the issues to guarantee my ability to make wise decisions.

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

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## Ferndale School District 502—Director District 2

No Photo  
Submitted

**Stuart McKay**  
Non-Partisan

I am a life long resident of Ferndale. I was raised in a business family and graduated from WWSC (now WWU) with a BA in Geography and an Economics minor. I have worked at the ARCO/BP refinery since 1973, for a series of maintenance contractors, and presently work in

the BP Maintenance Department as a Planner. I am a member of the Ferndale Heritage Society and the Whatcom County Old Settlers Association and on the boards of both organizations. I'm a proud father to a 2011 FHS graduate. Presently, I am finishing my second term as a School Board Director and the board's senior member.

The schools in Washington are operating in very tough times, facing reduced operating funds, while our children must compete in a world of accelerating changes and competition. Diffi-

cult decisions must be made, while still maintaining the educational success of our children. Experience with the educational process, and the complexities of state funding, regulations, and laws, pertaining to the schools, is essential to making the best decisions. I feel I bring the knowledge and experience to the School Board that will continue to make Ferndale a community that people come to, for the schools.

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**Jeffrey Marks**  
Non-Partisan

"Each generation goes further than the generation preceding it because it stands on the shoulders of that generation. You will have opportunities beyond anything we've ever known." Ronald Reagan

"The children in our schools today will be the first generation of Americans who will be less educated than the previous generation." Michelle Rhee, Founder of Students First.

Two quotes approximately a generation apart and strikingly different in their views.

I am Jeffrey Marks. My children are recent Ferndale graduates, and I have step children enrolled at the elementary, middle and high school levels. I believe schools should produce students reflecting President Reagan's quote. For generations schools met

that standard; today, test scores show our students no longer lead the world. I believe that returning education to this philosophy begins at the locally and progress will be achieved when we decide to be active in the process of change. I propose we start the process of returning our students to the leadership role they deserve by changing the status quo, providing great teachers with practical solutions to real problems, adequate facilities, and improved communication between educators, school administrators and community.

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## Ferndale School District 502—Director District 3

No Photo  
Submitted

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### Hugh Foulke

Non-Partisan

Occupation/Employer: Constitution Education Services, LLC; VP Secondary Education programs. Other Career Experience: 25 years public high school teaching, 17 in Ferndale; 10 years in junior high school teaching in Christian school and home school settings; 10 years

self employed in sales and manufacturing; 3 years conducting education seminars for American Hearing Aid Associates; 2 years US Army.

Elected Experience: 2011, Saint Brendan's Vestry; 2010, GOP State Convention delegate; 1970's, Sandy Point Fire Commissioner; 1970's Ferndale Education Association president and lead negotiator. 1970's FLAG Ferndale Library Advocates Group board member.

Education: Germantown Friends School, Philadelphia; college years spread from Vermont to Sweden to WWU in Bellingham earning two bachelor degrees and teacher certification. Vocational Education certification. Family: Whatcom County resident since 1962, married to Nancy Foulke 17 years, 3 girls Deb, Meredith, and Olivia and one granddaughter Amalie.

Candidate Statement: During WWII, I remember my parents volunteering. Today, our country is similarly challenged. We must all work to increase jobs and reduce debt even at the grass roots. I want to help Ferndale students improve their chances for employment by focusing on useful skills and attitudes for employment. Nearly all of my professional work was aimed at linking students to employers.

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No Photo  
Submitted

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## Blaine School District 503—Director District 2

No Photo  
Submitted

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No Statement Submitted.

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## Blaine School District 503—Director District 4

No Photo  
Submitted

### Charles Gibson

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No Statement Submitted.

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## Lynden School District 504—Director Position 1

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### **Dominic Shiu**

Non-Partisan

I am a product of public education. I firmly believe in the importance of public education in bringing a better future for our kids.

I am honored to come forward and serve my civic duty to help guide the Lynden School District to continue to improve and become a

more superior education system. I see that we need to bring our teachers together and provide them with the upgrading and resources they need to properly educate our children. We must remember ultimately it is the children that we are serving.

I propose that we need to closely engage the parents in participating in the undertaking of emphasizing the importance of education for their children. We must not lose sight of the fact that it's the people that makes the difference in every child's edu-

cation, above everything else, that shape them into the adults that they will become.

It is based on these principles that I will serve to help enhance the Lynden School District.

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## Lynden School District 504—Director Position 2

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No Photo  
Submitted

### **Gary A. Vis**

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## Lynden School District 504—Director Position 3

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No Photo  
Submitted

### **Kevin Burke**

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## Lynden School District 504—Director Position 4

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No Photo  
Submitted

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## Meridian School District 505—Director District 1

No Photo  
Submitted

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## Meridian School District 505—Director District 4

No Photo  
Submitted

### Marty R. Gray

Non-Partisan

Running for Meridian School Board District 4. Meridian graduate 1986. Thank you to all of those in the community that encouraged me to run. I love being part of this wonderful community and I am going to give it my best shot.

Feel free to e mail me with any questions that you might have. Thanks again.

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## Meridian School District 505—Director District 5



### John Bosche

Non-Partisan

I am an engineer who has spent the past 21 years working in wind energy. For the past 10 years, I have owned a consulting firm, Chinook Wind, which provides technical services to the wind energy industry.

My wife, Peggy, and I have been active as parent volunteers with the Meridian school system for the past four years. We have daughters in the 3rd and 4th grades.

Over the next several years, the Meridian school district will be building a new high school, middle school, and elementary school. As an engineer and business owner, I have experience working on large capital projects, so can contribute to the board's work with such large-scale projects.

One of the school board's goals is to establish a center of excellence for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). I hope to support that goal through my involvement on the board. I have followed issues related to math curriculum for years, worked with the high school robotics team this past year, and helped with math instruction for primary school kids for the past three years. I will put my experience and passion to work on the board to help Meridian accomplish its science and math goals.

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## Nooksack Valley School District 506—Director District 3

No Photo  
Submitted

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## Nooksack Valley School District 506—Director District 4

No Photo  
Submitted

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## Nooksack Valley School District 506—Director District 5

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No Photo  
Submitted

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## Mt. Baker School District 507—Director District 1

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Gary Chadwick

Non-Partisan

As a newly appointed Board member of the Mt. Baker School Board (selected by the current school board) I am currently filling out the term of the 1st Dist. Position.

I have lived in the Mt. Baker School Dist. for 43 years, with my wife Jeanne, who taught elementary grades at Harmony. I retired as Deputy Director of the Whatcom County Parks; have been an active member of the community and MBSD for all these years; and I find it an honor to be currently serving as your 1st Dist. board member.

Some of my community activities include: Board Member on two Foundations, committee member for a MBSD levy, President of two home owners associations, past president of Everson Lions, past Area Governor of Toastmasters, First Aid instructor, Trustee and Treasurer of our church.

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## Mt. Baker School District 507—Director District 2

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Ellen Dodson

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## Mt. Baker School District 507—Director District 3

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No Photo  
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## Mt. Baker School District 507—Director District 5

No Photo  
Submitted

### Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt

Non-Partisan

I have had the honor of serving with great fellow board members on the Mount Baker School Board for the past twelve years. An important role of the board is to encourage a culture of academic excellence by supporting the great work of our dedicated teachers, support staff, families and community. We focus on developing a strong and coordinated academic program designed to challenge each student at their own level. As a result of the whole district's efforts, Mount Baker High School is recognized as one of the nation's top high schools.

As an individual board member I have also focused on financial issues, including energy savings and protecting forest revenue, to be able to put more of our money into the classroom. We are now facing our most difficult year financially of my time on the board. In difficult economic times our district will pull through together and continue to flourish with steady leadership and solid community support.

#### For More Information:

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## Concrete School District 11—Director District 2

No Photo  
Submitted

### Merlene Buller

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Concrete School District 11—Director District 3

No Photo  
Submitted

### Gladys Silrus

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Concrete School District 11—Director District 5

No Photo  
Submitted

### Tony Hansen

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 1—Commissioner Position 1



**Tim Wells**  
Non-Partisan

For the past 25 years it has been a privilege to volunteer for Fire District #1 where I am currently an EMT/Firefighter for the Everson Station. I have been married for 30 years and have two adult children and I am self-employed as a real estate broker. I enjoy volunteering in the local schools and I am active in my church.

My experience with the fire district has given me insight into knowing what the current issues are and what challenges the district faces. I am dedicated to ensuring that Fire District #1 provides the best emergency medical care and fire fighting practices available. To lead our district into a successful future we need a commissioner with good communicating, listening and compromising skills, which I feel I have. I have proven to

be dedicated to Fire District #1 for 25 years and I want to see it continue to succeed and serve the community with exceptional service. The opportunity to run for Commissioner Position 1 is an honor and I am excited for the challenge.

Please vote for Tim Wells, Commissioner Position 1

**For More Information:**

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**Mannix McDonnell**  
Non-Partisan

Hi my name is Mannix McDonnell. My wife Mary and I have been married twenty years, and have lived within Fire District #1 for the last ten, raising our five children. I am asking for and would appreciate your support for Fire Commissioner.

I have twenty years experience in the fire service. Initially I became a volunteer firefighter/EMT before becoming a career firefighter/EMT for the City of Bellingham. I then successfully completed the Whatcom Medic One Paramedic training program and served on the paramedic units for seven years. Currently I am a Captain in the EMS Division and in addition a labor leader. Combined these have provided me with a diverse knowledge of the fire service locally, statewide and nationally.

Our District faces many challenges today and into the next decade. Today's difficult economic times, constantly evolving regulations and requirements continue to place ever-increasing demands on our Fire District.

My goal as Fire Commissioner is to ensure that our limited tax dollars are spent wisely, that our firefighters are well trained, qualified and equipped to perform their duties. Our volunteer firefighters are vital in maintaining our emergency services. I will bring a fresh, positive perspective to these issues.

**For More Information:**

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**Rod Lofdahl**  
Non-Partisan

We, as a community, have the utmost respect for our volunteer firefighters. This respect needs to be backed with fiscal responsibility, leadership, and commitment from the community. The best way to achieve this is to have community representatives who demonstrate these traits.

I'm a fifth-generation Whatcom County resident. I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Economics from Western Washington University. I have lived in Everson and have worked as a local business leader for years. As an owner and the financial controller of a business located in the fire district, I work with many local businesses contributing to the local economy.

I am running for Whatcom County Fire District 1 Commissioner because I see an opportunity to give back to my community by

providing a channel for the community to oversee the fire and emergency medical services. I feel I bring a financially responsible perspective as a citizen, taxpayer, and business owner. I have a ton of respect for first responders and I want to support our fire district. Our firefighters perform an important and dangerous duty and have many needs to enable them to perform those safely. Let's give them the first-class leadership they deserve.

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## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 1—Commissioner Position 2

No Photo  
Submitted

### Orran Dodson

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 4—Commissioner Position 2

No Photo  
Submitted

### Steve Ness

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 5—Commissioner Position 2

No Photo  
Submitted

### Bill H. Meursing

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Ed Demezzi

Non-Partisan

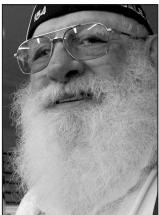
No Statement Submitted.

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## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 7—Commissioner Position 2



### Gerald D. Metzger

Non-Partisan

My name is Gerald D. Metzger. I have been a life long resident of Whatcom County. I was married 56 years until the passing of my wife Dodie. I am a WWII veteran, a member of the Washington State Grange and Whatcom County Sheriff's Search & Rescue.

I have served the citizens of Whatcom County Fire District 7 for the past 30 years as fire commissioner. Under my guidance District 7 has become a recognized leader of the fire service community in Whatcom County and the State of Washington, merging career and volunteer firefighters together while maintaining a low tax rate to the public. Positive enhancements in the level of fire protection and medical response have been accomplished along with improvements in facility, personnel and equipment during my tenure.

My goals are to continue measured steps to maintain and improve services to all residents and businesses of District 7 in a prudent and fiscal manner. I have been endorsed by the firefighters of Whatcom County Fire District 7.

With your assistance, the District's goals can be achieved. I respectfully request your vote the opportunity to serve you once again.

#### For More Information:

(360) 384-4986

## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 7—Commissioner Position 2 *Cont.*



**Kurt Jensen**  
Non-Partisan

Current Occupation/Employer: Firefighter, City of Bellingham.

Significant Career Experience: Three-year volunteer Firefighter/EMT-B with Whatcom Fire Dist 13, Two-year Firefighter/EMT-I at Turner Fire District in Oregon; Two-year volunteer Firefighter/Engineer/EMT-B with Whatcom Fire Dist 7; Fourteen-year Firefighter/Engineer/EMT-B with Bellingham Fire Department; Welder with Andgar Corp.; Participated in Facilities Advisory Board for Ferndale School District.

Education: Ferndale High School; A.A. Fire Science from Chemeketa Community College, Salem, OR.

Candidate Statement: I have been citizen of Whatcom County all my life, and it's as a citizen first that I will bring my experience to

the Fire Dist 7 board of Commissioners. I have actively participated in the enormous amount of change that has happened in Whatcom County Fire and EMS over my last twenty years in the fire service. A struggling economy has added even more challenges for the future of emergency service delivery. I intend to bring fresh enthusiasm and ideas to make sure that every tax dollar is being spent in the most efficient manner possible. Publishing video or audio of public meetings will ensure that every district citizen will have opportunity to observe and participate in the decisions affecting their Fire and EMS service.

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## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 8—Commissioner Position 4



No Photo  
Submitted

**Gail Kelley**  
Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 8—Commissioner Position 5



No Photo  
Submitted

**L. H. (Butch) Markhart**  
Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 11—Commissioner Position 2



No Photo  
Submitted

**Wendell L. Terry**  
Non-Partisan

I wish to continue serving the Lummi Island community as a Fire Commissioner for Fire District #11. I have served as an appointed interim commissioner for 2 years and then an elected commissioner for another 2 years. I have been a property owner on the island for 26 years

and a full time resident for 14 years. I am an active member of the Grange Hall, Lummi Island Community Association, Island Chapel, and Support Officer Services. The fire department is a crucial piece in the fabric of our isolated community and I wish to continue to build strong relationships within the island community and the greater community on the mainland.

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wendellterry@hotmail.com

## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 14—Commissioner Position 2

No Photo  
Submitted

### Chris Moe

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Leonard (Shorty) Bjornstad

Non-Partisan

I have lived in the Kendall/Columbia Valley area of Whatcom County for over 20 years. I owned & operated my own small business, Kendall Valley Construction, during those 20 years. I served as a volunteer for Whatcom County Fire District 14 for 18 years and retired last winter. I

frequently attend the fire commissioner meetings and would use my past experience and knowledge of the fire district to provide the residents & business with the best EMS & Fire service money can buy within the district's budget.

#### For More Information:

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## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 16—Commissioner Position 2

No Photo  
Submitted

### Henry M. Maleng

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 17—Commissioner Position 2

No Photo  
Submitted

### Ralph Peterson

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 18—Commissioner Position 1

No Photo  
Submitted

### Patrick E Bistline

Non-Partisan

I am running for Fire Commissioner for Fire District #18 because with over 12 years experience as a Firefighter/Captain for W.C.FD #18 and over 20 years experience in business, budgets,

personnel and purchasing I feel I can help the district and be a service to the community.

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## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 18—Commissioner Position 2

No Photo  
Submitted

### Socorro D. Ruiz

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

## Glacier Fire and Rescue—Commissioner Position 2

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Jan Eskola

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

#### For More Information:

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## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 21—Commissioner Position 2

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Bill Salter

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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psalterspad@aol.com

No Photo  
Submitted

### Kelly Gambini

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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kellygambini@comcast.net

## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 21—Commissioner Position 4

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Rich Bosman

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

#### For More Information:

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ldbosman@comcast.net

## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 21—Commissioner Position 5

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### Larry McPhail

Non-Partisan

I was born in Whatcom County in 1942. I attended Lynden High School and graduated from Skagit College. I spent 2 years in the U.S. Army. I worked three years for the U.S. Border Patrol and 26 years for U.S. Customs. I have been a Fire Commissioner for 2 years for District 21. I have lived in Whatcom County for over 60 years.

As a Fire Commissioner I have and will strive to provide the highest quality of service for the public at the most reasonable cost. As a Fire Commissioner I have attended 3 Fire Commissioner schools in the past 2 years.

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## Whatcom County Fire Protection District 21—Commissioner Position 5 *Cont.*



### Dean A. Berkeley

Non-Partisan

Dean is a certified Fire Fighter and a member of NWFR. Dean has served as past Vice President of the Sedro Woolley Fire Department Association which included his responsibilities of ensuring members had current training and regularly attended meetings and training, fund raising for the community and building a strong community network. Dean has been an active fund raiser for the burn children recovery foundation of Everett, WA.

Dean is an Entrepreneur in the steel industry; he is the Treasurer and past President of his HOA and brings the desire to bring the community closer to the local fire service.

My goal is to bring back a strong community involvement with the fire service. I would like to see the current NWFR fire houses

staffed through paid on call or volunteers. Paid on call and volunteer fire fighters are trained to the same NFPA standards as paid staff.

My first priorities are to review the response times and fire fighter training. In these tough economic times, volunteers are crucial to our success. Let me be your voice as I have the ability and desire to revitalize the community spirit. I encourage you to be more involved with your fire service.

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## South Whatcom Fire Authority—Commissioner District 2



### Winton Wefer

Non-Partisan

I was born in Bellingham in 1927 and grew up on the family farm on the east side of Lake Samish. My education started in a one-room schoolhouse at Autumn Lane and East Lake Samish Drive. In my senior year at Bellingham High School, I enlisted in the US Navy. I attended Washington State College receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture with a forestry major. I presently live in the home I built on Lake Samish in 1953. My working career of 37 years included Puget Sound Pulp and Timber and Georgia Pacific as a forester and logging supervisor.

I have served as a Fire Commissioner for the Lake Samish District 9 from 1957 to 2009. During that time I was a volunteer fire-

man for 37 years. In 2009, Lake Samish/Whatcom County Fire Protection District 9 joined Districts 2, 6 and 10 to form the South Whatcom Fire Authority. I was selected to represent District 9 on the Board of Commissioners. If elected as a Fire Commissioner, I will continue to work towards molding the four districts into a cohesive organization to provide protection and service to the residents in the South Whatcom Fire Authority.

#### For More Information:

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## South Whatcom Fire Authority—Commissioner District 3



No Photo  
Submitted

### Bob Ekdahl

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Water District 2—Commissioner Position 1



No Photo  
Submitted

### Chuck Foster

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

#### For More Information:

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## Water District 2—Commissioner Position 2

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Greg Christensen

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

## Water District 7—Commissioner Position 2

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Wendell Poole

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Water District 13—Commissioner Position 2

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### Thomas L. Watkins

Non-Partisan

I am seeking a 2nd term serving the residents of Water District #13. As a Water District Commissioner, there are a number of critical decisions that are made on behalf of ratepayers. I have taken this responsibility very seriously and regularly attend the Commissioner Accreditation Program of the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts in order to increase my knowledge regarding district compliance issues and operations.

Over the past six years, I have participated in supporting many positive changes in the District. The current board has worked very well together as a cohesive team. This has allowed us to increase district revenue and savings without the necessity of a rate increase. At the same time, we provide our residents with

some of the most pristine water in the State of Washington. Our water is untreated and I am dedicated to maintaining this excellent water quality standard.

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## Point Roberts Water District 4—Commissioner Position 2

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Scott Hackleman

Non-Partisan

As a water commissioner, I feel we need to get our dollar's worth for what we pay, but for decades there has not been adequate funding for infrastructure replacement. Now it's time for it to break, and time for us to pay for it.

## Birch Bay Water and Sewer District—Commissioner Position 2

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Don Montfort

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District—Commissioner District 1

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Laura Weide

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

**For More Information:**

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## Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District—Commissioner District 2

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Todd Citron

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

**For More Information:**

(360) 715-3453

## Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District—Commissioner District 5

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No Photo  
Submitted

### John W. Millar

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

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## Samish Water District—Commissioner Position 1

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Gordon Nolan

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

**For More Information:**

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## Samish Water District—Commissioner Position 2

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Mike Roberts

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

## Glacier Water District 14—Commissioner Position 2

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Ellen Baker

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

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## Acme Water District 18—Commissioner Position 1

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Patrick Booth

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Acme Water District 18—Commissioner Position 2

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Gabriel Harder

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

#### For More Information:

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## Columbia Valley Water District—Commissioner Position 2

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### Shane Janitscheck

Non-Partisan

I've been a Whatcom County resident for most of my life. Now, my wife and I live here in Paradise and have been home owners for the last ten years. I'm running for Water Commissioner to be a watch dog of the communities funds and to make sure that our Water District

has the best staff in and out of the office at a "fair wage". I also believe that we can develop a water rate based on a per-use fee that is fair fair to all residents, including those who are on fixed incomes. As Commissioner I will work hard to maintain our water system and give full disclosure of all spending. If you have questions please e-mail me. Thanks for your support.

Shane Janitscheck

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Gerald Kern

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Columbia Valley Water District—Commissioner Position 3



**Victoria Anderson**  
Non-Partisan

The Kendall community is a growing area that has already changed significantly over the last ten years. My husband and I moved here to begin our family and found a true home in this community where I plan to be a part of the continuing growth.

For the better part of 20 years I have been involved in education as a student, and for the past few years as an instructor. I recently graduated from WWU, where I am currently teaching, with a Master of Science in mathematics. The analytical skills I possess, coupled with the teamwork, professionalism, and organizational skills I have acquired through teaching and other work experience will give me a unique perspective and insight for implementing cost effective improvements at CVWD.

The current commissioners have felt free to increase spending, even in the current economic environment, without giving the public an extended overview of how this will impact our water district in the future. The district has been spending in areas that are unnecessary, inefficient, and costly to our district. I believe that we can achieve a higher standard of water service and cut costs by becoming more efficient and aware of our spending.

**For More Information:**

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**Ben Kjeldgaard**  
Non-Partisan

As a candidate for commissioner of Columbia Valley Water District, I look forward to continued service to the community. I know how important a safe, dependable, and affordable water supply is for the health of a community and its' citizens.

As a small business owner with many years of experience in the construction industry, I feel I have the knowledge and practical ability to help guide the district in providing this valuable service to our community.

**For More Information:**

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benk5000@comcast.net

## Cemetery District 1—Commissioner Position 2



No Photo  
Submitted

**Wade A. Pettigrew**  
Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Cemetery District 2—Commissioner Position 2



No Photo  
Submitted

**Karen Weber**  
Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Cemetery District 2—Commissioner Position 3



No Photo  
Submitted

**Janet Lutz-Smith**  
Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

**For More Information:**

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janls@mac.com

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**Cemetery District 3—Commissioner Position 2**

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No Photo  
Submitted

**Ruth Hanson**

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

**For More Information:**

(360) 599-2914

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**Cemetery District 4—Commissioner Position 2**

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No Photo  
Submitted

**Dixon Stremler**

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

**For More Information:**

(360) 398-0159

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**Cemetery District 5—Commissioner Position 2**

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No Photo  
Submitted

**Kenneth John Ferry**

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

**For More Information:**

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kenferry@gmail.com

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**Cemetery District 6—Commissioner Position 2**

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No Photo  
Submitted

**Jerry Ferrier**

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

**For More Information:**

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jerryferrier@yahoo.com

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**Cemetery District 6—Commissioner Position 3**

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No Photo  
Submitted

**Bunny Taylor-Ochoa**

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

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## Cemetery District 7—Commissioner Position 2



### Mario Bonilla

Non-Partisan

I feel strongly that it is the responsibility of citizens to take their turn and share the load of elected leadership in their communities. Now is my time and I am asking for your vote for Commissioner, Position 2, Cemetery District 7. I have the energy and the desire to preserve

the efforts of past commissioners, help manage our historic cemeteries through these tough economic times and plan for the future. Our districts two cemeteries, Enterprise and Mountain View contain some of the most precious stories in Whatcom County. The heritage that they left behind deserves to be protected and honored. I commit to working hard to do that.

Our family has called Ferndale's 7th district home for 21 years and five of our seven children graduated from FHS. My wife

of 43 years and I are active in our church, having served in many callings.

Volunteerism is an important part of my life. I have served on the board of the Ferndale Boys & Girls Club, mentored with Big Brothers Big Sisters and for many years I have assisted the FFA program at FHS.

I served honorably in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

#### For More Information:

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## Cemetery District 8—Commissioner Position 2

No Photo  
Submitted

### Dan Bourks

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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No Photo  
Submitted

### Patricia Birchall

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No Statement Submitted.

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## Cemetery District 9—Commissioner Position 1

No Photo  
Submitted

### Tom Jones

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Cemetery District 9—Commissioner Position 2

No Photo  
Submitted

### Tod Arnason

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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**Cemetery District 10—Commissioner Position 2**

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No Photo  
Submitted

**James Browne**

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

**For More Information:**

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**Cemetery District 11—Commissioner Position 2**

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No Photo  
Submitted

**Gerald Tenkley**

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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**Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1—Commissioner Position 1**

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No Photo  
Submitted

**Mark Robbins**

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

**For More Information:**

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mark.robbins@prodigy.net

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**Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1—Commissioner Position 2**

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No Photo  
Submitted

**Beverly Griffith**

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

**For More Information:**

(360) 945-1346

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**Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1—Commissioner Position 3**

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No Photo  
Submitted

**Mary Edgley**

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

**For More Information:**

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## Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1—Commissioner Position 4



### Heather Good

Non-Partisan

I am putting my name forward to serve on the board of our Point Roberts Parks and Recreation District to complete the open term of a departing commissioner. I have been a member of this unique community for 10 years, and I am proud to live here on this treasure of an unspoiled peninsula.

I bring relevant skills from my 20 years of experience in business management, after a long career as both a self-employed consultant and the president of a multimedia talent agency. Managing the demands of a limited budget to best serve the needs of many is a skill I can contribute. I am a longtime volun-

teer with the Point Roberts Arts Foundation and Point Roberts Emergency Preparedness Group. For three summers I worked as a counselor with the Parks and Recreation youth program here in Point Roberts.

I believe the existing board has done a stellar job of providing both environmental stewardship and positive growth opportunities. I am no great proponent of change, I would tend towards preservation of the legacy and abundance that surrounds us here - however great things can be achieved within limited means with creative ideas and a passion for excellence.

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## Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1—Commissioner Position 5



### Linda Hughes

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

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## Northwest Park and Recreation District 2—Commissioner Position 1



### Richard C. Sturgill

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

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## Northwest Park and Recreation District 2—Commissioner Position 3



### Jeffery Carrington

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

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## Northwest Park and Recreation District 2—Commissioner Position 5



### Douglas A. Robertson

Non-Partisan

*No Statement Submitted.*

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## Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3—Commissioner Position 2

No Photo  
Submitted

### Ron Van Soest

Non-Partisan

No Statement Submitted.

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## Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3—Commissioner Position 3



### Bob Bandarra

Non-Partisan

I am committed to doing community service and representing citizens' interest as a Commissioner in the Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District. As a previous Mayor and City Council member for the City of Bothell, I understand the statement - doing more with less. Since my recent appointment to the Board, I have had the opportunity to review the Regional Park and Recreation Master

Plan and recent citizen survey on park and recreational needs.

If elected, I will work to extend the trail system, add restroom and parking facilities to Bender Fields, make improvements to Berthusen Park, work on amenities to the YMCA and do my best to create additional park areas. I ask for your vote and support on accomplishing our goals.

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## Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3—Commissioner Position 5

No Photo  
Submitted

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No Statement Submitted.

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Submitted

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## Hospital District 304—Position 4

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Submitted

### Daniel Garcia

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## Point Roberts Public Hospital District—Commissioner Position 1

No Photo  
Submitted

### Robin Nault

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## Whatcom County Charter Amendment No. 1 (Submitted by the County Council) Salary Commission

The Whatcom County Council has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter concerning establishment of an independent salary commission. This measure would establish an independent salary commission to fix the compensation of Whatcom County elected officials, subject to a referendum by the people. Should this proposal be approved?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

### Explanatory Statement

The County Council currently sets salaries for County elected officials. This proposal would establish an independent citizens' commission on salaries for elected officials. If passed, this commission would meet every two years and fix the salaries for the County Council, Executive, Assessor, Auditor, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, and Treasurer. The County Council would no longer set salaries. Salaries set by the commission would still be subject to other applicable laws and limitations.

### Statement For:

If you approve Amendment 1, an independent Salary Commission will be created to establish the salaries of Whatcom County elected officials. Ten Commission members (four appointed and six randomly selected registered voters) would meet every other year to develop an appropriate salary schedule for the county council, executive, assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and treasurer.

The salary recommendations of the Commission would become effective in the year following adoption, bypassing the council and executive, subject to a referendum of the people. The creation of such a commission brings Whatcom County into greater alignment with the compensation practices of the state of Washington and many cities. We recommend approval for the following reasons:

- The Commission structure allows independent citizens to conduct a thorough analysis of comparable private and public sector jobs.
- Commission recommendations would be implemented without any interference by the executive or the council, thus removing any temptation to let politics interfere in compensation.

By approving Amendment 1, you place the important business of fairly compensating our elected officials in the hands of an independent citizens' Salary Commission where decisions can be based on the demands of the job rather than individual personalities and political allegiance.

Please vote YES.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Government is most transparent and open when citizens participate directly. The idea that Whatcom County voters are too uninformed to set their elected officials salaries is offensive and wrong. Nothing would prevent the citizen's salary commission from consulting with the people of Whatcom County as it works. Commission recommendations do not take effect for a year, allowing plenty of time for those disagreeing with the commission to request a vote of the people. Vote YES!

### Statement Against:

The real purpose of this ordinance is to eliminate Charter provisions tying the County Council's salary to the Executive's salary, making Council salary increases easier. This should be resolved with a more direct, transparent Charter amendment. A salary commission has unintended consequences that reduce our control over County government. We are creating an appointed committee with important legislative power, but no public accountability.

Currently, salaries for elected officials are established by County Council. Council members know how the County operates, which is the basis for setting fair salaries. Council members are elected by, and accountable to, the public. Council actions are constantly scrutinized. This helps protect public transparency and accountability in salary determinations.

The proposed 10 member salary commission contains 4 members selected by the County Executive, and 6 citizen members selected randomly. Randomly chosen members, with unknown backgrounds, will make decisions impacting County operations. Committee decisions are not subject to any review and approval process, except for public referendum. Additional County resources, funded by the public, will be needed to create and assist the commission.

Why complicate the salary process or increase instability in government operations? Why increase public costs while reducing public power and government accountability? Vote NO.

### Rebuttal of Statement For:

As a Home Rule Charter County, our priority is local control, not alignment with non-mandatory state practice. The amendment replaces local determination regarding balance of power, contained in the Charter, with a state statute. Citizen appointees are no less free of personal/political agendas than Council members. Inexperienced appointees may be more vulnerable to political interference from special interests, particularly without a public hearing requirement. Not all County elected positions have private sector counterparts. Vote No!

Statement For prepared by: Jack Hovenier and Kevin Zender

Statement Against prepared by: Advocates for Public Accountability

**Complete text of this measure may be found on page 86**

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## City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2011-01

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2011-01 concerns automated traffic safety cameras. This measure would require the removal of any automated cameras used to issue tickets for stoplight, railroad crossing, and school zone violations installed under a 2010 ordinance and prohibit the installation of such cameras to issue tickets, unless approved by City Council and a majority of voters at an election, and limit the penalty to the lowest parking ticket fine. Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes? \_\_\_\_\_

No? \_\_\_\_\_

### Explanatory Statement

Bellingham Municipal Code Chapter 11.16 authorizes the use of automated traffic safety cameras to detect stoplight violations, railroad crossing violations, and school speed zone violations. That chapter also establishes standards and restrictions regarding the use of the cameras.

This measure was intended to restrict the City's use of automated traffic safety cameras. On September 6, 2011, the Washington State Court of Appeals declared this measure beyond the scope of local initiative power and an invalid initiative. Even if passed by a majority of voters, this measure will not be legally binding.

### Statement For:

Thanks to 7000 Bellingham citizens who supported this initiative which simply requires the government to ask voters permission before corporations install profit-driven surveillance cameras. Voting "yes" gives the voters the right to decide - voting "no" means you trust the corporations.

#### INITIATIVE #2011-01 GIVES CITIZENS THE CHANCE TO DECIDE

After voters OK our initiative, local traffic engineers can then lead the discussion on implementing more effective (albeit less profitable) strategies such as education and awareness measures, intersection design changes, flashing warning lights, solar-powered speed indicator signs, etc. Those approaches are much more in line with the way we do things in Bellingham. Public hearings were denied and the contract was quietly signed, violating due process.

Bellingham's small town feel is ours to cherish. Slapping up red light and speed ticketing cameras, inviting corporations to treat citizens like ATM machines takes that away - it hurts our community.

Automatic ticketing cameras would export \$342,000 (minimum) annually away from the Bellingham economy, sending it to a Goldman Sachs-backed corporation in Arizona. Our city admits that research shows the red-light cameras increase collisions by 14%, while not substantially reducing reducing fatalities.

Let the people decide. Vote YES on #2011-01.

For information visit <http://www.bhamcamscam.com>

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Opponents want to slam the door on citizen involvement, saying democracy "wastes time and money." We think transparency is key to a fair process. Your vote creates important checks and balances putting citizens on a level playing field against powerful corporate interests and lawsuits. Nearly 7000 citizens worked hard for important changes to establish a more fair and democratic process. Opponents want to reverse our democratic progress. If you support democracy and want cameras removed now, not later (there are several ways they can get out of the contract early without violating it), vote yes.

### Statement Against:

Traffic safety cameras are a good idea. Bellingham has serious traffic safety problems - drivers run red lights and speed through school zones. At Holly and Forest, drivers run red lights almost every 15 minutes. Traffic safety cameras change poor driving behavior. Using 2 police officers to ticket at red lights (one to see it, one to ticket across the intersection) is a poor use of police resources when cameras will do the job. Bellingham will have six cameras; signs will be posted alerting drivers that cameras are present. Photographs of red light running and school zone speeding violations are taken when they occur. The pictures are secured on-line where Bellingham police review them to determine who gets ticketed. The driver has access with a security code to see their pictures; photos are archived in 30 days. Like a parking ticket, it's not on your record. The fine is the same as tickets from police. Lowering the fine to \$10 (lowest parking ticket) will not motivate drivers to change bad driving. Requiring a vote of the people wastes time and money. Cameras save money and help keep our streets safer for everyone. We urge you to vote NO on this initiative.

### Rebuttal of Statement For:

Traffic safety cameras can change unsafe driving habits. Flashing lights don't seem to be enough to stop poor driving habits anymore. Cameras ticket drivers when running red lights or speeding through school zones. Safe drivers have nothing to fear from traffic cameras. Fines are equal to those on a ticket by a police officer and will fund the criminal justice system. Voting no is good common sense. VOTE NO for SAFER BELLINGHAM STREETS.

Statement For prepared by: Transportation Safety Coalition

Statement Against prepared by: Rebecca Johnson, Orphalee Smith, Todd Ramsay

**Complete text of this measure may be found on page 87**

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## Whatcom County Cemetery District No. 1 Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners of Cemetery District #1, Whatcom County Washington, adopted Resolution No. 01-11 concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy. The proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed (\$.1125) per \$1,000.00 of assessed value for collection in 2012 to pay operational cost increases, and set the limit factor at 100% plus the annual percentage change for each of the six years (2012 to 2017). 2016 levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits. Should this proposition be:

Approved? \_\_\_\_\_

Rejected? \_\_\_\_\_

### Explanatory Statement

Per RCW 84.55.050, " ...regular property taxes may be levied by or for a taxing district in an amount exceeding the limitations provided for in this chapter if such levy is authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters of the taxing district voting..."

If passed, this proposition would provide Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$7,942.00) for the General Fund of Cemetery District #1 through a levy lid lift of (.1125) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation levied upon taxable property within the district. The levy would extend six years, beginning in 2012.

### Statement For:

For many years, the district had a surplus of funds, and was able to operate off the interest of those monies. Over the years, those funds have slowly dwindled to approximately \$15000.00. With this decrease in funds also comes a decrease in interest income for the district. Other sources of revenue for the district come from the sale of plots, and donations from the public. For the past three years, the annual revenue has been roughly \$2500.00. Sadly, district income has decreased while expenses have increased. For those same three years, expenses have been approximately \$10,000.00 per year. We need to increase our revenue and/or decrease our expenses. Sixty percent of the yearly budget is for wages; mostly that of the part time sexton. The remainder of wages is paid for mowing from late spring through fall. Other expenses include taxes, insurance, maintenance on equipment, and toilet rental. While we hate to bring on more taxation at a time when our economy is at an all time low, we know that it is necessary for the continued maintenance of our cemetery. Please vote yes on Proposition 1.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

*No Statement Submitted*

### Statement Against:

*No Statement Submitted*

### Rebuttal of Statement For:

*No Statement Submitted*

**Proposition No. 1  
Point Roberts Park and Recreation District #1**

Shall a tax, of approximately \$0.084065 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (based on 100% of true and fair value) to provide \$49,500 (forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars) for operation and maintenance purposes be levied for the Point Roberts Park and Recreation District #1 in 2011 for collection in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 upon all taxable property within the District, all as specified in Point Roberts Park and Recreation District #1, Resolution One?

Levy Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
Levy No \_\_\_\_\_

**Explanatory Statement**

The purpose of this proposition is to provide \$49,500 for the General Fund of the Point Roberts Park and Recreation District for operations and maintenance of the District. Such levy is to be made in 2011 for collection in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. The district may expend the proceeds of such levy during that period to pay the general expenses of maintenance and operations as allowed by law. Approval of the proposition is necessary to allow the District to provide continued funding of maintenance and operations at the Point Roberts Community Center and Baker Field.

**Statement For:**

Point Roberts Park & Recreation District #1's proposition asks the taxpayers to approve a six year levy in the annual amount of \$49,500 commencing in 2012 and ending in 2017. This levy equals \$0.084 per \$1,000 of assessed value and will pay for essential operating, (utilities), and limited, yet mandatory maintenance expenses, (roof patching, ceiling tiles), for the Point Roberts Community Center (PRCC). Funds will also prevent Baker Field and other assets from further declining to a substandard level.

PRCC serves essential Point Roberts' citizens' needs. Without voter approval, the Park District will close PRCC for lack of **Operational Funds** which will be **Exhausted by April 2012**.

Without levy approval, all Point Roberts based organizations will be negatively impacted since they depend on PRCC and include: PR library, Seniors Association, PR Emergency Preparedness, Food Bank, the Voters Association, PR Taxpayers, Historical Society, PR Dollars for Scholars, PR Community Garden, Drawing Club, DIGIVATIONS INSTITUTE's NASA Programs, Rose Society, Karate, PR Primary School public functions and the Kids Summer Camp program.

Without levy approval, Point Roberts' vibrancy will be shuttered since the District will have no funds to serve essential community needs in education, public services, safety, and social programming.

**Rebuttal of Statement Against:**

*No Statement Submitted*

**Statement Against:**

*No Statement Submitted*

**Rebuttal of Statement For:**

*No Statement Submitted*

**Proposition No. 1  
Northwest Park and Recreation District #2 Levy**

The Board of Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District No. 2 adopted Resolution No. 2011-01 concerning a proposition to impose a property tax levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a six (6) year period (2012-2017) to fund staffing, operations, maintenance and capital improvements in order to provide programs, an activity center and park and recreational improvements for people of all ages in the greater Blaine-Birch Bay area.

Should this proposition be approved?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

**Explanatory Statement**

The Northwest Park and Recreation District #2 provides recreational and leisure activities, classes, sports and programs; operates and maintains an activity center, including a gymnasium; and builds trails, playgrounds, park amenities and ball fields for people of all ages in the Blaine-Birch Bay area.

The Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2011-01 concerning a proposition to impose a property tax levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for six (6) years (2012-2017) to fund staffing, operations, maintenance and capital improvements in order to provide such programs, an activity center and park and recreational improvements.

**Statement For:**

\$20 per year from a residence with an assessed valuation of \$200,000 over a six year period would provide predictable and dependable funding to allow the Northwest Park and Recreation District to establish and grow a robust program of classes, sports opportunities, recreational events and leisure time activities for all ages.

Especially targeted will be intra- and inter-community trails to provide safe bicycle and pedestrian connectivity between and around Blaine and Birch Bay. The establishment of readily accessible ball fields will be a priority. Additional amenities such as playgrounds, off-leash dog areas, Frisbee golf and the like will leverage the public use of existing parks belonging to WA State Parks, Whatcom County and the City of Blaine.

Please vote YES.

**Rebuttal of Statement Against:**

*No Statement Submitted*

**Statement Against:**

*No Statement Submitted*

**Rebuttal of Statement For:**

*No Statement Submitted*

Statement For prepared by: Marsha L. Hawkins, Blaine; Kathy Berg, Birch Bay; Doralee Booth, Birch Bay

**Complete text of this measure may be found on page 89**

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# Returning Your Ballot

## By Mail

Your ballot will count if your envelope is postmarked by Election Day, November 8, 2011.  
1st Class postage is required.

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

No need to wait until Election Day to drop your voted ballot off! You can drop your ballot off as soon as you vote at one of the following locations:

### 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.**

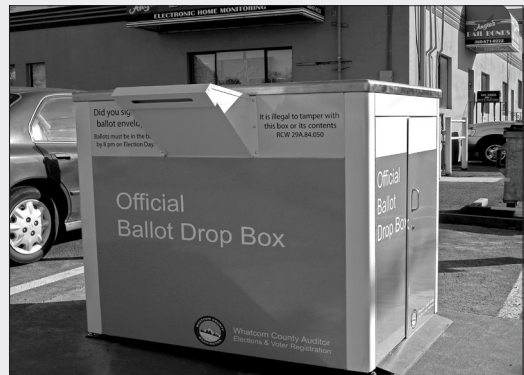
OR

### Courthouse Drive-Up Ballot Drop Box

South Courthouse Parking Lot  
Accessible from Grand Avenue *only*  
201 Grand Avenue  
Bellingham, WA

**Open:** 24/7 beginning October 21 at 8:30 a.m.

**Closes:** 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 8



### Election Day ONLY - Ballot Drop Site:

**Hours:** 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Western Washington University ..... Viking Union, Room 714, Bellingham, WA

**Additional drop site locations will be available. Please refer to the insert enclosed with your ballot for your nearest drop site location.**

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

## Accessible Voting Unit

### What is an Accessible Voting Unit?

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

### Where will the AVU be located?

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

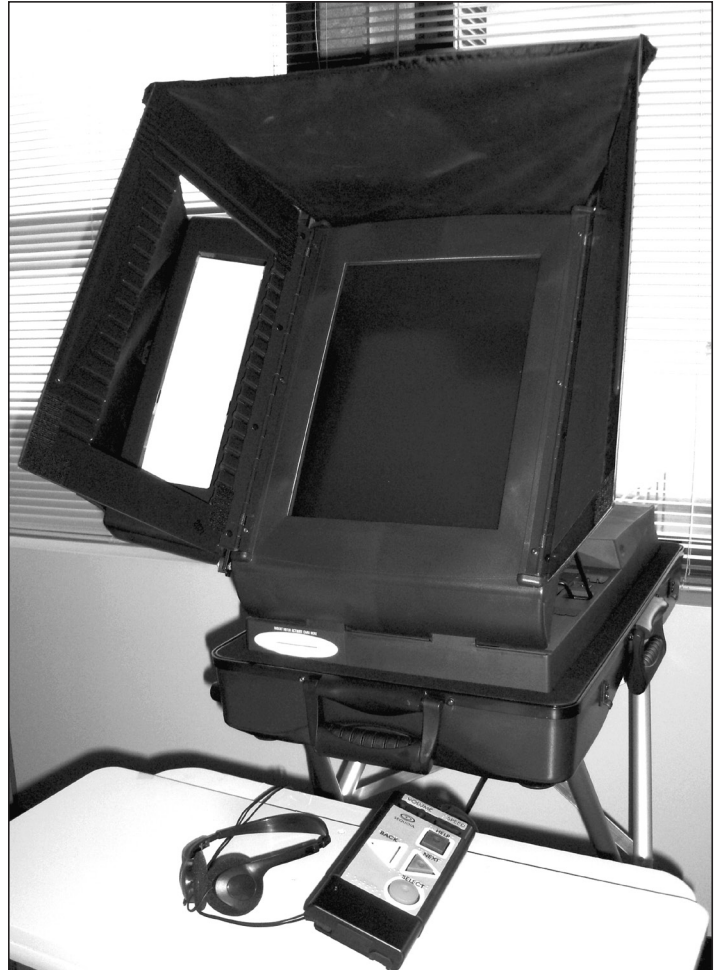
### When can I vote using the AVU?

You may vote beginning Friday, October 21, 2011. 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 8, 2011, from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### 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.



## If You Have Not Received Your Ballot by Friday, October 28, 2011:

Please contact the Whatcom County Election Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# Complete Text

PROPOSED BY: CONSENT

SPONSORED BY: CONSENT

INTRODUCTION DATE: JULY 12, 2011

## ORDINANCE NO. 2011-026

### SUBMITTING A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE VOTERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY TO CREATE A CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

**WHEREAS**, the people of Whatcom County adopted a Home Rule Charter in 1978, setting forth the current form of county government; and

**WHEREAS**, in adopting the Charter for Whatcom County the duties, terms, composition, and powers of the legislative branch of county government were established; and

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Charter Section 2.20 places the responsibility of setting salaries for all county officers with the County Council; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.17.024 provides that salaries for county officers can be set by an established ten-member citizens' commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Whatcom County Council supports amending the county charter to a process whereby elected officials' salary rates are set by an independent commission, to eliminate the inherent conflict of an elected official setting his or her own potential future salary; and

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County can establish a citizens' commission to review and set salaries for county elected officials if the people of Whatcom County vote to amend the Whatcom County Charter to allow for the creation of a citizens' salary commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter, as outlined in "Exhibit A" to this ordinance, shall be submitted to the Whatcom County Auditor for placement on the ballot for the November 2011 general election.

**ADOPTED** this 26th day of July, 2011.

**ATTEST:** Dana Brown-Davis, County Clerk; Sam Crawford, Whatcom County Council, Council Chair.

**APPROVED ASTO FORM:** Karen Frakes, Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Pete Kremen, County Executive on July 27, 2011.

#### EXHIBIT A

(ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SALARY COMMISSION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS)

### WHATCOM COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1 SALARY COMMISSION

#### A. PROPOSED BALLOT TITLE:

The Whatcom County Council has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter concerning establishment of an independent salary commission. This measure would establish an independent salary commission to fix the compensation of Whatcom County elected officials, subject to a referendum by the people. Should this proposal be approved?

YES.....

NO.....

#### B. CHARTER AMENDMENTS REQUIRED:

##### New Section:

##### Section 6.100 Salaries of Elected Officials

The county council shall establish by ordinance and in accordance with law an independent "citizens' commission on salaries for elected officials" which shall fix the salaries for the county council, executive, assessor, auditor, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and treasurer. Salary commission members shall serve two-year terms ending December 31, 2014 and every two years thereafter. Members of the salary commission shall serve without compensation, but may receive reimbursement for mileage to and from meetings and for such other expenses directly related to their service as provided by ordinance.

The salary commission shall meet biennially and shall file the salary schedule with the county council and county auditor not later than May 1. The salary schedule shall become effective January 1 of the following calendar year and incorporated into the county budget without further action of the county council, county executive or salary commission.

The salaries for the county council, executive, assessor, auditor, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and treasurer in effect on January 1, 2012 shall remain in effect until changed as provided herein.

##### Revised Sections:

##### Section 2.20 Powers

The County Council shall exercise its legislative power by adoption and enactment of ordinances or resolutions. It shall have the power:

(a) To levy taxes, appropriate revenue and adopt budgets for the County.

(b) To establish the compensation to be paid to all County officers and employees and to provide for the reimbursement of expenses, except as provided in Section 6.100.

(c) Except as otherwise provided for herein, to establish, abolish, combine and divide by ordinance, non-elective administrative offices and executive departments and to establish their powers and responsibilities.

(d) To adopt by ordinance comprehensive plans, including improvement plans for the present and future development of the county.

The enumeration of particular legislative powers shall not be construed as limiting the legislative powers of the County Council. (Ord. 2005-075 Exh. A)

##### Section 3.21 Election, and Term of Office.

The County Executive shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the county, and the term of office shall be four years and until the successor is elected and qualified. (Amended by referendum 1986)

##### Section 3.51 Election, and Term of Office.

There is hereby created by the adoption of this Charter the office of County Assessor, County Auditor, County Treasurer and County Sheriff. These elected officers shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the county, and their terms of office shall be four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. (Ord. 2005-075 Exh. A)

## Complete Text

### City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2011-01

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

Section 1. A new chapter 11.16 is added to the Bellingham Municipal Code Title 11, which shall read as follows:

11.16 - Automatic Ticketing Cameras

Section 2. A new section 11.16.110 is added to the BMC chapter 11.16, which shall read as follows:

11.16.110 -- The city of Bellingham and for-profit companies contracted by the City of Bellingham may not install or use automatic ticketing cameras to impose fines from camera surveillance unless such a system is approved by a majority vote of the City Council and a majority vote of the people at an election.

A. For the purposes of this chapter, "automatic ticketing cameras" means a device that uses a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with an intersection traffic control system, or a speed measuring device, and a camera synchronized to automatically record one or more sequenced photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images of the rear of a motor vehicle at the time the vehicle fails to stop when facing a steady red traffic control signal, or exceeds a speed limit as detected by a speed measuring device.

Section 3. A new section 11.16.120 is added to BMC chapter 11.16, which shall read as follows:

11.16.120 -- Fines: if a majority of the City Council and a majority of Bellingham voters at an election approve a system of automatic ticketing cameras to impose fines from camera surveillance, the fine for infractions committed shall be a monetary penalty of no more than the least expensive parking ticket imposed by law enforcement in the city limits of Bellingham.

Section 4. A new section 11.16.130 is added to the BMC chapter 11.16, which shall read as follows:

11.16.130 -- Removal: all automatic ticketing machines, as defined by section 2 of this measure, installed or in use in the city limits of Bellingham as of the date of passage of this measure must be removed no later than 30 days following the effective date of this measure.

Section 5. Severability: If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

## Complete Text

### WHATCOM COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT #1 RESOLUTION 01-11

WHATCOM COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT #1

P.O. BOX 57

ACME, WA 98220

RESOLUTION 01-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT NUMBER 1, FINDING THAT A PERMANENT MULTI-YEAR LEVY LID LIFT IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PREVENT IMPAIRMENT OF THE OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTS OF THE DISTRICT AND CALLING FOR AN ELECTION REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF AN EXCESS LEVY LID LIFT.

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for the rising cost of maintenance and repair, grounds keeping and record keeping, and to prevent the impairment of contracts for the same, the District deems it necessary that a permanent multi-year levy lid lift of (.1125) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation (based on One Hundred Percent (100%) of true and fair value) to provide Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two (\$7,942.00) Dollars (.1125 at the present valuation of \$7,942.00) for the District's General Fund to be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy that was voted on and passed. The Levy Lid Lift will run for six (6) consecutive years beginning in 2012.

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Laws of the State of Washington require that any such excess tax must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District of their ratification or rejection; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Cemetery District #1, Whatcom County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Cemetery District No. 1 hereby finds and declares that a levy lid lift is necessary in order to prevent the impairment of the obligation of contracts of the District, as well as preserve and protect the public assets of the District.

Section 2. In order to provide Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two (\$7,942.00) Dollars for the General Fund of the District, the District authorizes the Whatcom County Council to a levy lid lift of approximately (.1125) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation (based upon One Hundred Percent (100%) of true and fair value) to be levied in 2011 for collection for six years beginning in 2012, upon all taxable property within the District.

Upon approval by the voters of Proposition No. 1 hereinafter set forth, the District may use the proceeds of such a levy lid lift during the 2012 calendar year and may expend the proceeds thereof to pay the general expenses of maintenance and operations of the District as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of excess funds.

Section 3. The Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Cemetery District No. 1 hereby find and declare a submission to the qualified electors of the District a proposition of whether or not such excess tax and conduct said levy lid lift election to be held within the District on said day to submit to the qualified elector of the District the proposition hereinafter set forth.

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The Secretary of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition in the following form:

WHATCOM COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT NO. 1  
Proposition No. 1  
Levy Lid Lift - Permanent

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners of Cemetery District #1, Whatcom County Washington, adopted Resolution No. 01-11 concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy. The proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed (\$.1125) per \$1,000.00 of assessed value for collection in 2012 to pay operational cost increases, and set the limit factor at 100% plus the annual percentage change for each of the six years (2012 to 2017). 2016 levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits. Should this proposition be:

Approved.....( )  
Rejected.....( )

The secretary of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Whatcom County Auditor.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Cemetery District No. 1, Whatcom County Washington, at a regular public meeting thereof held this 11th day of July. The following Directors being present and in favor of said Resolution: Candy Roberts, Chair; Henry Maleng; Terri Maleng.

ATTEST AND CERTIFICATION: Shirley Pettigrew, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Whatcom County Cemetery District No. 1.

# Complete Text

## POINT ROBERTS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT #1

### RESOLUTION ONE

**A RESOLUTION** of the Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Park and Recreation District #1, Whatcom County, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the district at the General Election to be held therein on November 8, 2011, a proposition of whether or not there should be levied a tax of approximately \$0.084065 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (based on 100% of true and fair value) to provide \$49,500 (forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars) for the districts General Fund to pay the general expenses of maintenance and operation of the Point Roberts Park and Recreation District #1, such levy to be made in 2011 and collection in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

**WHEREAS**, in order to properly provide for said operation and maintenance, it is deemed necessary that a tax of approximately \$0.084065 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (based on 100% of true and fair value) to provide \$49,500 (forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars) for the districts General Fund be levied upon all of the taxable property within the district as permitted by law to be levied for the district, such levy to be made in 2011 for collection in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such a tax may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the district for their ratification or rejection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Park and Recreation District #1, Whatcom County, Washington, as follows.

**Section 1.** It is hereby found and declared that the welfare of the residents of the district requires the district to carry out the plans hereinafter provided.

**Section 2.** In order to provide \$49,500 (forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars) for the General Fund of the District, the district authorizes the County Council of Whatcom County to levy a tax of approximately \$0.084065 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (based on 100% of true and fair value) to be levied in 2011 for collection in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 upon all taxable property within the District.

Upon approval by the voters of Proposition No. 1, hereinafter set forth, the district may use the proceeds of such levy during 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 tax years, and may expend the proceeds of said levy to pay the general expenses of maintenance and operations of the District as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of levy funds.

The Whatcom County Auditor as ex-officio supervisor of election in Whatcom County is hereby requested to find the need to call and conduct said levy election to be held within the district on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the district the proposition hereinafter set forth.

The secretary of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition in the following form:

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**PROPOSITION NO. 1  
POINT ROBERTS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT #1**

Shall a tax, of approximately \$0.084065 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (based on 100% of true and fair value) to provide \$49,500 (forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars) for operation and maintenance purposes be levied for the Point Roberts Park and Recreation District #1 in 2011 for collection in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 upon all taxable property within the District, all as specified in Point Roberts Park and Recreation District #1, Resolution.

LEVY.....YES ( )  
LEVY.....NO ( )

The Secretary of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Whatcom County Auditor.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Point Roberts Park and Recreation District #1, Whatcom County, Washington, at a meeting thereof, held August 8, 2011, the following directors being present and voting in favor of said resolution.

**POINT ROBERTS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT #1 Board of Directors:**

Mark Robbins, Chairperson; Bev Griffith, Commissioner; Linda Hughes, Commissioner; Marco Aurilio, Commissioner; Mary Edgley, Commissioner.

**Complete Text  
NORTHWEST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 2  
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-01  
RESOLUTION PROVIDED FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY**

**A RESOLUTION** of the Board of Park Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District #2, Whatcom County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a general election to be held on November 8, 2011, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for the district's General Fund to pay for general expenses of staffing, operations, maintenance and capital improvements of the Northwest Park and Recreation District #2, such levy to be made in 2011 and collection in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

**WHEREAS**, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary to fund staffing, operations, maintenance and capital improvement in the provision of recreational and leisure time activities, classes, sports and programs for people of all ages in the greater Blaine – Birch Bay area.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Park and Recreation District #2, Whatcom County, Washington as follows:

**Section 1.** In order to provide recreational and leisure time activities, classes, sports and programs to people of all ages in the greater Blaine – Birch Bay area and develop parks, sports fields, trails and the like, funding is necessary.

**Section 2.** In order to provide the necessary revenue to pay the costs of providing recreational opportunities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure continuation of such services, the District shall collect beginning in 2012, pursuant to RCW 36.68.400, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits. This property tax levy would be collected for a six (6) year period, 2012 through 2017.

**Section 3.** There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a general election in November 8, 2011 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 set at \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation in 2011 and be collected for the following six years, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. Whatcom County as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections is hereby requested to call such special election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

**Northwest Park and Recreation District No. 2  
Whatcom County, Washington  
Proposition No. 1  
Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District No. 2 adopted Resolution No. 2011-01 concerning a proposition to assess a regular property tax levy for a six (6) year period of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation to operate, maintain and improve recreation and leisure time activities and opportunities for people of all ages in the greater Blaine – Birch Bay area.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Northwest Park and Recreation District No. 2  
By Commissioner Ted Morris, Commissioner Betty Robertson, Commissioner Richard Sturgill, Commissioner Katy Montfort, Commissioner Terry Johnston