



Skagit County, Washington

Online Voters' Guide

2006 General Election

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1 STATEMENT FROM THE SKAGIT COUNTY AUDITOR

In order to assist you in the 2006 General Election, I am pleased to offer this guide as a reference for election information. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Norma Brummett,

Skagit County Auditor

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2 VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2.1 QUALIFICATION FOR VOTING

In order to become a registered voter, a person must be:

- A United States citizen, and...
- A resident of Washington State for 30 days immediately preceding the day of election, and...
- 18 years old or older on or before the day of election, and...
- Not presently denied civil rights as a result of felony conviction.

2.2 WHEN TO REGISTER

Register anytime. However, registration files close 30 days prior to an election. Mail-in registration forms must be postmarked no later than the 30-day closing date in order to be eligible to vote.

Persons who do not register by the 30-day deadline may register in person at the Skagit County Auditor's Office during a special registration period between the 30th day and the 15th day prior to an election.

2.3 REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- November 7, 2006 General Election
30 day deadline = October 7, 2006
15 day deadline = October 23, 2006

2.4 WHERE TO REGISTER

Registration can be done either in person or by obtaining a mail-in registration form from any of the following locations:

- Skagit County Auditor's Office
- Cascade Mall Information Desk
- Chambers of Commerce
- City/Town Halls
- Post Offices
- Public Libraries
- Public Schools
- Senior Service Centers
- Vehicle Licensing Offices
- State Agencies including Department of Motor Vehicles

In addition, a voter registration form can be downloaded online at www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/register.aspx, or requested by calling the Skagit County Elections Department at (360) 336-9305.

2.5 WHEN TO TRANSFER

When moving from one address to another within Skagit County, the new address must be reported to the Elections Department at least 30 days before the next election. Contact the Elections Department by phone at (360) 336-9305, by mail, by email, or in person. A new registration card showing your new precinct will be issued and mailed. If you are moving from another county or state, a new registration form must be completed.

2.6 NAME CHANGE

In order to change a name in voting records, a new registration form must be completed with the new signature. This can be done using the mail-in voter registration form obtained at any of the locations listed above.

2.7 WHERE TO VOTE

Skagit County is an all vote-by-mail county. All voters in Skagit County receive their ballots in the mail and return their voted ballots to the Elections Department by mail, or at a drop-off location; drop-off locations for the September 19th, 2006 General Election are listed below. Instructions for voting and returning the ballot are included with the ballot. Please note that your voted ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day. **Make sure you know the last pick-up time of your post office**—ballots deposited after that time on Election Day are postmarked the *next day* and are not counted! If you are unsure what to do, use one of the drop-off locations below. Please also be sure you **sign the return envelope!**

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2.7.1 DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Below are the drop-off locations for the November 7th, 2006 General Election.

The following locations are open ***Election Day Only!***

Rockport Fire Hall
10914 Alfred
Rockport

Concrete Senior Center
45821 Railroad Street
Concrete

Sedro Woolley Community Center
703 Pacific Street
Sedro-Woolley

Alger Fire Hall
18726 Parkview Ln.
(Alger) Sedro-Woolley

Burlington Community/Senior Center
1011 Greenleaf Street
Burlington

Salem Lutheran Church Office
2529 N Laventure Road
Mt Vernon

La Conner Elementary School
404 N 6th Street
La Conner

Anacortes Public Library
1220 10th Street
Anacortes

Fidalgo School
13590 Gibraltar Road
Anacortes

The following location is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. There is a drop-off ballot box at the west end of the U-shaped parking lot at this address. This drop-off box is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, once ballots are available.

Skagit County Auditor's Office
700 S. Second Street, Room 201/P.O. Box 1306
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

2.8 VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS

Skagit County registration cards are not a form of identification and they are not proof of United State Citizenship, per Public Law 104-99. Voters are not required to show their registration card in order to vote. If you would like a replacement card, please notify the Skagit County Elections Department.

2.9 SPECIAL "SUBMARINE BALLOTS"

Any registered voter who completes an application stating that he or she is unable to vote and return a ballot by normal mail delivery within the period provided, may request a special ballot, a "submarine ballot."

2.10 DISABILITY ACCESS

For voters needing assistance with physical disability issues, the Skagit County Elections office is a designated accessibility site. Please call (360) 336-9305 for further information.

2.11 QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please call the Elections Department at (360) 336-9305, email us at sselections@co.skagit.wa.us, or visit us on the web at www.skagitcounty.net.

3 MAIL BALLOT DIRECTIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! The instructions below apply to the November 7th General Election.

3.1 STEP 1, ITEMS IN YOUR BALLOT PACKET

Your ballot packet includes the following:

- A ballot
- A lavender mailing envelope
- A white secrecy envelope
- Instructions

3.2 STEP 2, VOTE YOUR BALLOT

1. Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot. Please do not use pencil or felt tip pen.
2. Completely blacken the box to the left of your desired selection.
3. To write in a candidate, blacken the box to the left of "Write-in," then write their name AND party on the line provided under the desired position.
4. Do not write or make any mark of identification on the ballot.
5. If you make a mistake voting your ballot, please "X" out the incorrect choice and fill in the box corresponding to the correct selection.
6. After you have finished voting, place your completed ballot into the white security envelope and seal.
7. Next, place the white security envelope inside the lavender mailing envelope and seal.
8. Sign and date the Affidavit of Absentee Voter on the back of the lavender mailing envelope. Your ballot cannot be processed unless the Affidavit is signed.
9. Please note that power of attorney is not recognized. If the voter cannot sign the mailing envelope, two people must witness the voter's "X" or other mark on the mailing envelope. The witnesses must also write "Witnessed By," then sign their names. Witnesses are not required to be registered voters.
10. To request a replacement ballot, call the Elections Department at (360) 336-9305.

3.3 STEP 3, RETURN YOUR VOTED BALLOT

There are three ways to return your ballot:

1. **Mail.** Mail the lavender mailing envelope containing the ballot inside the privacy envelope. It requires first class postage if mailed within the United States. It must be postmarked no later than Election Day, November 7th, 2006.
2. **In-Person Delivery.** As soon as you receive and vote your ballot, you may deliver it to the Skagit County Auditor's Office, 700 South Second Street Room 201, Mount Vernon, Washington, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. As noted in section [Drop-Off Locations](#), there is a 24-hour ballot drop-off box at this address.
3. **Drop-Off Locations.** On Election Day you may deliver your ballot to a drop-off location in Skagit County between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; see section [Drop-Off Locations](#) for a list of drop-off sites. Remember that there is also a 24-hour drop-off ballot box at the Skagit County Auditor's Office.

Please note:

- Any person who votes when he or she is not entitled, attempts to vote more than once, or falsely signs the affidavit, is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, or both such fine and imprisonment. RCW 29A.40.091 and RCW 29A.84.660 and RCW 29A.84.680.
- In Washington State, every voter has the right to vote his or her ballot in secret.
- If you have any questions, please call the Elections Department at (360) 336-9305.

4 2006 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

4.1 INTRODUCTION

On the following pages are statements by and for candidates for Skagit County offices. Please note the following:

- Statements are for candidates for Skagit County offices only. No statewide contests, or contests that contain areas outside Skagit County, are included.
- The only statements are those sent by candidates—no statements were solicited by the Elections Department. If a statement is not found for a particular candidate, it means that candidate did not send a statement to the Elections Department.
- Contests for which no statements were received, such as Treasurer, are not included.
- No editing for form or correctness of content has occurred—statements are exactly as sent by the candidates.
- Statements are in the following order:
 - First, alphabetic by office;
 - Within office, Democratic candidates' statements are first, followed by Republican candidates' statements;
 - In non-partisan offices, statements are in the order candidates appear on the ballot.

4.2 ASSESSOR

4.2.1 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

There is no Democratic candidate for Assessor.

4.2.2 MARK LEANDER, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Mark Leander has been with the Assessor's office since 1986. His first position was as Residential Appraiser, later being promoted to Sales Analyst. In 1994 he was elected Skagit County Assessor and re-elected in 1998 and 2002.

He has been committed to public access of information, having been instrumental in developing the first Assessor's website making property value information available to the public. Under his direction, the office has published an annual update of property tax procedure information, a step to educate the public in State law and procedures regarding property taxation.

Under his management, the Skagit County Assessor's Office has repeatedly performed in the top 10% of Washington State counties in Accuracy and Equity as measured by standards set by the International Association of Assessing Officers.

Mark Leander is a member of the Washington State Association of County Assessors, and has served as Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President and President. He is currently Vice-President of the Washington Association of County Officials. Through these associations Mark has represented Skagit County diligently in all aspects of property taxation issues at the state level.

Mark Leander is a life-long resident of the Skagit Valley where he and his wife Barbara make their home. They have three grown sons and a daughter. Mark served thirteen years on the Board of Directors of the Burlington-Edison School District. He is also an active member of his local church and the Skagit County Pioneer Association.

4.3 AUDITOR

4.3.1 JEANNE YOUNGQUIST, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE



I, Jeanne Youngquist, would be proud to represent the citizens as Skagit County auditor.

I aspire to serve with integrity in a positive, enthusiastic work environment, where "TEAM" means "Together Everyone Achieves More". I will emphasize inter-departmental collaboration, security of information, accuracy, timely processing, and an accurate and trustworthy voting process.

Experience: MVHS Teacher, extra studies in Accounting, Computer Science and Spanish, Affiliated Health Center Patient Registration Manager, (developing a quality control program returning dollars faster to the hospitals & affiliates), Co-owner/manager of Mike & Jean's Berry Farm with hundreds of employees on weekly

payrolls, overseeing our company's complex accounting system, and national sales and shipping.

As a third and fourth generation pioneer my dedication to family and this valley has focused upon a better future. Service and recognition includes: Founder of a Day Care/Pre-School for employees and community, YMCA Board, (6 years), Skagit Farm Bureau (Vice President and Policy Chairman), United Way Board, Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland (Treasurer), Northwest Ag Business Center, Leadership Skagit (Class One); Governor Lowry's Health Care Task Force; Cascade Harvest Coalition (Puget Sound Fresh), Heart of Washington, WSDA (state grant selection committee), WSU Alumni Achievement Award, and finalist for SWAN Business Woman of the Year.

I learned a strong work ethic growing up in this valley and as co-owner of Mike & Jean's Berry Farm, have helped impart a strong work ethic to thousands of young people. Please allow me to apply this work ethic for you as your county auditor.

4.3.2 NORMA HICKOK-BRUMMETT, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE



It has been an honor serving as your auditor for the past six years. During my tenure as Skagit County Auditor, my staff and I have successfully managed accounting, payroll, recording, licensing and election departments for the county. We have accomplished a great deal of which to be proud as well as accumulated a variety of awards and recognition.

We successfully implemented the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA), secured accuracy and integrity of elections in Skagit County and received awards in the accounting division for Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). In 2003, I was chosen for the award of "Auditor of the Year" by the Secretary of State.

As the Motor Vehicle and Vessel Licensing Agent for the Department of Licensing (DOL) our office oversees five sub-agents. Additionally, the auditor acts as the custodian of all recorded documents and marriage licenses and is required by law to make the documents available to the public.

I am the Vice-President of the State Auditor's Association and served on the statewide HAVA steering committee.

Serving as your Auditor is a privilege and I hold your confidence in me in highest regard. If re-elected, my promise to you is to continue giving the best customer service in every division of the department, be the gatekeeper of your tax dollars, be available to answer your questions and follow the laws that I took an oath to uphold.

I ask for your support November 7th so I may continue to serve you.

4.4 COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

4.4.1 SHARON DILLON, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE



I have a proven track record of success in both business and government. As Sedro-Woolley's mayor since 2000, I've taken tough stances on issues that matter to Skagit County:

1. Standing strong against special interests: I opposed the county's efforts to privatize Skagit County's solid waste services. I don't believe in privatizing public services that are operating efficiently, and I won't bend to special interests in the face of overwhelming majority consensus.

2. Open and fair government: I believe everyone stands equal before the law. That's why I've done my job as mayor in an open and impartial manner—an approach I will continue as county

commissioner.

3. Protecting our communities and quality of life: I stood firm against efforts to undercut the Growth Management Act. I believe growth should pay for itself, and not put the burden on Skagit County taxpayers.

4. Fiscal responsibility: In the past three years, Skagit County has spent almost \$5 million on Seattle law firms to litigate an unusually large number of disputes. That needs to stop, and we need to start working cooperatively with our neighboring counties, the federal and state governments, and the tribes.

From my point of view, leading is about serving, and holding county office is about serving the people of Skagit County. When you have that perspective, finding solutions to problems becomes a lot easier. I'll bring that perspective to Skagit County government when you elect me to the county commission.

4.4.2 TED W. ANDERSON, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE



It has been an honor and privilege to represent the people of Skagit County for the past 12 years. I still love my job and continue to look for ways to make Skagit County a great place to live, work and raise your children. I have kept my promise to keep taxes low. When 1-747 passed limiting government to 101% of the previous years taxes I was proud that Skagit County had banked levy capacity of 26% in the General Fund and 38% in the Road Fund. Simply put 750,000 dollars was lee in the taxpayer's pocket.

I represent all Washington Counties on the Board of Natural Resources critical to funding our schools and colleges. By serving on NACO as Vice Chair and Chairman of Public Lands I helped pass legislation to restore our historical federal timber receipts for the past 6 years bringing 282 million dollars to our state and 7.8 million dollars to Skagit County divided equally between schools and roads. I believe our children are our future and look with pride to the many playfields and area tracks I have helped fund.

I have the experience to balance growth and resource land issues and continue to work hard on flood control solutions for everyone. I have earned a reputation for helping bring hundreds of good paying jobs to Skagit County. I would like very much to continue to serve you but the government belongs to the people and you decide.

4.5 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE POSITION 1

4.5.1 WARREN M. GILBERT



I began my legal career as a clerk and intern for the Skagit County Prosecutor's Office where I tried District Court jury trials. I joined the Law Firm of Gilbert & Meyer in 1986 and have been in practice for the past twenty years. In that time, I have tried jury trials in District Court, Superior Court and Federal Court. I have tried cases involving criminal law, personal injury, municipal law, land use, business, real estate, regulatory actions, and dissolutions. I have represented Skagit County PUD No. 1 for 18 years and Dike District No. 17 for 12 years.

I was born and raised in Skagit County. I have been married to my wife, Suzanne, for twenty years. Suzanne and I have three daughters. I have served as a Scout Master, on the Skagit Valley College Foundation Board, in Kiwanis, and, for the past 8 years, as a Mount Vernon School Board member.

Our legal system and our society's reliance upon the rule of law depends upon the public's confidence in the quality, impartiality and dedication of the judges who serve that system. In my many years of practicing law in the courtroom, I have come to appreciate the difference a good judge can make. Endorsed by current Superior Court Judges John Meyer, Dave Needy and Mike Rickert, former Superior Court Judges Harry Follman, Stanley Bruhn, Walter Deierlien and Gil Mullen. Former Prosecuting Attorneys James Anderson, Earl Angevine, Garl Long and Tom Moser, Current Superior Court Commissioner Tom Verge.

4.5.2 COLLEEN KENIMOND



In the election for District Court Judge, experience matters. I am proud to say that I have that experience.

I have spent the last three years as a regular Judge Pro Tem for Skagit County District and Municipal Courts, where fully 85% of what those courts handle is criminal or traffic related.

I have served as a Prosecutor for the City of Oak Harbor, and as a Skagit County Public Defender. I have also served as Vice-President and President of the Skagit County Bar Association.

Skagit County needs dedicated, experienced public servants. I have that experience and dedication. I

would appreciate your vote.

4.6 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

4.6.1 RICH WEYRICH, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE



My name is Rich Weyrich. I am running for Skagit County Prosecutor. My family has been in County since the 1880's. I grew up in Anacortes and graduated from high school there prior to graduating from the University of Washington. I obtained my law degree from Gonzaga University. I have served as Chief Criminal Deputy for Pat McMullen and Tom Moser. I have been the City Prosecutor for Mount Vernon and am currently for the City of Sedro Woolley.

Serious crime needs to be taken seriously and deserves serious time. Criminals must be held accountable and punished fully for their crimes. This must be done quicker and more efficiently so that we don't have a huge backlog. We must move from dead last in the State in the time needed for resolving cases by making reasoned, common sense charging decisions.

I have a good relationship with our Skagit County judges and will work with them to make the system more efficient and prevent cases from lagging. I will work with all parts of the criminal justice system for new and innovative ways to ensure justice and accountability. I will guard your tax dollars in deciding where it should be spent and make decisions that not only ensure accountability for criminals but will give you the most bang for your buck.

I will work to retain our deputy prosecutors and establish great office morale. If you have any questions please call me. (360) 336-3111. I appreciate your support and your vote.

4.6.2 TOM SEGUINE, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE



Crime is serious. If you've been a victim you know the feeling. You feel invaded. Your sense of security is assailed. You wonder how you could be a victim. Most importantly, you look to your community, and ultimately the prosecutor, to respond on your behalf.

In my 17 years of prosecution, I have learned this experience can become impersonal. I have seen too many cases where victims have been taken out of the equation, so that everything ends up being about criminals. I don't believe this is right.

Four years ago I was elected Skagit County Prosecutor because I promised to work against this trend to try to make sure that victims are informed and can participate in prosecution decisions. I promised to make Skagit County safer by aggressively prosecuting criminals. I still hold these values.

Over the last 3½ years, against a rising tide of new criminal cases and scarce resources, we have prosecuted and resolved more criminal cases than ever before, providing victims with more access to justice. Offenders have been held more accountable than ever before. They have consistently had to accept responsibility for more criminal charges, and their sentences have been consistently higher than during past administrations. At the same time there have been significant increases in restitution for crime victims.

I am asking for your vote because of these achievements and my commitment to these values, and to our common desire to have the strongest and safest Skagit County possible. Thank you for your support.

4.7 SHERIFF

4.7.1 RICK GRIMSTEAD, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE



I'm honored to have served the past four years as Skagit County Sheriff. Quality law enforcement is vital to the well being of our community and I feel privileged to lead our area's largest law enforcement agency.

Whether fighting the devastating effects of methamphetamine, mitigating our jail overcrowding issue or responding to flooding and other emergency situations, I make it a priority to work with other community and law enforcement leaders to reach solutions that make our lives better here in Skagit County.

I am running for re-election because I believe continuity of leadership is essential to making an outstanding department even better!

Prior to being elected Sheriff, I served in the Washington State Patrol for 28 years. I am a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Marine Corps Reserve, where I last served as a squadron Commanding Officer at NAS Whidbey.

I am active in several service clubs and serve on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Skagit County and the Boys and Girls Club. Recent awards include United Way's Volunteer of the Year and the Marine Corps League's distinguished citizen award.

I view the office of Sheriff as a sacred trust and am dedicated to making certain that our deputies do a top-notch job protecting the people and property of this county. We are blessed to live in such a wonderful county and we need to work diligently to keep it that way. I would be honored to have your vote and confidence.

4.7.2 DAVE CORRION, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE



Dave Corrión is a qualified and respected leader in the Skagit County Sheriff's Office. He has served the office for 20 years as Undersheriff, Chief of Field Services, Sergeant, Detective, and Patrol Deputy. Dave holds Executive Level Management Certification by the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

Dave is the candidate of choice by employees of the Sheriff's Office as evidenced by an overwhelming endorsement vote by both the deputy sheriff's guild and the support staff's union. Former Sheriff Ed Goodman also gives Dave his endorsement. Dave is committed to improving the existing low staff morale and views the staff as one of the office's most valued assets.

He is dedicated to leading by positive example and professionalism.

Dave will re-institute community policing practices and recognizes the methamphetamine epidemic in Skagit County as one of our greatest threats. Dave will take a proactive approach to combat this epidemic and its costly effects on our communities. Dave will rebuild interagency relations and improve existing staff training to better serve our citizens.

Dave also recognizes the seriousness of our current jail overcrowding. He is very concerned about the safety of our Corrections Deputies and releasing inmates back into the community before it is appropriate. Dave will work diligently to realize an expanded jail facility.

Dave is committed to restoring leadership to ensure this community receives the finest possible law enforcement and protection in the state. Our citizens deserve nothing less! Vote Dave Corrión for Sheriff.

4.8 PROPOSITION 2, FLUORIDATION ADVISORY MEASURE

4.8.1 IN FAVOR

Statement in Favor of Proposition 2

Water fluoridation is safe, inexpensive and effective. Sixty years of scientific study and the experience of 170 million Americans has proven that fluoridated water safely prevents tooth decay. Water fluoridation reduces tooth decay by up to 40% for everybody, young and old. Anacortes has had fluoridated water for more than 40 years. Adjusting the natural level of fluoride in the Skagit County Public Utility District (PUD) water supply will improve the health of everyone in our community.

The cost will be less than \$1 a year per person compared to \$140 to fill a single cavity. The fluoridation equipment will be paid for by a non-profit foundation.

Experts named fluoridation as one of the top ten public health achievements of the 20th Century. National health, medical and dental organizations strongly support water fluoridation as the best tool to fight tooth decay. The local people who care about your health support water fluoridation. Endorsers include the Skagit-Island County Medical Society, Mount Baker District Dental Society, District 16 Nurses' Association, Mount Baker Dental Hygienists Society, United General Hospital Board, Island Hospital Board, and Skagit Valley Hospital Board as well as the overwhelming majority of local physicians and dentists.

Join with local families, community leaders and medical professionals to prevent dental decay and improve overall health. Stop the pain and expense of cavities by voting YES on Proposition 2. For more information and a complete list of endorsers, visit our website at www.HealthySkagit.org.

(See also "Rebuttal to Statement In Opposition to Proposition 2" on next page)

Rebuttal to Statement In Opposition to Proposition 2

Opponents ignore the fact that water fluoridation has been used for 60 years and is safe, effective and inexpensive. More than 170 million Americans, including Anacortes residents, drink fluoridated water to improve oral health.

Fluoride is already in our water naturally. A slight adjustment can reduce dental decay up to 40%. The EPA regulates fluoridation of public water supplies, not the FDA.

Fluoridated water costs less than \$1/year per person. A tax increase is not necessary; a non-profit foundation will pay for the equipment.

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Unproven claims by one Tacoma dentist are rejected by local and national medical and dental associations - representing thousands of health professionals.

Ask your physician/dentist about the benefits of fluoridation. Prevent painful dental disease and save money - **Vote Yes on Proposition 2.**

4.8.2 IN OPPOSITION

Statement in Opposition to Proposition 2

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION #2 - KEEP OUR WATER SAFE AND CLEAN



Skagit County residents should reject adding hydrofluorosilicic acid (fluoride) to the county water supply. This compound is a by-product of the phosphate-fertilizer industry and contains contaminants heavy metals such as lead and arsenic.

On November 8, 2005, Bellingham voters rejected adding fluoride compounds in their water supply even

after fluoride proponents spent over \$250,000 on a Seattle based campaign. Skagit County voters should reject the forced fluoridation proposal as well.

Regardless of one's view, each individual has the right to determine what medications or supplements to ingest, not the government.

Reject needless tax increases. The initial cost estimate from the Skagit PUD report would be \$800,000 plus over \$58,000 per year. Cost overruns will be taxpayers' responsibility.

On August 5, 2005, EPA unions representing 7000 scientists have called on Congress to institute a national moratorium on water fluoridation.

Washington Dentists such as Debra Hopkins oppose water fluoridation:

"[t]here are studies linking water fluoridation to increased hip fracture in the elderly, bone cancer in young males, increased lead uptake in children, thyroid disease, arthritis and harm to our environment."

The FDA has never approved fluoride compounds as being safe and effective for ingestion. Fluoride is a chemical, not an essential nutrient.

Because there are significant health risks, keep fluoride compounds out of our water supply, streams and especially out of our bodies. Each Skagit County resident is entitled to choose what they ingest each day.

See <http://www.skagitleanwater.com>

(See also "Rebuttal to Statement In Favor of Proposition 2" on next page)

Rebuttal to Statement In Favor of Proposition 2

Since 1997, the evidence against fluoridation is much stronger. Eleven separate EPA scientist unions with over 1500 members have called for a moratorium on fluoridation. A Harvard University Study in 2005 has linked water fluoridation with bone cancer (Osteosarcoma) in young boys.

Most European countries and most of Canada reject fluoridation. Many U.S cities have also rejected fluoride.

Nevertheless, the fluoridation proponents seek to force fluoride into our water supply in Skagit County.

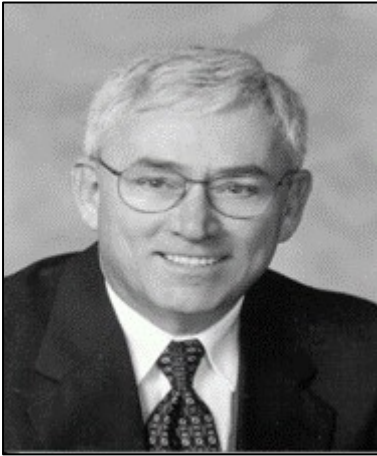
Government or another voter does not have the right to require all Skagit County residents to ingest Fluorosilicic acid ("fluoride"). The decision of what one ingests belongs to the individual.

Please vote no on proposition 2 and keep Skagit County's water clean and healthy.

See <http://www.skagitcleanwater.com>

4.9 PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

4.9.1 ROBBIE ROBERTSON



It is my privilege and honor to serve as your Skagit PUD#1 Commissioner. With your help and through lots of hard work we have made great strides in making sure that Skagit County citizens have the safest, cleanest, affordable water service as possible.

Through my leadership the PUD has implemented a long term strategic plan which insures that the needs of Folks, Families, Farms, and Fish are met. No longer is the PUD a reactionary utility, rather we have become much more pro-active and solution oriented in meeting the needs for a vibrant and successful future for all of Skagit County.

As Chairman of the State PUD Associations Issues Committee I am in a position to champion those issues and concerns for all of Skagit County. Fighting to protect water rights, private individual well owner's rights, and resisting intrusive government mandates are top priorities for me. This work is critical in order to insure that we all continue to enjoy the lifestyles that we have come to know as the "Magic of the Skagit".

By working co-operatively with our cities, county, Indian tribes, citizens, small businesses, builders and developers, we have been able to resolve many water issues locally without the need for expensive and time consuming legal and court actions. I will continue to work hard and ask for your support to re-elect me as your PUD Commissioner so together we build a future for Skagit County that we will proud to leave for our children and grandchildren.

4.9.2 MIKE NEWMAN



My name is Mike Newman and I want to be your Commissioner for Skagit P.U.D., District 2. I believe that the duty of the Commissioner is to represent the owners of the District, the ratepayers, and assure that the District is being managed in their best interest. I will keep the priorities of the ratepayers as my first priority at all times.

I will work to improve the efficiency with which the P.U.D. operates by eliminating duplication of effort and increasing communication and cooperation between the various departments within the District. I will improve fiscal responsibility by eliminating discretionary spending that does not benefit the ratepayers, and I will work to reduce costs for everyone by encouraging cooperation between the District and the citizens, businesses, and governmental agencies of Skagit County.

Clean water, for all users, is a requirement for a healthy, vigorous society. I will work with the P.U.D. staff and outside consultants to find and eliminate the source of our recent taste and odor problems, and do everything humanly possible to ensure that we have no recurrences in the future.

I feel very strongly that the voters, not a government agency, should decide the fluoride issue.

It's time for a NEW MAN at P.U.D. I ask you to vote Mike Newman, P.U.D. Commissioner, District 2. Thank You.