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Visit our website at www.skagitcounty.net/elections to:

- View the online version of the voters' guide
- See a complete list of elected officials
- View past elections results
- Register to vote
- And much more!



Welcome to Skagit County's 2013 Voters' Pamphlet

Welcome to Skagit County's section of the 2013 Voters' Pamphlet. In the following pages you will find candidate submissions, ballot box drop locations, and ballot voting instructions. It is our hope that the information will assist you in making your voting decisions.

Odd year elections are largely non-partisan Elections, to select the local leaders of our cities, towns and special districts. These are the decision makers affecting the future, security, and safety of our daily lives. Candidates vie for 4-year terms for positions such as Mayor, City Council, School Board, Port of Anacortes, and Park and Recreation District Board, and 6-year terms in Hospital, Fire, Port of Skagit, Cemetery, Sewer, and Water Districts.

Ballot Drop Boxes in Skagit County are convenient and popular with the highest usage rate in Washington State, receiving 69% of the ballots cast in the 2012 Presidential Election.

Our goal is to provide a secure, accurate, efficient, and economical election process and to encourage citizens to exercise their freedom to influence the future of our communities and our country.

Visit our web site, www.skagitcounty.net/elections to learn about the current election, elections history including your own election history (what elections you participated in, etc.), who the Federal, State, County and Local elected leaders are that represent you, along with a host of other election information. On our site you will find the online version of this Voters' Pamphlet and links to:

- o The Washington Secretary of State's web site,
- o Skagit County ballot drop box locations,
- o On-line Voter Registration.

Please call us at 360-336-9305, email us at sselections@co.skagit.wa.us, or drop by our Election Office with questions, concerns, or requests regarding replacement ballots, address changes, etc. We are located at 700 South Second Street, Room 201 in downtown Mount Vernon, and are eager to help.

Your vote counts – you do make the difference – our freedom is in elections!

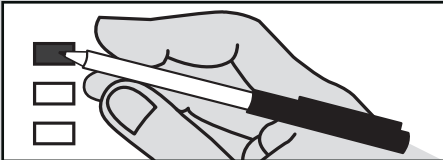
Thank you,
Jeanne Youngquist - Skagit County Auditor

Ballot Instructions

The following instructions are also found on your ballot and the ballot insert.

Instructions

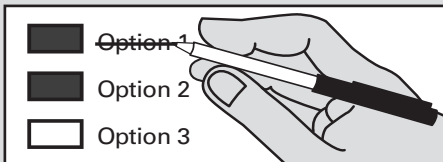
How to vote



Use a dark blue or black ink pen to completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.

Vote for one in each race. If you vote for more than one, no votes will be counted for that race.

If you make a mistake



Draw a line through the entire measure response or candidate's name.

Then you may make another choice.

Optional write-in



To vote for a candidate not listed for that race, fill in the box to the left of "or write-in" and print the name on the dashed line.

- **Tear off the ballot stub and throw it away.**
- **If you return your ballot by postal service, First-Class Mail postage must be applied to the return envelope.** If you use a ballot drop box, no postage is required.
- Use a black or blue pen to mark your ballot.
- If you do not want to vote a particular contest, you may leave it blank - your ballot will still count.
- Sign and date the declaration on the return envelope. If you are unable to sign, make your mark and have it witnessed by TWO people and make sure they both sign the envelope.
- Place your voted ballot in the the secrecy pocket, then place the secrecy pocket in the colored return envelope and seal that envelope.
- Your 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 not counted!
- If you do not want to mail your ballot, deposit it in a ballot drop-box listed on the following page. All locations are open as soon as you receive your ballot, and all remain open 24 hours a day until 8:00 PM Election Night.
- View the voters' pamphlet online at www.skagitcounty.net/elections.

Questions? Contact Skagit County Elections at (360) 336-9305, or www.skagitcounty.net/elections, to learn about: voting center location, hours, and services; ballot deposit sites; accessible voting equipment; any other questions or concerns.

Ballot Drop-Off Locations

All locations are open as soon as you receive your ballot, and remain open 24 hours a day until 8:00 PM Election Night!

Anacortes Library

1220 10th St
Anacortes
(North side of building on 9th St)

Burlington Parks and Recreation Building

900 E. Fairhaven St
Burlington

Concrete Skagit Upriver Services/Library

45770 A Main St
Concrete

La Conner Library

614 E. Morris St
La Conner

Mount Vernon North

Mount Vernon Police Department
1805 Continental Pl
Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon South

Courthouse Horseshoe Parking Lot
700 S. 2nd St
Mount Vernon

Sedro-Woolley Post Office-Side of Building

111 Woodworth St
Sedro-Woolley
(In the alley between Eastern Ave and Metcalf)

Swinomish Tribe-Social Services

17337 Reservation Rd
La Conner



Postage is not needed for drop boxes

You may also drop your ballot off in person at:

Elections Department

Skagit County Auditor's Office
2nd & Kincaid Streets (700 S. 2nd Street)
Mount Vernon, 360-336-9305
Open 8:30-4:30 Week Days

All Offices and Candidates 2013

Following is a list of all Skagit County offices and candidates in the November 5, 2013 General Election. Candidates whose names are followed by an asterisk ("*") submitted statements for this Voters' Pamphlet-statements follow in the next section of this pamphlet.

City of Anacortes

Mayor

1. Laurie M. Gere*
2. H. Dean Maxwell*

Council At-Large, Position 4

1. Matt Miller*
2. Andrea Doll*

Council At-Large, Position 5

1. John(Johnny)Archibald*
2. Brandon J. Robinson

Council At-Large, Position 6

1. Elizabeth (Liz) Lovelett*
2. Bill Turner

Council At-Large, Position 7

1. Erica Pickett*

City of Burlington

Council Ward 4

1. Tonya Bieche

Council Ward 5

1. Chris Loving

Council Ward 6

1. Bill Aslett

Council At-Large

1. Joe DeGloria*
2. Sally Straathof

Town of Concrete

Mayor

1. Judd Wilson
2. Jason Miller*

Council Position 3

1. Michael P Bartel

Town of Hamilton

Mayor

1. Joan Cromley

Council Position 1

1. Ruth M McDermott

Council Position 3

1. Bethany Betlem

Council Position 4

1. Andrew O. Jensen

Council Position 5

1. Mathew Coker

Town of La Conner

Council Position 2

1. John Leaver

Council Position 3

1. Bill Stokes*

Council Position 4

1. Troy Allen
2. Chris G. Adams

Town of Lyman

Council Position 1

1. Edward Hills

Council Position 2

1. Rita Burke

Council Position 4

1. Gail Ganga

All Offices and Candidates 2013

City of Mount Vernon

Council At-Large

- 1. Pedro Perez*
- 2. Dale Ragan*

Council Ward 1 Position 2

- 1. Ken Quam*
- 2. Shelley Acero

Council Ward 2 Position 2

- 1. Gary Molenaar*

Council Ward 3 Position 2

- 1. Robert Fiedler

City of Sedro-Woolley

Council At-Large

- 1. Brett Sandstrom*
- 2. Charles(Chuck)Owen*

Council Ward 2

- 1. Germaine Kornegay*
- 2. Dorothy (Elizabeth) Fernando*

Council Ward 3

- 1. Brenda Kinzer*
- 2. Thomas E. Storrs

Council Ward 6

- 1. Rick Lemley*
- 2. Thomas Swett*

School Districts

Anacortes School District No.103

Director Position 1

- 1. Bobbilyn Hogge*

Director Position 2

- 1. Erin Pape Rieger*

Burlington-Edison School District No.100

Director District 2

- 1. Roger Howard

Director District 5

- 1. Troy Wright
- 2. Bradley Whaley

Concrete School District No.11

Director District 1

- 1. Rae (Crissie) Wilson

Director District 3

- 1. Gladys Silrus

Director District 4, At-Large

- 1. Bill Thompson

Conway School District No. 317

Director Position 2

- 1. Rodney Dalseg

Director Position 3

- 1. Gwen L Halliday

Darrington School District No.330

Director District 4, At-Large

- 1. Erin Nations-Green

Directorc District 5, At-Large

- 1. Doug Lenker

La Conner School District No.311

Director District 3

- 1. Brad K. Smith

Director District 5

- 1. John Thulen

Mount Vernon School District No. 320

Director District 4

- 1. LuAnne Burkhart

Director District 5

- 1. Larry M. Otos

Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101

Director District 1

- 1. Jim Kallio

Director District 4

- 1. Christine Johnson*

Director District 5

- 1. Ken Van Liew

*Candidate names followed by an asterisk have statements in the next section of this pamphlet.

All Offices and Candidates 2013

Hospital District Commissioners

Hospital District 1

Position 2

- 1. Jeff Miller*

Position 4

- 1. James L. Hobbs SR.

Hospital District 2

Position 4

- 1. Lynne M. Lange*
- 2. Warren Tessler*

Position 5

- 1. Chip Bogosian

Hospital District 304

Position 1

- 1. Andrew C. Hunter

Position 3

- 1. Gary L Kent

Position 4

- 1. Jeri Kaufman

Position 5

- 1. Robert Stanley

Port District Commissioners

Port of Anacortes

Position 1

- 1. Ray Niver*

Position 2

- 1. Bill Short*

Position 5

- 1. Keith Rubin*

Port of Skagit

Position 1

- 1. Kevin Ware*

Fire Protection District Commissioners

Fire District 1

Position 1

- 1. Sandra (Sandy) Saben

Fire District 2

Position 1

- 1. Steve Snyder

Fire District 3

Position 1

- 1. Edward Kemper

Fire District 4

Position 1

- 1. Les Martin

Fire District 5

Position 1

- 1. Kirk Damon

Position 2

- 1. Tom Perry

Fire District 6

Position 1

- 1. Kenneth Pike

Position 3

- 1. David Smoots

Fire District 7

Position 1

- 1. David Searing*
- 2. Stephen E. Smith*

Fire District 8

Position 1

- 1. Jim Kennedy

Fire District 9

Position 1

- 1. Rob Guy

Fire District 10

Position 1

- 1. Mike Williams
- 2. Josh Guffie

Position 3

- 1. Richard Taylor

Fire District 11

Position 1

- 1. Cheryl Dennis*
- 2. Chris Byer*

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All Offices and Candidates 2013

<p><u>Fire District 12</u> Position 1 1. Greg R. John</p> <p><u>Fire District 13</u> Position 1 1. Arne Fohn* 2. James (Jim) Grove*</p> <p><u>Fire District 14</u> Position 1 1. Chris England*</p> <p><u>Fire District 16</u> Position 1 1. Kristine Van Notric</p> <p><u>Fire District 17</u> Position 1 1. Tom Murphy</p> <p>Position 3 1. Deb Bear</p> <p><u>Fire District 19</u> Position 1 1. Corrina B. Koenig</p> <p><u>Fire District 24</u> Position 1 1. Dennis Vincent 2. Mickey (Mikey) Coleman</p> <p>Position 4 1. Douglas (Pat) Booker Sr. 2. Brian D. Mount</p>


<p>Cemetery District Commissioners</p> <p><u>Cemetery District 1</u> Position 2 1. John Hastings</p> <p><u>Cemetery District 2</u> Position 2 1. Lyle E Mooney</p> <p><u>Cemetery District 3</u> Position 1 1. Adam Veal</p>
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<p><u>Cemetery District 4</u> Position 2 1. Michael Bridgman</p> <p>Position 3 1. Bobbi Lomsdalen</p> <p><u>Cemetery District 5</u> Position 2 1. Richard Frank</p> <p><u>Cemetery District 6</u> Position 2 1. July R. Andre</p>

<p>Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center District Commissioners</p> <p><u>Position 1</u> 1. Jeremy F. McNett</p> <p><u>Position 3</u> 1. Pamela Taylor</p> <p><u>Position 5</u> 1. Andrew Olson</p>
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<p>Sewer District Commissioners</p> <p><u>Sewer District 1</u> Position 3 1. Mel Dunbar</p> <p><u>Sewer District 2</u> Position 1 1. Mark Pearson</p>
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<p>Water District Commissioners</p> <p><u>Water District 1</u> Position 3 1. Norm Rathvon</p>

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Laurie M. Gere

Elected Experience

Commissioner, Public Hospital District No. 2, Skagit County (Island Hospital) 2001 - May 2013; two terms as Board president

Other Professional Experience

Owner, Gere-a-Deli (1981 – present)

Education

BA: Central Washington University
Women's Campaign School, (sponsored by Yale Law School)

Community Service

Anacortes Planning Commission (1994- present – Chair from 2006-2012)

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (1983-96; two terms as president)

Anacortes Red Cross Board; President Skagit County Developmental Disability Advisory Board; Girl Scout Leader

SWAN Business and Professional Woman of the year (2001)

Paul Harris Award for Community Service (Rotary) (1999 and 2006) (52)



Statement

I have a proven record of business and community leadership, and I know how to make tough decisions. As the owner of Gere-a-Deli for the past 32 years, I have successfully steered my business through hard economic times in an industry with a high failure rate. On the hospital commission, I helped oversee the hospital's budget of \$80 million—two times the size of the City's budget—and developed policies for the largest employer in Anacortes. I understand the difficulties facing business owners.

My passion is community service, and I have made a serious commitment to making Anacortes a better place. While managing my business, I simultaneously served on several volunteer boards, which has given me deep knowledge of the community and taught me the power of collaboration. I value and will actively seek broad citizen participation.

To increase the City's revenues, we must adapt to a new, global economy and the opportunities afforded by the internet. I will develop an aggressive marketing plan to attract a diverse mix of appropriately-sized businesses with good-paying jobs that fit our community and don't harm our environment.

Times have changed; we need new leadership. I'd be honored to have your vote.

H. Dean Maxwell

Elected Experience

Mayor 5 terms
6 years on city council
Association of Washington Cities
Benefit Trustee

Other Professional Experience

Emergency Management Council Member
Emergency Management Institute
Skagit Regional Transportation and Planning Organization
Skagit Transit Board of Directors Member
Board of Adjustment
Carpenter Foreman/General Foreman
Anacortes Police Reserves

Education

Anacortes School District
Washington State University
B.S. University of Washington
Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership AWC

Community Service

Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County Board of Directors
Skagit County Community Action Agency Board of Directors
Association of Washington Cities Legislative and Resolution Committee Member
Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Board Member
Happily married to wife Lisa for 34 years.



Statement

I am very proud of Anacortes and all that our city has accomplished in 20 years with the important participation of our citizens.

I am the only candidate running with extensive city management experience. This is vitally important since all the responsibilities for administration of Anacortes rest with the mayor.

In total I have 32 years of public-sector experience that has benefited our community, including 20 as mayor, 6 as a councilmember, 3 on the Board of Adjustment and 3 as a reserve police officer. I have greatly enjoyed this service.

In the private sector before becoming mayor I gained many years' experience working in construction and construction management, which has provided me with the skills to manage large public works projects and gave me the skills to manage an organization and the people it employs.

I have provided 20 years of fiscally prudent management and balanced budgets with favorable audits by the state auditor. I have been able to guide the City of Anacortes through the worst recession in 80 years without furloughs, layoffs or cuts in service levels to the community, and in many cases we were able to enhance service and add substantially to our fund reserves.

Matt Miller

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Decorated U.S. Naval Flight Officer, 22 years active duty

Anacortes Planning Commission – Vice Chair

Executive Officer, NAS Whidbey Island

Anacortes Ferry Advisory Committee

Anacortes Chamber of Commerce - Board Officer

Anacortes business owner, Read Me A Story, children’s book and toy store - 9 years

Civilian Pilot

Husband - Heather (24 years); Father - Alex, Brittany; both went through Anacortes school system (K-12) now in college



Education

B.A. Government - University of Maryland

Community Service

Anacortes Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Police Academy, Skagit Business Alliance

Active Middle and High School volunteer; supporter of many civic groups like Boys and Girls Club

Statement

I have dedicated my life to service which has given me the background to continue serving Anacortes. I am not a partisan politician but a proven leader with a track record of success. I’m practical, logical, competent and compassionate. I care deeply about the city our family calls home. I’ve raised my kids and started a successful family business in Anacortes. I will preserve our unique natural beauty while ensuring a vibrant economy for the next generation.

My experience allows me to listen, and work challenging issues simultaneously. Assignments: including combat tours, and recent duty at NAS Whidbey, where as “second-in-command,” was responsible for efficient operation of the base, which employs 10,000 and was selected as the best air station in the country during all my 3 years. Additionally, directed base Search and Rescue assets, and relationships I established with Skagit and Whatcom emergency services, we were able to save ten lives in the local area. As business leaders, my wife and I are devoted to a healthy small business environment, ensuring Anacortes continues as the best waterfront community in the country.

Integrity, creativity, commitment will be my measure if you will give me the privilege of serving on Council.

Andrea Doll

Elected Experience

Member, House of Representatives, State of Alaska

Other Professional Experience

Public School Teacher

Non-Profit Administrator

Real Estate Realtor/Broker

Instructor/Trainer: U.S. Navy San Diego



Education

BA: University California, Santa Barbara

Teaching Credential: San Diego State University

M.A.: University Maryland

Community Service

Volunteer: Beach Watcher Graduate, Skagit Conservation District, Association of American University Women, Alaska: Big Brother, Big Sister, SE Alaska Land Trust, League of Women Voters, Court Appointed Special Advocate

Statement

Anacortes is a wonderful city but there are issues we must address. Primarily there is a need for strong leadership that encourages and invites public participation and is transparent in its dealings. From this foundation, the other challenges will be resolved: what is the best use of our water front, how do we attract businesses that are compatible with our environment, how do we collaborate with our neighbor cities to address regional transportation and social services issues; and what is the best utilization of our water resources.

I will work to update our Comprehensive Plan to make our city more attractive to business while protecting the character and charm of our neighborhoods. I will work hard to improve employment prospects, particularly for our young families, along with affordable housing and shopping where they can find essential goods and services. I want people to be able to both live and work in our city

My background as a state legislator, public and private educator, business owner, community volunteer and parent has given me the experience and perspective to work effectively with the community and city government to prepare our city for an exciting future.

John(Johnny) Archibald

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Teksystems, Professional Recruiter

Established working relationships, directly with fortune 500 managers, in the placement of highly skilled contractors

Starbucks Coffee Company, Retail Business Manager
Successfully created objectives and goals, then implemented policies and procedures used to meet those goals

Johnny Picassos LLC, Small Business Owner (current)
Built, developed, and continue to grow a thriving, successful small business despite the most recent economic downturn

Education

West Valley College, Saratoga, CA

General Education with an emphasis on psychology and sociology

Community Service

Present City of Anacortes Planning Commissioner.
Longtime supporter of Anacortes Boys and Girls Club, Skagit County Children's Museum, Island Hospital, Skagit Valley Hospice

Statement

John Archibald understands and respects the intended purpose of the City Council, to serve the members of their community, and is committed both personally and professionally to the duties and time dedicated to the position. A balanced decision maker, John wants to "make a great city even greater." Through a clear set of goals he intends to encourage community involvement, increase business growth, create sustainability, and, ultimately, provide avenues for others to do the same. John would like to see a productive, respectful, and open dialogue between public entities and the community members they serve. He believes open discussion is the only way to reach a majority consensus toward decisions that impact the community and its future. Archibald makes informed decisions based on facts and smart growth management. He resolves to assist in the creation of local conservation and education programs to help the Anacortes community in creating a sustainable future. Years of experience have prepared John for the challenges of City Council. Serving on the Board of Adjustment, City Planning Commission, and owning his own business have taught him to gather the facts, understand the real issues, and provide thoughtful solutions that will benefit the community as a whole.



Brandon J. Robinson

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

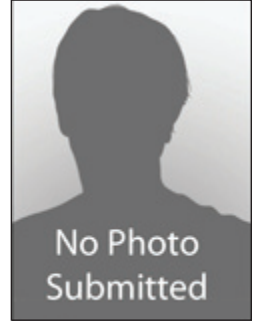
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Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted



Elizabeth (Liz) Lovelett

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Lovelett has been a Co-Curricular Instructor with the Anacortes School District teaching art and drama to kids of all ages for nearly a decade. From 2005-2010, Lovelett was the owner and operator of The Business, located in downtown Anacortes.



Education

Elizabeth "Liz" Lovelett graduated simultaneously with honors from both Anacortes High School and Skagit Valley College in 1998 by participating in the Running Start program.

Community Service

After graduation, Lovelett gave a year of national service with Americorps*NCCC. Currently, Lovelett serves as the President of the Whitney School PTA and is the VP of the Anacortes Farmer's Market Board of Directors.

Statement

The quality of life we enjoy on Fidalgo Island is truly a treasure. I firmly believe that a combination of smart planning, long term vision and fiscal responsibility today is essential to build an Anacortes that will continue to thrive into the next century. My daughters are the 6th generation of my family to call Anacortes home - I want to serve on the City Council because I have a vested interest in planning for their future. As a mother, a homeowner and a small business person; I understand that city government serves a diverse public. I want to work with other local leaders in balancing the need to protect our extraordinary environment and promote sustainable economic growth. This vital work can only be achieved when city government, schools, businesses and citizens like YOU are active and engaged in their community. I've developed the skills through my education, life and work experiences to bring people together in the spirit of collaboration and shared goals. I am deeply dedicated to our community's future and I am asking for your vote and the opportunity to serve my neighbors - the good people of Anacortes. Thank you.

Bill Turner

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

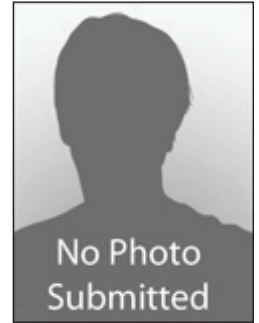
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Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted



Erica Pickett

Elected Experience

Erica Pickett was first elected to the City Council position she holds in 2005.

Other Professional Experience

Prior to that she served on the Anacortes Planning Commission for twenty years, sixteen of those years as chair. She and her husband, Bob, ran a small marine business for thirty-three years.



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Education

She attended Esbjerg Statsskole in Denmark, Skagit Valley College and the University of Washington.

Community Service

She is a Beach Watcher, a life member of Soroptimist International of Anacortes and has served on the Skagit County Marine Resources Committee since 2004.

Statement

Erica believes that Anacortes has done a lot of things right. We are fortunate to have the strong industrial tax base that allows us to have among the lowest property tax rates in the county. We have a vital commercial center that has not been torn apart by the big box retailers and our downtown is filled with shops and great places to eat and to visit with friends. Our working waterfront provides hundreds of jobs to local moms and dads. Visitors frequently let us know how lucky we are to be living here. Maintaining this balance and diversity is the key to a great home town.

Joe DeGloria

Elected Experience

Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees 2005 - Present

Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees Chairman 2011 - Present

Other Professional Experience

Banking -- Bookkeeping -- Teller -- Computer Support

Commercial fishing

Fisheries Observer

Water and Wastewater Treatment

Commodities and Equities Trader

Education

Burlington Edison High School Graduate 91'

Skagit Valley College AA 93'

Western Washington University BS Environmental Studies 97'

Community Service

Bayview Elementary School Science Enrichment Program

Burlington Edison Youth Soccer Club Coach

Burlington Public Library Building and Planning Committee

Burlington Public Library Art Committee



Sally L. Straathof

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

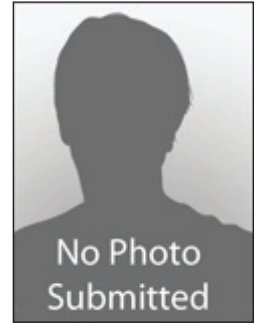
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Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted



Statement

I love Burlington, which is why my wife, Jana, and I chose to raise our family here. My family believes in living within our means, managing debt, and saving for the future. We also believe in community service. I currently serve as Chairman of the Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees. I had the pleasure of participating in the planning, building, and beautification of the new library. As a proud father of three wonderful children, I participate in their school and sports activities.

Promoting, supporting, and encouraging business is as significant as the needs of our residents. A strong and thriving community is good for everyone. Infrastructure, parks, and public services are a vital part of our cohesiveness. I believe in stewardship, respect, and pride in our community.

I welcome the community at large to participate with me in their city government. I also encourage conversations whether it be in the grocery store, on the soccer fields, or at city hall. My philosophy of personal responsibility and accountability will guide my decisions for a growing, safe, and attractive city that cherishes small town values and traditions. It would be my honor to serve on city council.

Judd Wilson

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

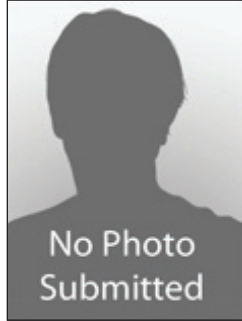
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Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted



Jason Miller

Elected Experience

Jason Miller has represented Town of Concrete as a member of the Town Council since 2007, winning re-election in 2009.

Other Professional Experience

With his background in publishing, marketing, advertising, and public relations, Miller owns and operates Concrete Herald, and is a freelance writer and editor for topics from home and garden to development trends.

Education

Originally from Lynden, Wash., Miller holds a B.A. from Bethel University in St. Paul, Minn., and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Eastern Washington University.

Community Service

Miller chairs Imagine Concrete Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation, and Concrete Parks Committee. He is a co-manager for Concrete's community garden.

Statement

Since its cement industry folded in the late 1960s, Concrete has toggled between struggle and stagnation. Today it is a low-income community with dwindling memories of its vitality.

To repair and revitalize this distressed town, four elements must be addressed: Civic, Residential, Employment, and Commercial. With his solid working knowledge of development and economic trends, plus connections with some of the brightest minds in the U.S., Jason Miller is the best choice to lead Concrete's journey back to the vibrancy it enjoyed decades ago, while retaining its small-town character.

After moving to Concrete in 2005, Miller engaged in the community immediately by joining the Chamber of Commerce, then serving on the Planning Commission, the Parks Committee, and the Town Council. In 2009 he co-founded a citizen-driven group called Imagine Concrete; its first townwide workshop led to Concrete's first community garden, a playground fencing project, and a grassroots effort to rescue a relic from the town's industrial past: the Superior Portland Cement Administration Building.

Concrete needs more than a caretaker; it needs a leader who will listen to its citizens, then work to rejuvenate the town and transform it into a model of resilience and beauty. Jason Miller is that leader.



Bill Stokes

Elected Experience

2006-2013 chairman of La Conner Planning Commission; January, 2013 appointed to La Conner Town Council.

Other Professional Experience

Served as town Code Enforcement Officer for more than 5 years, former business owner and former trade school instructor.

Education

High School graduate, some college, trade school graduate.

Community Service

Served on various local committees, chaired the Mayor's skateboard park committee, also helped with reconstruction of the Pioneer Park bandstand. Interests include boating, fishing, carpentry and restoring a 1960 Roberts boat that was built in La Conner.



Unopposed

Statement

I am a La Conner homeowner, where I have lived with my wife, Sandy, and grandson, Kane, since 2004. During my time in La Conner, I have consistently volunteered in many capacities to benefit my community.

From 2006 until I was appointed to the Town Council in January 2013, I served on and chaired the Town's Planning Commission.

On the Planning Commission I always strived to understand the viewpoints of others and to help reach resolutions that were beneficial to everyone.

For more than five years, I worked as the town's code enforcement officer, a job that left me with a working knowledge of Town Hall and its operations and put me in daily contact with residents and business owners, leaving me with a deep understanding of the issues the town faces.

Prior to moving to La Conner, I was a business owner and also an instructor for a medical industry trade school.

If I earn your vote I will strive to promote the best interests of the Town of La Conner and its residents, putting to good use my knowledge, experience and desire to serve my community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pedro Perez

Elected Experience

Although, this is my first run for public office, I sit on various community boards.

Other Professional Experience

Senior Sales Executive with Blaine Insurance, Mount Vernon

Photojournalist, SeattleTimes Newspaper, Seattle, WA

Pedro was recognized for his outstanding photography by National Press Photographers Association, Associated Press and was a 2001 Joseph Pulitzer award nominee.

Education

California State University, Fresno-B.A. communication

Investment in Excellence, Pacific Institute

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People® 3-Day Signature Program, Leadership Skagit 2012.

Community Service

Mount Vernon Rotary, past board member

EDASC, advisory board

Immaculate Conception Parish, past Parish Council

Knights of Columbus,

Children of the Valley,

Junior Achievement



Dale Ragan

Elected Experience

Serving third term on Mount Vernon City Council (12th year)

Brookings, Oregon School Board President

Other Professional Experience

Board Member-National Decorating Products Association

National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) Certification

Education

Bachelor of Science

Masters of Business Administration

Community Service

Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation Board

Skagit Rotary Club (Past President)

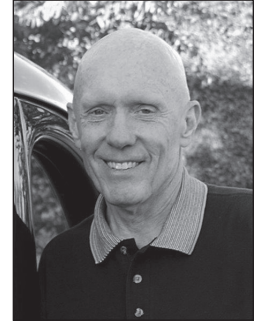
SKAT Board Member

Central Valley Ambulance Board Member

Law and Justice Council Member

Current Occupation: Owner-Karl's Paints & Art Supplies, 22 years

Family: Married to Susan, Daughter-Angela, Son-Jave, Two Stepchildren, Ten grandchildren



Statement

Growing up in a large working class family we all had to keep track of each other to prosper, always keeping an eye out for one another making sure no one was left out. We all had a daily task, some more difficult than others, but all important. My father went to work in the fields while my mother made sure we got on the school bus, and then turned her attention towards our home

Statement

I will continue working to make Mount Vernon a safe, attractive and well managed city. City government's major responsibility is to provide an efficient and dependable public infrastructure. I will continue to pursue the efficient and effective use of taxpayer resources, fiscal policy that reflects a commitment to limited taxation, keeping as much money as possible in the pockets of taxpaying citizens. Open and transparent government is a must and I support the concept without reservation. I do not support expanding our city into any farm land. Comprehensive flood protection for the whole city is extremely important. It requires that Mount Vernon develop relationships not only with all areas impacted by the Skagit River, but with state and federal government officials, because they are the key for long-term funding. I will continue to be active in pursuit of that goal. I will continue to promote collaboration with other jurisdictions to hold down the cost of services and will continue to communicate with citizens. I support the business community, encourage new business ventures and support our Historic Downtown. I believe in the common sense approach and community involvement. I will continue to listen well, have courage and speak the truth.

Ken Quam

Elected Experience

Member of the Mount Vernon city council since 2010 chairing public works committee meetings the past two years . ICRS past school board president, vice president and executive secretary. Immaculate Conception pastoral council four years.



Other Professional Experience

Creator and owner of Ken's Radiator Inc for sixteen years employing five people. Our radiator Work is statewide with our customer work servicing the west coast including Alaska. Family: married 30 years, 3 grown children, one grandchild.

Education

Conway school, Mount Vernon High School, Skagit Valley College, Small Business Administration

Community Service

Mayor's alternate to Skagit County Community Action Agency

Statement

I have been honored to serve as your council member the past four years. As a council member I have worked hard to ensure that Mount Vernon has maintained a balanced budget and provided adequate funding for public safety such as fire and police. Additional areas of concern for me are the proposed increased rail traffic and the impact it will have on our community economically and from a public safety standpoint. As your council member I will work to mitigate the impact of rail traffic to not only maintain the economic viability of our city but to minimize the impact on traffic flow and ensure emergency response vehicles can reach those in need of their services as quickly as possible. I am asking for your vote so that I may continue to work for and with the citizens of Mount Vernon.

Shelley Acero

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

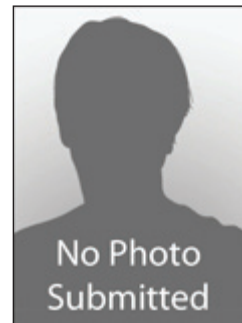
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Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted



Gary Molenaar

Elected Experience

Mount Vernon City Council
2010-present

Other Professional Experience

Mount Vernon City Planning
Commission 3 YEARS



Unopposed

Education

Graduate of Washington State University B.A. Criminal
Justice

Mount Vernon High School graduate

Graduate of Crown School of Hair Design

Community Service

Community Accountability Board for Juvenile
Delinquency

Downtown Economic Restructuring Committee

Served on numerous boards and committee at local
church

Statement

As we begin another election season, we often hear about the "I" when it comes to politics. In looking back on my 1st term, it is important to know that many people are involved in the process of making sure our community has its essential services. It has been a privilege to work together with others on the city council and our city administration to ensure that these services not only continue but also improve to meet the demands of a growing city. We have a lot to be thankful for in our city departments, especially in light of our increasing population. Working together through the recession, "we" have been able to navigate through the tough budgets that have affected our city. As a community "we" will soon see the completion of the downtown floodwall which will greatly enhance our economic vitality and provide greater access to our wonderful and underutilized asset, the Skagit River. "We" as a community can accomplish great things for our city and I look forward to being a

part of this as "we" move our city forward. Thank you for your support! Gary

Brett Sandstrom

Elected Experience

Sedro-Woolley City Council At-Large - 2010 to present

Other Professional Experience

My professional career has been working for various credit unions but since the birth of my first son in 2008 I took up the hard work being a stay at home dad.



Education

Bellevue College
Skagit Valley College

Community Service

Sedro-Woolley Loggerodeo - Board of Directors - 2005 to present
Sedro-Woolley Museum - Board of Directors - 2007 to present
Sedro-Woolley Planning Commission - 2007 to 2009
Sedro-Woolley Teen Space - Board of Directors - 2008 to 2010
Sedro-Woolley Farmers' Market - Board of Directors - 2011 to 2012

Statement

Sedro-Woolley City Council At-Large isn't about politics, it is about action – action in our community. Since being elected in 2010 my primary focus has been to foster Sedro-Woolley's local business economy, as well as ways to promote new business development, and to create a city where residents feel safe and respected by our city's elected leaders. We have accomplished a lot as a city in the last few years, from building the best skate park in the county to tough on crime measures like our offender work program. We have built important, new infrastructure and lowered fees which will help spur growth in our city. We have kept a tight budget and not raised your property taxes. We have continued to make Sedro-Woolley an exceptionally family friendly city. From the beginning, I decided I was not waiting for retirement to make Sedro-Woolley a better place to live and I am looking forward to continuing that hard work for you in Sedro-Woolley. Sedro-Woolley values hard work – Sedro-Woolley values Brett Sandstrom for City Council.

Charles(Chuck)Owen

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Chuck has vast experience of leading and serving people. He served in the United States Navy and worked in the local logging industry. He held management positions at Intalco Aluminum Company 13 years, and Hansen Boat Company for 14.



After retirement, Chuck was Area Manager over Forest Service parks in Mt.Baker, Snoqualmie National Forest 6 years.

He is currently employed at Sedro Woolley Yard Waste and Recycle.

Education

Chuck has academic achievements in Industrial Relations, Effective Presentation, and Public Speaking.

Community Service

Chuck served his community volunteering for Meals on Wheels, Sedro Woolley Crime Watch, and Sedro Woolley Senior Center.

Statement

Sedro Woolley is my home, and has been for the past 55 years. I believe this is a great place to live, and raise a family. I want to work together with the citizens of this community and the other elected officials to improve the economy and the standard of living in this city, today, and for the future generations. Some of the issues that are important to me are employment opportunities for our citizens, economic development, visual appearance and up keep of the city, and integrity in the government. I have been happily married to Virginia for 55 years, and raised two children in Sedro Woolley. If elected I will work hard to serve this community to the best of my ability.

Germaine Kornegay

Elected Experience

First time candidate

Other Professional Experience

Small business owner of Animal House Pet Grooming (20 years currently), Advocate for Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services, Instructional Assistant for Mount Vernon School District (Autism Program at Madison Elementary)



Education

Western Washington University BA, Human Services/ Psychology; Skagit Valley College, Parenting Plus

Community Service

Secret Harbor Foster Care Resources Board Member (and foster parent), Friend of Sedro-Woolley Soroptimists, Sedro-Woolley Chamber Ambassador and member, Skagit Valley Roller Derby League member, Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services volunteer, META Performing Arts and TAG community theater

Statement

If elected, Germaine Kornegay will bring her exceptional communication and listening skills to Sedro-Woolley city government. Her youth, energy and enthusiasm for her community are shown through her ability to get things done -- even when she is told they are not possible. In addition, Germaine is a fresh leader with business sense and fiscal responsibility.

No one will work harder to bring greater transparency into our local government and invite more public input. Being an effective leader takes collaboration, communication and critical thinking and Germaine has already demonstrated those skills by filing requests for businesses, parks and trails and just being community minded in general. No one will advocate more for business, children and public safety than Germaine will. She will not compromise our way of life and our community will always be number one!

She has already knocked on your door and has started working to make our community even better; meeting with our city and state leaders to make life better for you! Please vote Germaine Kornegay. Thank you.

Endorsements

Skagit County Commissioner, Sharon Dillon, PUD Commissioner, Robbie Robertson, National Women's Political Caucus, Local Carpenters #70, many small Sedro-Woolley businesses.

Please visit her website for more;
www.votegermaine.com

Dorothy (Elizabeth) Fernando

Elected Experience

No elected experience

Other Professional Experience

Owner of Simply Silver & More 4 years

President Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce – 2012-2013



Education

Kent-Meridian High School

ITT School – Dental Assistant

Community Service

Arts Council of Sedro-Woolley 2012, President 2013

Founding member Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (formerly Skagit Rape Relief and Battered Women Services)

Founding member SWAN-Skagit Women's Alliance and Networking

Active proponent to attract tourism to our city

Member Skagit Women in Business

Endorsed by National Women's Political Caucus

Statement

I am the owner of Simply Silver & More in downtown Sedro-Woolley and, with my role as President of our Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce; many people come to me with their business and personal concerns for our city. I have also been a regular attendee of our city council meetings the past two years and am aware of the many challenges facing our city, particularly our need for additional living wage jobs in the community.

I want to bring family wage jobs to our city that allow our families to stay here, keep our small town values and increase our tax base so that we can enhance the services needed to encourage new businesses to locate here. I have worked with many organizations to increase the visibility of Sedro-Woolley to the rest of the state and around the region. With my strong involvement with the Sedro-Woolley Arts Foundation and downtown merchants, I have the respect and support of a broad cross section of the community.

I'm Dorothy "Elizabeth" Fernando, and I will provide a fresh, strong voice for Sedro-Woolley and I would like your vote for Sedro-Woolley City Council, Ward two.

Brenda Kinzer

Elected Experience

Brenda Kinzer has been a member of the Lyman Town Council.

Other Professional Experience

She has been employed in local horticulture and logging businesses for the last 30 years, working in purchasing/planning, inventory control, and office manager/administrative positions.



Education

Brenda Kinzer graduated from Mount Vernon High School. She is currently pursuing a degree in the health care field at Skagit Valley College, and is a member of the National Honor Society Phi Theta Kappa.

Community Service

Brenda has been very involved in parent groups in Sedro Woolley schools and spent many years assisting with Sedro Woolley Little League teams, and local girl's softball teams.

Statement

We all choose to live in Sedro-Woolley because in our neighborhoods we see an environment that allows our families to grow in community, safety and happiness. To me it is the foundation of the town which we call home. I promise to work every day to preserve the hometown character and charm of our community, to continue to provide a safe environment for our children, and to help Sedro-Woolley once again have a thriving business base in order to ensure economic stability for residents and the city.

Citizens of Sedro-Woolley need good communication with their city government. I can assure that I will be this mouth piece, bringing the concerns of the townspeople in front of the government for resolution. Resident involvement is also key to a thriving and safe community. I will encourage constituents to bring forth their ideas, and to get involved in community activities. I believe unity between the city government and it's citizens is of utmost importance to build a strong community, based on trust and fueled by resident enthusiasm.

Thomas E. Storrs

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

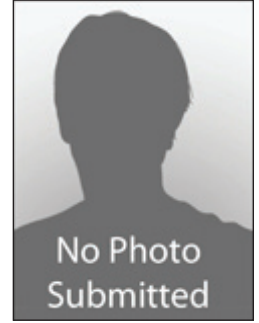
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Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted



Rick Lemley

Elected Experience

Sedro-Woolley City Council Ward 6, 2000 to present.

Other Professional Experience

I have worked in Funeral Service at Lemley Chapel for over 35 years.



Education

I am a graduate of Sedro-Woolley High School. I have an Associate Degree from Everett Community College and a Degree in Funeral Service Education from Mount Hood Community College.

Community Service

I am a member of the Sedro-Woolley Rotary and a volunteer for the Sedro-Woolley Chamber where I served on the Board of Directors for 8 years.

Statement

I am again running for the Ward 6 position for Sedro-Woolley City Council.

In serving on this council for going on 14 years it has brought me to realize that things are changing in our little city, which isn't so little anymore. The city does need to grow, but with direction; for both industrial and residential construction. Impact fees do need to be imposed to help with essential services already in place but at a cost to make it affordable to do business here.

The council has prepared the city for growth with new infrastructure, roads, sewer plant expansion and lines, a new fire station and equipment, and several acres of ground for new parks. I believe that these types of acquisitions are a vital part in Sedro-Woolley's development and future success. With monitored spending of tax dollars we can help our community survive and grow. I would be honored to continue to be your council representative and would appreciate your vote.

Thomas Swett

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Have worked in several of our family businesses throughout life.

Positions have been from truck driver to business management and land development. Currently managing family storage business.



Education

Graduate of Mount Vernon High School

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

My name is Thomas Swett. I was born and raised in Skagit County. I have lived in Sedro-Woolley for over 13 years. I'm a small business man and I have first-hand knowledge on many of the policies of the city that keep business from coming to our city. New business creates new sales tax to operate our city. New business creates new jobs which creates people with money they can spend in our city. Sedro-Woolley needs to foster new business to survive. If it doesn't, the hand writing is already on the wall.

If you check the budget in recent years, Sedro-Woolley has used it's reserves (savings account) to have enough money to pay the bills. That should be a red flag to every citizen that we have problems in our city. In 2012 the city council raised the utilities tax and the sale tax. Raising taxes will not solve our problem and in fact can make it worse.

I assure you that I will listen to the citizens and be the best voice for you that I can. I promise a fair approach to building a brighter future. It's time for a change. It's time to build a future.

Bobbilyn Hogge

Elected Experience

Current Anacortes School Board
Director

Other Professional Experience

Southwest Airlines, Customer
Service

Frank Mansuetto Insurance,
Personal Assistant



Unopposed

Education

Utah Valley University

Community Service

Anacortes School Board
PTA Region 8 Legislative Director
PTA State Legislative Committee, board member
PTA President, Island View Elementary
Golden Acorn volunteer of the year award
ASD Communications Committee
ASD Technology Committee
Superintendent Advisory and Superintendent Parent
Advisory Committees
School Bond Committee
Principal Selection Committee, Island View and Mount
Erie
Teacher Selection Committees
Girl Scout Leader

Statement

As a committed parent of four children it has been my pleasure and privilege to volunteer and serve in many capacities within our district. It is deeply important to me to support and contribute to the education of students in Anacortes.

I am proud to be part of a school board that puts students first in each and every conversation and decision that we make. Our community and our district have wonderful well-deserved reputations. Within the district's goals and strategic plan we are constantly striving to raise the bar and to encourage students to achieve higher standards. Working to improve the educational opportunities for each and every student at every level is a continued focus.

Important areas that I hope to support are enhancing technology to benefit students, updating facilities, and S.T.E.M. I will continue to embrace the priorities of areas like quality instruction, kindergarten readiness, preparing students for critical transitions, and ensuring students graduate on time and well prepared for a successful future.

I would like to support and strengthen the continuing efforts to build positive relationships and meaningful communication with our families and wonderful community. These relationships are critical to the future success of our district and students.

Erin Pape Rieger

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Family Nurse Practitioner -12 years

Fidalgo Medical Associates,
Previously Island Internal Medicine

Registered Nurse - 15 years

Swedish Hospital, University of Washington, North
Colorado, Island Hospital



Unopposed

Education

BS in Nursing, Cum Laude, Seattle University 1985

MS in Nursing, Summa Cum Laude, Seattle Pacific
University 2001

Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, 2001-Present

Community Service

16 years PTA, Golden Acorn Award X 2 , President
Fidalgo Elementary, Anacortes Middle School

Site Improvement Team - Fidalgo, Middle School, High
School

Curriculum Committee- Anacortes School District

Principal Selection Committee Member- Middle School

Seahawk Athletic Booster Association Board

Chair, Annual Sports Physicals

Treasurer, Girls Basketball

AAUW-new member

Statement

The belief of “students first” has been a strong mission that our district has relentlessly portrayed and I plan to continue that strong message. As a parent participant in many different programs in the school district, I helped promote and encourage an environment that strived to provide what was best for the students. I believe students are happiest when they are challenged, when their environment and people in their lives are respectful of who they are and in their success. Accomplished school districts like Anacortes work to create an environment that students, staff, parents and communities can believe and trust that the district has everyone’s best interest in mind. I will work hard to reinforce that trust. I plan to continue to see that the focus of education centers on high student achievement that remains relevant to today’s society, that leadership remains happy and strong and that the goals of the school district continue to take into account the importance of cost-effective education in a learning environment that promotes successful educational achievements. As a parent of three AHS graduates and community member for 20 years, I would be honored to represent this community on the Anacortes School Board.

Christine Johnson

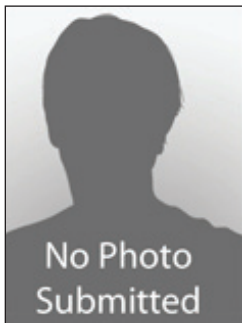
Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

University of Washington School of Dentistry, Affiliate Professor, 1988-2011

Sedro-Woolley Small Business Owner, 1988-2011



Unopposed

Education

Sedro-Woolley High School, Class of 1979

College of St. Benedict, B.A. in Biology, Minor in Philosophy, 1983

University of Washington School of Dentistry, D.D.S., 1988

Community Service

Boys and Girls Club Volunteer

Past Evergreen Elementary School Volunteer

Medical Teams International Dental Van Volunteer
Dentist for Community Action of Skagit County programs such as the Veterans Dental Van and Project Homeless Connect

Soroptimist International of Sedro-Woolley Member

Statement

As a lifelong Sedro-Woolley resident who is passionate about the importance of education, I am very excited for this opportunity to serve our community as School Board Director District 4.

Jeff Miller

Elected Experience

No elected experience

Other Professional Experience

Executive officer of three public companies

CEO of two private companies

Past and present board member of four biotechnology companies

Licensed attorney since 1979 (Washington, California, US Patent and Trademark Office)



Unopposed

Education

UCLA, BA, 1969

University of California, Santa Cruz, Ph.D. (Biophysics), 1976

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, J.D., 1978

Community Service

Volunteer, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Skagit County Search and Rescue

Volunteer, Skagit County Department of Emergency Management

Volunteer, Skagit County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

Volunteer, Mount Baker Red Cross

Statement

I was initially appointed to the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 1 in April 2011. I am very pleased and honored to continue to make a meaningful contribution to my community as one of seven Commissioners.

I have devoted more than 34 years to the quest for healthcare solutions that will benefit others. My leadership experience in the health sciences includes executive-level positions in several Northwest biotechnology companies developing therapies for cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, diabetic wounds, neurological disorders, osteoporosis, AIDS, and hepatitis C. During my career, I have solved numerous complex business problems and have dealt successfully with significant corporate financial issues. I will use that experience to assist management with the pressing issues facing Skagit Valley Hospital.

As an attorney, I take my fiscal and legal responsibilities as a Commissioner seriously. I am committed to providing the public with open access to information that will assist our citizens to better understand the goals and challenges of running one of the most successful public hospitals in Washington State. And I will strive to ensure that each of you is as proud of Skagit Regional Health as I am.

Lynne M. Lang

Elected Experience

Anacortes School Board Director

Other Professional Experience

Accounting Business-Founder & President (18 years)
Hospital Administration
City of Oak Harbor-Controller (accounting manager, budget & annual financial report preparation)
Chapman University- Faculty (Organizational Leadership & Change Master's Program)



Education

PhD (Doctorate): Organizational Leadership and Change
Master of Business Administration: Managerial Leadership
Bachelor of Science: Accounting

Community Service

Island Hospital Commissioner, appointed 5/16/13
Dr. Carskadden Hospital Guild President
Friends of Home Health
High School-Advisory Chair
Anacortes Middle School Speaker
Anacortes, Mt. Vernon, & Oak Harbor Chambers Junior Achievement
Western Washington University "History" judge
Fidalgo Rotary
Hospice NW Foundation Executive Board
Soccer Coach
Softball/Wrestling Manager
Soroptimist Board

Statement

Lynne M. Lang
I am running for the Island Hospital Board of Commissioners because I am concerned with the future of healthcare services in the communities served by our hospital, family care clinics, and specialty clinics. I am committed to working with the other commissioners, administration, physicians, staff and community to continue to provide high quality healthcare services to our citizens.

The business climate for health-care services in our country is largely defined by economic and demographic factors that will continue to bring increased financial pressure on health systems and providers. As changes are needed to reduce costs, gain efficiency, and improve processes, I will explore options and make decisions based on the unique needs of our communities. My broad financial education and professional experience in business and medical organizations will guide me in finding solutions to lessen the impact from the challenges facing the healthcare industry and our communities.

I would be honored to serve as one of your Island Hospital Commissioners alongside the other highly dedicated, passionate professionals.

Warren Tessler

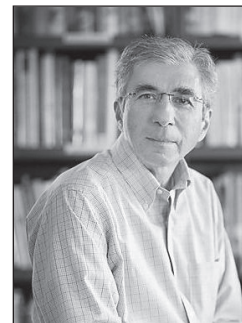
Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Owner of La Vie en Rose French Bakery

27 years as a senior healthcare executive in smaller community hospitals, large teaching hospitals, multi-hospital systems, an HMO and a Physician-Hospital Organization. Experience with affiliation efforts, both successful and failed.



Education

BA Arizona State University
MBA Portland State University
Diploma, Baking and Pastry Arts Johnson & Wales University

Community Service

Anacortes Arts Festival, Board member
Anacortes Parks Foundation, Trustee
Noon Kiwanis Club, member
Anacortes Summer Learning and Lunches, Treasurer
Anacortes Middle School, AVID program volunteer
Safe Routes to School Committee member and volunteer
Guemes Channel Trail Development Committee, member

Statement

A strong, vibrant hospital and healthcare system are critical to the well being of our community. We are very fortunate that Island Hospital is successful and offers a diverse range of services that are often not found in communities our size.

Island Hospital is at a critical juncture. Factors such as the advent of the Affordable Healthcare Act, potential changes to Medicare, and the aging demographics of our population are all going to have major impacts. However, the most important issue facing us at the moment is the proposed affiliation with a larger healthcare system. The affiliation is a very complex consideration. Many people have focused on the single issue of Catholic systems vs. secular systems. I feel strongly that we need to choose a partner that will be the best fit and that will allow us to continue to provide the full range of services, both reproductive and end-of-life, that are now available to those served by Island Hospital.

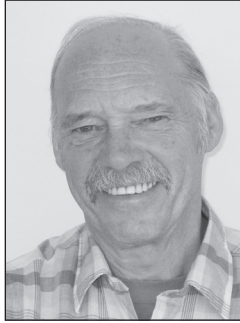
I would welcome the opportunity to be a part of the team that will work to meet the challenges of the coming years so that we can continue to succeed at providing excellent healthcare to everyone in our community.

Ray Niver

Elected Experience

3 term Port of Anacortes
Commissioner

Served on the Skagit Council of
Government board, Regional
Transportation Planning Board 11
years



Unopposed

Other Professional Experience

Computer programmer/systems analyst/program
director/department head for research and
development

Education

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics University of
Washington

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

Since I was elected Port Commissioner, we have worked very hard to make significant and important changes for the citizens of the District. The Port and the City were deadlocked in law suits, it was plagued with internal staff problems, and it was fighting with the Department of Ecology. Today Port/City relations are the best in a decade. Port staff has been changed from the top down with quality professionals. Our new legal team has partnered with Ecology in several cleanup projects. Funding these multimillion dollar cleanups came from liable parties and Ecology, not Port taxes.

Other achievements during my service include the cleanup and reconfiguration of Seafarers' Memorial Park, its building, and its small craft pier. Docks at the marina have been replaced and are open to the public. Marina uplands, once an environmental disaster, now include an esplanade and Anthony's Restaurant. Shipping is significantly increased. Pier2 is now sealed – channeling previous runoff to the City treatment plant. Dakota Creek has been cleaned up and expanded $\frac{3}{4}$ acres.

Future projects include additional environmental cleanup and public enhancements to facilities emphasizing joint Port/City cooperation, strategic planning and fiscal responsibility while respecting the unique quality of life of this community.

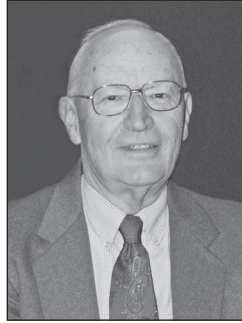
Bill Short

Elected Experience

Incumbent, Anacortes Port Commissioner, three terms. Currently President

Other Professional Experience

Instructor, Business and Economics at Eastern Oregon State University; Restaurant Owner/Operator; Stock Broker for 18 years. Retired



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Education

BBA 1960 and MBA 1967 in Business Administration from California Western University, San Diego, CA; Class of 2005 Leadership Skagit.

Community Service

Noon Kiwanis; Kiwanis Thrift Shop Captain; Anacortes Yacht Club, Past Commodore.

Statement

This last term has been a busy one with the completion of the \$31 million cleanup at Sea Farers Park, the replacement of E and F docks plus the addition of Anthony's restaurant and a new fuel dock in the marina. The number of concerts in the park has increased from four to seven in the summer. At the same time the Port reduced property taxes.

There is much to be done in the next four years. Pier One needs to be dredged due to ships touching the bottom. "A" dock needs to be replaced along with the ramps to service the whale watch and fishing boats. The north end of the marina is to be developed with play ground equipment, dog park, RV park and a multipurpose event building and other facilities. This will be done by earnings from operations and will not require additional taxes. I ask your support to get these tasks done.

Keith Rubin

Elected Experience

1 term Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center Commissioner

2 terms Port of Anacortes Commissioner

Other Professional Experience

Keith has extensive background in maritime industry. He worked in fishing, seafood processing, ferries, dredging, construction, and agriculture. Keith also has a track record of success as a small business owner.

Education

Keith is dedicated to a lifetime of learning. Recent studies include: EDASC/WSU's Leadership Skagit program, Facilitation of discussions on difficult issues at WSU, and Cultivating Success which is an agriculture business program at WSU.

Community Service

Leadership positions with the Sea Scouts.

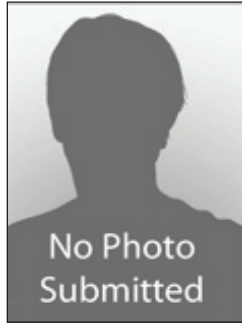
Statement

Hi. My name is Keith Rubin. I love the Northwest with miles of waterfront, forests and mountains. As your Port Commissioner I will continue to protect our quality of life by balancing economic, social, and environmental concerns.

The resource-based economy of our past is gone. We have a unique opportunity to reclaim our waterfront while changing course. I will continue to lead on building a mixed-use, public waterfront that is bustling, vibrant, and connected to nearby neighborhoods.

A diversified economy that includes industry with family wage jobs, businesses that serve residents and visitors, and good stewardship of land and resources are my priorities.

My name is Keith Rubin and I ask for your vote.



Unopposed

Kevin Ware

Elected Experience

District 1 Commissioner for the Port of Skagit since 2002.

Multiple other non-public elected offices.

Other Professional Experience

Family and Emergency Medicine physician.

Professional pilot qualified in jets and helicopters.

U.S. Coast Guard licensed Captain.

Business owner involved in real estate investment and construction.



Unopposed

Education

High School: Ballard High School, Seattle, WA

College: University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Medical School: Des Moines University, Des Moines, IA

Post graduate medical: University of Arizona Medical Center, Tucson, AZ

Community Service

U.S. Public Health Service, active duty and reserve service.

Volunteer physician at locations in Skagit and Snohomish County.

Angel Flight West volunteer pilot and safety committee member.

Statement

The Port of Skagit was created by the voters in 1964 in order to help local economic growth by improving and operating the community's transportation infrastructure. Today, the Port manages the Skagit Regional Airport, the La Conner Marina, and the Bayview Business Park adjacent to the airport. Some 80 businesses with over 1000 employees now make their home on these publicly owned properties.

For the past two terms I have held the office of District 1 Port Commissioner, during which time some very real improvements have been made both to the Port's properties and to how it conducts business. Examples include a \$14 million improvement to the airports runway, additional guest moorage space at the marina, (both nearly all paid for by State and Federal grants), and expansion of the Port's extensive Nature Trail system. The Port's employees have also been formally trained to treat the public as valued private customers...and they are doing well at this.

I am running for re-election with the intent of continuing to use all of these resources to attract additional environmentally sound industries to our community, the end goal being the creation of new family wage jobs for our young people.

David Searing

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

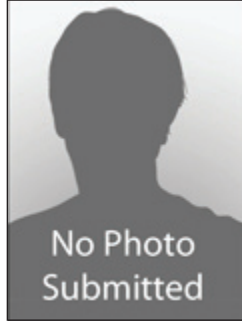
Statement

My wife and I have lived at Lake Cavanaugh since 2002. We have always loved and enjoyed the lake, it's social and sporting activities.

As a Facilities Maintenance Engineer at Veralia Glass Manufacturing Company, one of my duties is to monitor and maintain the 25 acre plant Fire Protection Equipment. The familiarity of the fire protection equipment led me to become a Volunteer Firefighter for Fire District 7 for four years.

I feel my knowledge as a Volunteer Firefighter would be beneficial and helpful in understanding of the concerns of the volunteers. My personal goal is to achieve more volunteer participation in Fire District 7.

Besides being a Volunteer Firefighter, I have been active in various activities of the community. I volunteered and helped with the construction of the Lake Cavanaugh Community Center and am continuing to help with the maintenance of the facility. I volunteered and helped with the construction of the Lake Cavanaugh Community Center and am continuing to help with the maintenance of the facility. You've probably seen me volunteering with the litter pickup, fun run, and many other activities around our community.



Stephen E. Smith

Elected Experience

Vice President LCIA, 2008-2011

Member of LCIA Board, 2011-2012

Current Vice President LCFD Aux

Other Professional Experience

Managed several automotive shops. Duties including hiring, firing, training of new employees, bookkeeping and payroll.

Education

Associate Degree of Applied Science, Data Processing

Minoring in accounting

Community Service

Member of LCIA since 1998, volunteered for LCIA events since 1998

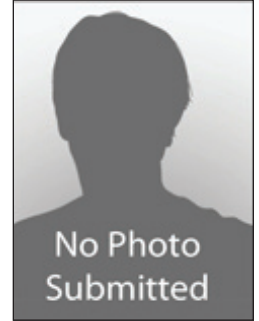
Member of LCFD Aux since 2007, volunteered for LCFD Aux events since 1998

Statement

It is time for this community and the Fire Department to come together. No more "us vs. them" attitude from both organizations. There has been mistrust, anger and hurt feelings for too many years, not just the last 4 or 5. It has been going on for as long as I remember.

Being a member of both the LCFD Aux and the LCIA I hear the concerns from both sides even within both organizations that don't agree with the attitudes of their fellow members toward the others but don't know how to stop it except to quit being a member of their respected organizations.

If I am elected I will strive to bring all this to an end and bring this community back together. I know it will be difficult because there is anger and hurt on both sides but for the community, we should try.



Cherryl Dennis

Elected Experience

Current Fire Commissioner.
Appointed in January 2009;
elected in November 2009



Other Professional Experience

I currently own/operate a small, specialty farm offering vegetables, flowers, eggs and lamb. I've owned/operated a Garden Design and Maintenance business and am a former H&R Block tax-preparer and office supervisor.

Education

LSEU-Chicago, Illinois: business classes and a certification in Interior Decorating.

Bellingham Technical College: Travel Consultant Certificate.

SVC: Business computing.

Skagit FD #11 trained firefighter and first responder.

Community Service

As a WSU Master Gardener volunteer I've provided horticulture education and information in classrooms and diagnostic clinics since 1987. I'm also a WSU Livestock Advisor, providing small farm livestock education.

Statement

Neighbors Helping Neighbors! That's what Mt. Erie Fire District #11 is all about. As a former volunteer firefighter/first responder I received necessary and advanced training needed to assist my neighbors and visitors to our community.

As your commissioner for the past five years I've worked to ensure that our current volunteers are well qualified, professionally trained and properly equipped. A roster of well trained, well equipped firefighters/EMTs, combined with properly maintained fire/medical apparatus is what's required to ensure the safety of our families and friends.

I continue to educate myself and explore available training collaboration and mutual aid cooperation models to improve FD-11's efficiency. Each decision I've made has been with judicious fiscal responsibility of our taxes. Money spent to support the district's fire/medical apparatus and equipment as well as the volunteer's personal protection equipment and training have been made with careful consideration.

While remaining within our budgeted guidelines, I'm mindful to balance each decision between the wants and needs of the district. My priority is to provide the district with the best available medical assistance and property protection resources affordable.

I thank the Mt. Erie Firefighter's Association for their endorsement and ask you for your vote.

Chris Byer

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Professional Firefighter/EMT
in Whatcom County, March
2009-Present

Part-Time Firefighter/EMT
with Stanwood and Camano Island Fire, August
2007-February 2009

City of Anacortes Public Works - Temporary Position,
June 2007-February 2008

Education

Washington State Patrol Fire Training Academy Class
2011-03

Skagit Valley College Biology and Human Anatomy
courses, September 2007-June 2008

Skagit County Medic One - Certified Emergency
Medical Technician, February-May 2007

Skagit County Recruit Academy - Certified Firefighter I,
August-November 2006

Community Service

Volunteer Firefighter with City of Anacortes and Mt.
Erie District 11 Fire Departments, 2006-2010

Statement

I am an Anacortes native who has grown up in this community and am now experiencing the pleasure of raising my own family here. The last 7 years I have been able to work for a diverse collection of area fire departments from urban cities to rural districts, full-time, part-time, and volunteer. Serving my community is at the heart of what I do professionally and personally.

As a volunteer department, District 11 is accustomed to doing more with less. Working within the constraints of limited funds and relying on the dedication and service of community member volunteers can be challenging. Maintaining strong partnerships and working relationships with our surrounding departments and emergency responders is crucial to our operation when speed and quality response are vitally important.

It is always my goal to provide the highest level of service at all times while being efficient, responsible, and caring to the needs of individuals as well as to the community as a whole. I believe my range of experiences and knowledge in the field of fire suppression and emergency medical response have provided me with unique skills to help our own District 11 to continually strive for these same goals.



Arne Fohn

Elected Experience

First time candidate

Other Professional Experience

Managing partner of Fohn Family Farms.

Four generations operating in Skagit County and Fire District #13.

Education

La Conner High School
Skagit Valley College

Community Service

Active member of La Conner's Sacred Heart Church and have spent a lifetime supporting this community through its faith based programs. I remain committed to this community and its posterity.

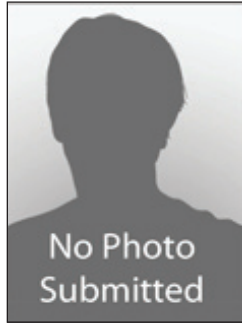
Statement

Every business, large or small, has one particular responsibility. That responsibility is to show a positive return on the investment of its shareholders. You, the tax payers and residents of Fire District 13 are those shareholders. Utilize my knowledge of business and my leadership abilities to provide you with that positive return.

It is time to incorporate Skagit County Fire District #13 and the Town of La Conner Fire Department as a single entity. Both parties already enjoy joint tenancy of the Fire Station on Chilberg Road and work together through a cumbersome and sometimes ineffective mutual aid agreement. My plan will combine personnel and pool resources to maximize efficiency and to end the decades old redundant waste of public funds.

All citizens of Fire District #13 rely on a well managed volunteer fire district. We need to focus on the future and ensure that it will be operated in a fiscally responsible manner. These simple steps will go a long way to protect our District's most valued assets, our volunteers, and create a work environment that enables them to operate with confidence and security.

I would be honored to earn your vote! Thank you!



James (Jim) Grove

Elected Experience

Former Anacortes School Board Member

Current Skagit County Fire District 13 Commissioner, first elected in 1995

Other Professional Experience

Construction business owner

Current Region Five Alternate Representative of Washington Fire Commissioners Association Board of Directors

Current Chairman Skagit County Fire and EMS Technical Committee

Former President and current member of Skagit County Fire Commissioners Association

Former Vice-Chairman Skagit County Emergency Medical Service Executive Board

Education

High school graduate

Community college

Continuing education for journeyman electrician

Community Service

42 years service to Skagit County Fire District 13

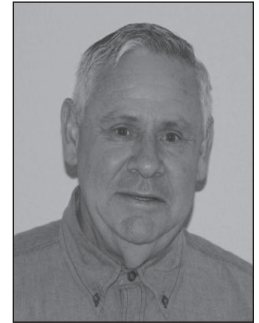
Former Fire District 13 volunteer firefighter, station assistant chief and station chief

Statement

I was first elected fire commissioner of this district in 1995. I have a history of providing effective commissioner leadership for the entire fire district. I am an active member of the Washington Fire Commissioners Association and the Skagit County Fire Commissioners Association. I participate in their educational opportunities to increase my knowledge of fire commissioner duties and legal responsibilities.

I have lived in Skagit County Fire District 13 since 1969. I have practical knowledge and experience with this fire district. I served as a volunteer firefighter for over twenty-five years.

I am pleased with the progress this fire district has made in improved training and response times. I am committed to realistically evaluating challenges facing the district regarding property taxes and expenditures. I believe it is important to provide the highest level of service to our community in the most cost effective manner possible. In 2012, Skagit County Fire District 13 had 710 emergency calls. Consider what is critically important to you regarding your fire district. Please cast your vote to re-elect James (Jim) Grove, Commissioner of Skagit County Fire District 13.



Chris England

Elected Experience

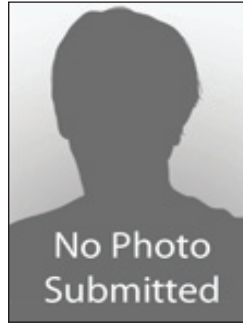
None

Other Professional Experience

27 years career firefighter/EMT at South King Fire and Rescue; 13 of those years as Lieutenant

USFS Wildland firefighter 5 years

Volunteer firefighter Mt. Hood - Parkdale FD 2 years



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Education

Associate of Arts in Broadcast Production 1981

Community Service

Lector at Sacred Heart Church in Bellingham

Youth Girls Soccer Coach

Volunteer at Edison Elementary School

Statement

I believe we all owe a debt of gratitude to the people in our community who volunteer their time and energy in service to us. There's the mom who gives her time in the elementary school classroom, the folks who serve the least of us in shelters and soup kitchens, dads who coach t-ball and soccer, teenagers sandbagging a threatening Skagit River, and countless others giving through countless acts.

Of all these though, I hold in highest regard our volunteer firefighters. They give hundreds of hours in training and preparation before even donning the gear to enter a burning home. They are alerted in the middle of the night to answer a neighbor's call for help, and they know if they don't respond, there may be no one else to go.

Their duty is dangerous. Remember the West Texas fertilizer explosion? Five volunteer firefighters died that night, serving their community. I don't know what motivates volunteers to serve, but we must give them all the support we can muster. So when some people I respect asked if I would be willing to serve as Fire Commissioner, I knew it was my chance to serve the people who selflessly serve me.

Measure Statement: Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 15

Official Ballot Title:

Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 15

Proposition 1

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 15, Skagit County, Washington adopted Resolution No. 195 authorizing an increase in their regular property tax levy. This proposition would authorize the District to increase its regular property tax levy from the current \$0.479 per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the 2014 tax collection year, and maintain this rate, subject to any otherwise applicable rate limitations, for the maintenance and operations of the District. Should this proposition be approved?

YES [] NO []

Explanatory statement

Fire Protection District 15, Skagit County Washington is seeking voter approval for a levy lid lift. This levy is the primary source of funding for emergency services provided by the Fire District. State limitations on funding increases do not allow the Fire District to keep up with operational costs. The proposed lid lift would result in an incremental increase in the regular property tax rate of \$0.479 per \$1,000 of assessed value over 2013 levy rate, for a total levy rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2014. The dollar amount of the 2014 levy would be used to calculate the levy for future levies. The increased amounts collected would be used to support the District's fire, life and safety services and to acquire necessary equipment and apparatus.

Argument for

The Skagit County Fire District 15 (Lake McMurray Fire) collects the least amount of money by about \$10,000 of any other Skagit County Fire District. It has been this way for years. For the past few years the bills have been more than the income. The reserve fund is mostly depleted. The Ladies Auxiliary and the Fire Fighters Association continue to assist paying for needed items. Currently there are two major issues that need to be addressed. The breathing apparatuses need to be replaced (about \$50,000) and repairs need to be made on the fire hall.

On a \$200,000 home the tax that would be collect by the fire department will be \$200. That will be an increase of about \$105 per year or \$8.75 per month. When you think of the care that the Fire Department provides in fire, life and safety services, \$105 is a small amount for the security they provide. We wish it were not the case, but it is time to raise taxes so our Fire Department can continue to do their outstanding work

This statement for Proposition 1 is being submitted by

Citizens for Fire District 15. This committee is co-chaired by Hazel Sitner, Glen Kensmoe, and Jane McManus.

No arguments against Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 15, Proposition 1 were submitted

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If you have changed your name please:

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New name (please print)

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I declare that the facts on this voter registration update form are true. I am a citizen of the United States, I will have lived at this address in Washington for at least thirty days immediately before the next election at which I vote, I will be at least 18 years old when I vote, I am not disqualified from voting due to a court order, and I am not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction.

Signature of voter

Date

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