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Welcome to Skagit County's 2015 Voters' Pamphlet

In the following pages, you will find candidate submissions, ballot drop box locations, and ballot voting instructions. We hope this information helps you make your voting choices.

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 and Park and Recreation District board, and 6-year terms in Hospital, Fire, Port, Cemetery, Sewer, and Water Districts.

Our Ballot Drop Boxes are convenient and their popularity continues to rise. We received 75% of ballots cast in the 2015 Primary Election by drop box, giving us one of the highest usage rates in Washington State.

Our goal is to provide a secure, accurate, efficient, transparent and economical election process. We encourage citizens to exercise their freedom to influence the future of our communities and our country. Visit our website at www.skagitcounty.net/elections to learn about:

- the current election
- elections history including your own voting history
- your elected leaders
- ballot drop box locations
- on-line voter registration
- a host of other elections information.

Our website also has an online version of this voters' pamphlet.

Please call us at 360-336-9305, email us at sselections@co.skagit.wa.us, or drop by our Elections Office with questions, concerns, or requests.

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

Jeanne Youngquist
Skagit County Auditor

Ballot Instructions

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

Instructions

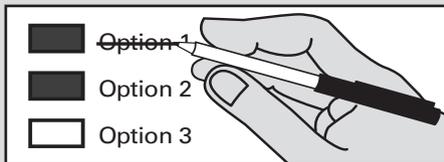
How to vote



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.**
- **Vote your ballot...**
 - Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot
 - Leave a contest blank if you want to – your ballot will still count
 - Put your voted ballot in the secrecy sleeve
 - Put the secrecy sleeve in the return envelope
 - Seal the return envelope
 - 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. Ensure that both people sign the envelope.
- **To return your ballot by mail...**
 - Apply First-Class Mail postage to the return 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. See drop-box locations on the next page. No postage is required. Drop-boxes are open as soon as you receive your ballot, and remain open 24 hours a day until 8:00 PM Election Night.
- **If your ballot has been destroyed, spoiled, or lost,** call Skagit County Elections at (360) 336-9305 to request a new ballot.
- **View the voters' pamphlet online** at www.skagitcounty.net/elections.
- **Contact Skagit County Elections to learn about** the locations, hours, and services of voting centers and ballot drop-boxes, including the availability of accessible voting equipment. Phone: (360) 336-9305; Email: sselections@co.skagit.wa.us; Web: www.skagitcounty.net/elections

Remember to sign your return envelope!

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

Anacortes Public Library
(behind library near drive-up book drop)
1220 10th Street

Burlington

Burlington Parks and Recreation Building
900 E. Fairhaven Street

Concrete

Skagit Upriver Services/Library
45770 A Main Street

La Conner

La Conner Regional Library
614 E. Morris Street

Mount Vernon - North

Mount Vernon Police Department
1805 Continental Place

Mount Vernon - South

Skagit County Auditor's Office
(in U-shaped parking lot accessed from 3rd St. near Kincaid)
700 S. 2nd Street

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Post Office
(in alley between Eastern St. and Metcalf St.)
111 Woodworth Street

Swinomish

Social Services Building (in front of building)
17337 Reservation Road



No postage 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 2015

Following are the Skagit County offices and candidates in the November 3, 2015 General Election.

Candidates whose names are followed by an asterisk (*) submitted statements for this Voters' Pamphlet.

City of Anacortes

Council Position 1

1. Ryan Walters*

Council Position 2

1. Brad Adams

Council Position 3

1. Eric Johnson*

City of Burlington

Mayor

1. Steve Sexton

Council Ward 1

1. Ted Montgomery

Council Ward 2

1. Edith (Edie) Edmundson*

Council Ward 3

1. Richard (Rick) DeGloria

Town of Concrete

Council Position 1

1. Rob Thomas
2. Bill Sullivan

Council Position 2

1. David Pfeiffer*
2. Maryann Holbrook*

Council Position 4

1. Marla Reed

Council Position 5

1. Ginger Kyritsis

Town of Hamilton

Mayor

1. Joan Cromley*
2. Mathew Coker

Council Position 1

1. Timothy Morrison

Council Position 2

1. Brian Kirkpatrick*

Council Position 3

1. Bethany Betlem

Council Position 4

1. James S. Bates

Council Position 5

1. Lisa R. Johnson
2. Mike Brockman

Town of La Conner

Mayor

1. Ramon Hayes

Council Position 1

1. Charity Christne Starkenburg
2. Jaques Brunisholz*

Council Position 4

1. David Ritchie*
2. MaryLee Chamberlain*

Council Position 5

1. Bill Bruch*



Candidate & Measure statements are printed exactly as submitted. The Skagit County Elections Office does not make corrections of any kind or verify statements for truth or fact.

All Offices and Candidates 2015

Town of LymanMayor

1. Edward E. Hills

Council Position 3

1. Charles (Dick) Saunders*
2. Mike Swanson

Council Position 4

1. Ryein Kitchen*
2. Mike Couch*

Council Position 5

1. Donald Frye
2. Gail Ganga

City of Mount VenronMayor

1. Bob Fiedler*
2. Jill Boudreau*

Council Ward 1 Position 1

1. Joe Lindquist*

Council Ward 2 Position 1

1. Mark Hulst*

Council Ward 3 Position 1

1. Patrick Miller*
2. Mary A Hudson*

City of Sedro-WoolleyMayor

1. Kevin Loy*
2. Keith Wagoner*

Council Ward 1

1. Judith Dunn Lee*

Council Ward 4

1. Robert Hickman*
2. Julia M. Johnson*

Council Ward 5

1. Charles (Chuck) Owen*
2. Hugh Galbraith*

School DistrictsAnacortes School District No.103

Director Position 3

1. Marilyn Haneworth*

Director Position 4

1. William Shaw*

Director Position 5

1. Karl W. Yost*

Burlington-Edison School District No.100

Director District 1

1. David D. Lowell*

Director District 3

1. Bill Wallace*

Director District 4

1. Rich Wesen*

Concrete School District No.11

Director District 2

1. Michael Brondi

Director District 5, At-Large

1. Dolores Elliot

Conway School District No. 317

Director Position 1

1. Thomas Sicklesteel

Director Position 4

1. Wade Melton

Director Position 5

1. Jessica Bell Hinderstein

Darrington School District No.330

Director District 1

1. Jennifer M. West

Director District 2

1. W. Alan Pickard

Director District 3

1. Dana Meis

Director At-Large, Position 5

1. Joe Perrault*

All Offices and Candidates 2015

<p><u>La Conner School District No.311</u> Director District 1 1. Kate Szurek Director District 2 1. Janie Beasley Director District 4 1. Rick Thompson</p> <p><u>Mount Vernon School District No. 320</u> Director District 1 1. Olivia Deleon Director District 2 1. Robert Coffey* Director District 3 1. Thomas (TJ) Larrick*</p> <p><u>Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101</u> Director District 2 1. Christina Jepperson* Director District 3 1. Rich Weyrich* 2. Gary K Johnson*</p>
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<p>Hospital District Commissioners</p> <p><u>Hospital District 1</u> Position 1 1. Balisa Koetje* 2. Al Dennis* Position 6 1. Peter Browning* 2. Pattie K. Lewis* Position 7 1. Bruce G. Lisser*</p> <p><u>Hospital District 2</u> Position 2 1. Warren Tessler* Position 3 1. Paul Maughan</p> <p><u>Hospital District 304</u> Position 1 1. Andrew C. Hunter*</p>
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<p>Port District Commissioners</p> <p><u>Port of Anacortes</u> Position 3 1. Joe Verdoes* 2. Judy L. Berentson* Position 4 1. Pat D. Mooney* 2. John Pope*</p> <p><u>Port of Skagit</u> Position 3 1. William J. (Bill) Shuler* 2. Pola Kelley*</p>

<p>Fire Protection District Commissioners</p> <p><u>Fire District 1</u> Position 3 1. Daryl A. Hamburg</p> <p><u>Fire District 2</u> Position 3 1. Lance Masonholder</p> <p><u>Fire District 3</u> Position 3 1. Travis W. Coulter</p> <p><u>Fire District 4</u> Position 2 1. John Matterand Position 3 1. Gary Friend</p> <p><u>Fire District 5</u> Position 3 1. David Lohman</p> <p><u>Fire District 6</u> Position 3 1. Jerry Kaufman 2. David Smoots*</p> <p><u>Fire District 7</u> Position 3 1. Larry Hawk*</p> <p><u>Fire District 8</u> Position 3 1. Jonathan H LaCount* 2. Chester (Chet) Griffith*</p>
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All Offices and Candidates 2015

Fire Protection District CommissionersFire District 9

Position 3

1. Steve Harmon

Fire District 10

Position 3

1. Richard Taylor

Fire District 11

Position 3

1. Thomas R. Walsh

Fire District 12

Position 3

1. Norm Jenkins

Fire District 13

Position 2

1. Larry Kibbee*

Position 3

1. Charles (Chuck) Hedlund*

Fire District 14

Position 3

1. Steve Thomas

Fire District 15

Position 1

1. Lowell E Jonson

Position 3

1. Wes Miller

Fire District 16

Position 3

1. Kathy Henderson

Fire District 19

Position 1

1. Lee Fenley

Position 3

1. Clay Norris*

Fire District 24

Position 2

1. Dale Hamlin

Position 5

1. Richard Dahl

Cemetery District CommissionersCemetery District 1

Position 1

1. Gail Thulen

Position 2

1. Eric L. Anderson (Rick)

Cemetery District 2

Position 1

1. John Pinguoch

Cemetery District 3

Position 1

1. Adam Veal

Position 3

1. Daniel Burnett

Cemetery District 4

Position 1

1. C. Henrik Brameus

Cemetery District 6

Position 1

1. D. Scott Thompson

Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center District CommissionersPosition 1

1. Jeremy F. McNett

Position 2

1. David Way*

Position 4

1. Melvin Larsen*

Sewer District CommissionersSewer District 1

Position 2

1. John Nagel

Sewer District 2

Position 3

1. Jim Hanson

Water District CommissionersWater District 1

Position 1

1. Josh Guffie

Ryan Walters



Unopposed

Elected Experience: Anacortes City Council, Ward 1, 2012-2015

Other Professional Experience: Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Skagit County Prosecutor's Office, 2007-present; Skagit County Sustainability Administrator, 2009-2012

Education: JD, University of California, Davis, School of Law; BA Political Science and French, University of Rochester, New York; Anacortes High School Class of 1998

Community Service: Skagit Land Trust; Anacortes Conservation Voters Board of Directors, 2003-present; Evergreen Islands Board of Directors, 1998-2011

Statement: Four years ago, I ran for City Council to be a strong, independent voice for our community. City government must be fair, open, and honest, and we have made tremendous strides in the past 18 months toward those goals. But there's much more work to do.

As an attorney with nearly a decade of experience representing local government, I know the challenges of navigating the complex system of laws and rules that cities face. I favor a professional, active city government that does whatever it can to facilitate local jobs and a healthy economy. In the next four years, I hope we'll have substantial community conversations about deploying a resilient and affordable fiber optics network and adding a conference center to attract visitors during the off season. I'll continue to push for effective financial planning for maintenance and replacement of our capital facilities—including our roads, water infrastructure, and city hall.

I'm particularly excited about working to finish our Comprehensive Plan in 2016, which will finally provide clear direction and certainty for both developers and our neighborhoods. A good Comprehensive Plan is critical to preserving our vibrant community, facilitating economic development, and developing our waterfront consistent with the city's vision.

Contact: (360) 610-7770; campaign@ryanwalters.com; www.ryanwalters.com

Eric Johnson



Unopposed

Elected Experience: Elected to first term on the Anacortes City Council Ward 3, November 2011

Other Professional Experience: Colonel, USAF (retired). Thirty years experience in flight operations and executive positions at worldwide locations including Southeast Asia, the Pentagon and US embassies in Saudi Arabia and The Netherlands.

Education: BA: University of Colorado. MPS: Auburn University

Community Service: Founder, Anacortes Family Center. Founder & Advisor, Kiwanis Aktion Club. Trustee, Anacortes Parks Foundation. Past President, Anacortes Noon Kiwanis Club. President, Anacortes Salvation Army board of advisors. Board of Advisors, Anacortes Boys & Girls Club. Deacon, Christ Episcopal Church.

Statement: After moving every few years during my military career, my wife, Lynette, and I are happy to have found a permanent home in Anacortes. Living in this great town for the past 13 years has given us a wonderful opportunity to be deeply involved in the life of our community.

I've been able to use the skills I developed during my Air Force career—long-range planning and strategy formulation, personnel and systems management, training development, problem solving, decision-making and financial management—on behalf of a wide range of community projects and toward my duties on the city council.

I have a lifetime of experience in putting together teams and in creating consensus in groups to move ideas forward and turn these into reality. I intend to continue to be part of a team of residents, community leaders and business owners—both in Ward 3 and all of Anacortes—who want to work for the common good of our community.

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www.AnacortesEric.org

Edith (Edie) Edmundson



Unopposed

Elected Experience: Served 8 years on the Burlington City Council

Other Professional Experience: Lodging Tax Committee, Downtown Futures Committee, Public Safety and Public Works Committees, Historical Preservation Board, Board of Adjustment, Owned a Successful Insurance Business for 15 years

Education: Burlington-Edison High School, Skagit Valley College, Western Washington University

Community Service: Burlington Parks Foundation, Founder of Burlington Historical Society, Kiwanis International, Burlington Friends of the Library, Allen Methodist Church

Statement: It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Burlington for eight years. I have been able to devote the hours needed to attend meetings, listening to citizens' concerns, and working with department heads and administration. There is still work to be done and I feel my experience, common sense, and innovative ideas will be a benefit to the future of Burlington. Public Safety and the development of downtown Burlington are high priorities on the work that needs to be done in the next four years. My experience on those two committees can make a difference.

For eight years I have promised to serve with energy, enthusiasm and "straight talk". I make that pledge again. You can count on me to be your community advocate. I ask for your vote on election day.

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David Pfeiffer

No photo
submitted

Elected Experience: 4 years as council position 2

Other Professional Experience: no information submitted

Education: no information submitted

Community Service: no information submitted

Statement: : I wish to continue financial responsibility and growth in Concrete.

Contact: (360) 853-7998;
depksp@frontier.com

Maryann Holbrook



Elected Experience: Even though I have never held a political office, my hope is to serve as a vessel for community input and to take action by doing good things for our citizens.

Other Professional Experience: Instructor for WSU-Extension, and secretary for Concrete School District.

Education: Master in Guidance Counseling from City University, 2015; Bachelor of Arts from Central Washington University, 2010.

Community Service: Member of the Concrete Resource Coalition and involved with school improvement plans.

Statement: : I have lived in this unique community since 1997. I am running for Town Council because I want to serve the community where I raised my children and where I have worked for the past 12 years.

As a mother, secretary, and a graduate with a Master in Guidance Counseling, the most important thing I have learned over the last two decades is to listen. I believe people want to be included in the processes that affect their lives, and I will listen to what community members have to say. I will make decisions that protect our neighborhoods and our schools. I will work to forge unity within the town's leadership in making sure that Concrete remains the special place we all want it to be.

I would appreciate your vote.

Contact: (360) 853-8360; mholbrook66@yahoo.com

Joan Cromley



Elected Experience: Hamilton Town Council 5 years, Mayor 3 years

Other Professional Experience: Earned Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities; will have earned Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership by election time; Finance Assistant, Skagit County Community Action; retail

Education: Bachelor of Science, Millersville University of Pennsylvania 1991

Community Service: Booster Team for Evergreen Elementary in Sedro-Woolley (Treasurer, 6 years), Girl Scouts (Leader, Event Director, 5 years), helped create Hamilton Library

Statement: We've made great steps in the last three years to get some needed basics in place, including paving 23% of the streets, updating street signs, and upgrading computer systems. There's a lot more to be done, such as the required update of the Comprehensive Plan, formatting the ordinances into a municipal code, and more paving. A newer ambulance is in the works, hopefully that will be done by the end of this year.

I've attended trainings and workshops on various topics like volcano crisis awareness, rural prosperity, and budgeting to find new ways to protect and improve our community and its government. The budget is now designed so that we are saving money for larger projects like replacing water lines and park equipment, not spending every dime that comes in.

I'd like to see more of our systems brought up to standard, and find more effective ways to enforce our ordinances that don't require spending your tax money to clean up problems created by other people.

If you're reading this, I hope it means you're going to vote. Thank you. Take an interest in how the Town works, and together we can make Hamilton a better place.

Contact: (360) 826-4953;
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Mathew Coker

No photo submitted

Elected Experience: no information submitted

Other Professional Experience: no information submitted

Education: no information submitted

Community Service: no information submitted

Statement: : no information submitted

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Brian Kirkpatrick**Unopposed**

Elected Experience: no information submitted

Other Professional Experience: no information submitted

Education: no information submitted

Community Service: no information submitted

Statement: : no information submitted

Contact: (360) 826-4397; vfonk@yahoo.com

Charity Christne Starkenburg

No photo submitted

Elected Experience: no information submitted

Other Professional Experience: no information submitted

Education: no information submitted

Community Service: no information submitted

Statement: : no information submitted

Contact: (360) 391-5333; 77.cstarkenburg@gmail.com

Jacques Brunisholz

No photo submitted

Elected Experience: no information submitted

Other Professional Experience: no information submitted

Education: no information submitted

Community Service: no information submitted

Statement: : It has been a pleasure to serve on the town council for this past term. I hope to have your continued support and that you will vote for me in the upcoming election. Thank you.

Contact: (360) 941-2011; Jbrunisholz@gmail.com

David Ritchie



Elected Experience: none

Other Professional Experience: Retired stock broker.

Education: University of Texas at Arlington

Community Service: no information submitted

Statement: : My background includes working in investments for many years. That allows me to understand both the language and importance of the usage of money. I think that will be good for our wonderful town. Also, I spent time in municipal risk management as the Risk Manager for Whatcom County in the late 70's. That experience gives me some idea of the inner workings of municipal government.

I also believe it is important to have fresh thinking, new blood, and good hearts in our town government.

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MaryLee Chamberlain



Elected Experience: La Conner Town Council 2014 - Present (applied to fill a vacated position) and Town of La Conner Planning Commission 2010- 2014

Other Professional Experience: Occupational Therapist in the Burlington Edison School District and Children's Therapy Program at Skagit Valley Hospital

Education: MS in Occupational Therapy from Boston University and BA in Psychology from University of Vermont

Community Service: Current member of Soroptimist International - La Conner and past Volunteer/EMT with District 13 Fire Department 2010-2013

Statement: :La Conner has been my home for over 25 years. It is a unique small town community committed to public safety, economic viability, cultural diversity and the sustainability of a historic small town atmosphere. To serve these interests, La Conner requires much of the same infrastructure necessary for a larger municipality with limitations in scale but strengthened by the dedication of an outstanding staff and citizenship. Our job as your elected representatives on the Town Council is to engage in collaboration while balancing the range of needs with an informed view of both budget constraints and funding opportunities.

My experience working in special education teams as an occupational therapist as well as my involvement with community efforts to support public safety, youth activities and the arts has provided ample opportunity to learn about systems, resource allocation, and mutual benefits. Community participation in town government with a healthy dialog about issues and actions is encouraged to yield positive and practical results.

Town Council has allowed me to develop an increasingly in-depth and considered perspective on the operations, planning and budgeting of town government. I welcome an opportunity to continue the work of representing this community on the Town Council.

Contact: mlchamberlain522@gmail.com

Bill Bruch



Unopposed

Elected Experience: no information submitted

Other Professional Experience: no information submitted

Education: no information submitted

Community Service: no information submitted

Statement: : I am a resident of La Conner for 11 ½ years and during that time have attended many of the Town Council meetings. In 2013, 2014 and 2015 I served as a voting member on the La Conner Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Also, last year I was at several of the Planning Commission meetings.

My practical business experience will lend itself well working on the Town Council. For over 5 years I was a Real Estate Professional, more than 10 years I was an Estate Planner, Attorney Liaison & Manager, and for the past 5 years I have been working full time as a Property Manager.

As a Property Manager in La Conner I am in charge of five buildings which total over 30 commercial spaces, 7 marina spaces, 6 residential living spaces and 1 vacation rental space. When I first began more than 70 % of the spaces I was given charge of were vacant and in a year and a half I was able to fill all the vacancies.

I have excellent work ethics and am good at problem solving. Hobbies include photography, sailing and hiking.

Contact: (360) 820-1700; billbruch@gmail.com

Charles (Dick) Saunders



Elected Experience: none

Other Professional Experience: Employed by City of Mount Vernon and served as the Wastewater Department Superintendent for 25 years and certified by the Department of Ecology as Group IV Operator, retiring after 32 years of service.

Education: Hamilton Grade School, graduating from Sedro Woolley High School. Maintained Wastewater Group IV Operator Certification by attending classes and college courses required by the Department of Ecology.

Community Service: Supporter of the Relay for Life Cancer Walk, United Way, Hospice, Y.M.C.A. Member. Involved in the Lyman Community for the past 5 years, attending and giving community input at council meetings.

Statement: I grew up in the Lyman-Hamilton area and have lived in Skagit County my entire life, moving back to Lyman in 2008 and purchasing a home. I'm running for Council Position #3 to give a new perspective on issues pertaining to town policies, procedures, financial well being and the overall community climate. Citizens of Lyman are in need of a voice or voices on the town council, who will listen to concerns and issues plaguing our community and work together in finding a positive outcome. My goal is to be an active town member involved with promoting a strong sense of community. It has been stated "the town needs a change" and I believe the time is now. I will always be available to listen to the citizens of Lyman, represent them proudly and stand for what the entire community wants, not just a few. I would be proud to represent you as a Lyman Council Member.

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Mike Swanson

No photo
submitted

Elected Experience: no information submitted

Other Professional Experience: no information submitted

Education: no information submitted

Community Service: no information submitted

Statement: : no information submitted

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Ryein Kitchen



Elected Experience: none

Other Professional Experience: Sedro-Woolley School District Employee, Union Bargaining Team Member.

Education: Lyman Elementary; Graduate from Sedro Woolley High School, Graduate from Skagit Valley College with AA Transfer Degree.

Community Service: Relay for Life Cancer Walk Team Member, Involved in the Lyman Town Community.

Statement : I am running for town council because I love where I live and want to promote a sense of community and togetherness in Lyman. I am new to the political world but am eager to learn. Having grown up in Lyman my entire life, I am passionate about continuing to enhance the quality of life for our community. I listen with an open mind and analyze the facts, before reaching a decision. I'm a researcher and fully commit to the best outcome and interest of the town. With your support, I will always do my best to represent our town. I look forward to the privilege of representing you and would sincerely appreciate your vote.

Contact: (360) 708-5074; rkitchen2229@yahoo.com

Mike Couch



Elected Experience: 20 years Lyman Town Council. 5 years NWGC President. 3 years Washington State Parks Winter Advisory Board.

Other Professional Experience: 25 years experience in Logging and Construction

Education: Graduate Sedro-Woolley High School.

Community Service: Volunteer Search and Rescue, NWGC Snowmobile Club, Washington State Parks, Skagit County adopt a road program, and volunteer lobbyist in Olympia with the Washington State Snowmobile Association.

Statement : Councilman Mike Couch has served the citizens of Lyman for nearly 20 years. Mike has been a resident of Lyman for 25 years. During that time he has invested himself in our community serving 16 years as a Lyman volunteer fireman and working on various community projects around Lyman.

Councilman Couch believes in being a servant of the community and always looks for ways to keep Lyman beautiful. Mike has been involved with increasing fire protection services in Lyman, and the massive water system upgrade project. As well as acquiring and preserving the beautiful Minkler Mansion.

Lyman is fortunate to have had dedicated leaders like Mike Couch, Mike looks forward to continuing his service for you.

Reelect Couch "Experience Matter"

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Bob Fiedler



Elected Experience: Currently serves as Mount Vernon City Councilman – 20+ years

Other Professional Experience: Vice President of Sales - Crown Distributing, also a participant on the Anheuser-Busch National Wholesaler Advisory Panel, past EDASC board member.

Education: Degrees from Western Washington University (BA in Business & Economics) & Skagit Valley College, Mount Vernon High School Graduate

Community Service: Mount Vernon Planning Commission 1988 – 1994, Mount Vernon Parks Advisory Committee, Skagit Rotary Club (Past President & Past Assistant District Governor), Volunteer Mount Vernon Youth Football Association, Coach/Volunteer Mount Vernon Youth Soccer Association, Coach/Volunteer Mount Vernon Little League

Statement: I was born in Mount Vernon. Cheri and I have been privileged to make this our home for 38 years. Our two sons, Dean & Neil, and our three grandsons live locally. I have always said yes when asked to serve. Since 1986 I have been active in Parks, Planning Commission and served 20+ years on the City Council. I have the *Experience* to lead Mount Vernon into the future. As Vice President of Sales for Crown Distributing, I have used my *Management Skills* to develop a nationally recognized organization. As your Mayor I will be committed to a great working relationship with the City Council and Staff to serve *you*, the residents of Mount Vernon. Recognizing my *Leadership* abilities, the entire City Council and many of your friends and neighbors endorse me for Mayor. My commitment to Public Safety has never wavered, and will continue to be a priority. I have been involved in the Downtown Waterfront Project since 2005 which creates new opportunities for the downtown core. I promise to engage the community in Mount Vernon's future. It will take *Strong Leadership* to prepare us for the years ahead. *Experience, Leadership, and Vision*; I ask for your vote.

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Jill Boudreau



Elected Experience: Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon: 2012-2015

Other Professional Experience: Currently serving as Chair of the Skagit Transit Board & Skagit Council of Governments Transportation Policy Board, Boardmember of Community Action of Skagit County. Member of Governor Inslee's SR530 Landslide Commission. Outreach & Education coordinator/Hospice of the Northwest, Community Service Officer/Mount Vernon Police

Education: Bachelor of Science/Business, Professional Mediation & Facilitation Training

Community Service: Volunteer Mediator Dispute Resolution Center, Board Member/Washington State Crime Prevention Association, Trustee/Hospice of the Northwest Foundation, Volunteer Chorus Member/Skagit Opera, USMC Key Volunteer

Statement: Mayor Jill Boudreau demonstrates that good leadership is inclusive and respectful. *She has earned trust and confidence* from residents, colleagues, and leaders at the local and state level. They describe her as *forward thinking, extremely talented at tackling complex issues, focused on finding practical workable solutions and consistent in communicating with the public.*

Through Jill's direction, *public safer programs expanded* including emergency response planning and operational exercises for rail safety and natural disaster, proactive paramedic services, and local drug enforcement operations.

Under her leadership, the way the city operates administratively and technologically, has been *streamlined and updated* with a modern website, monthly newsletters, online bill pay, and video streaming.

Jill secured *\$6.5 Million in State Capital Funding* to complete Phase 2 & begin Phase 3 of the Waterfront & Flood Protection Project. The City of Mount Vernon was presented with a municipal excellence award in 2013 for the annual Mayor's Wellness Challenge program.

She successfully fulfilled campaign promises: for example, focusing on technology business as an economic growth sector.

"It takes courage to bring forth new ideas and question the status quo. We have proven together that Mount Vernon can be a model of municipal government." ~ Jill Boudreau

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Joe Lindquist



Unopposed

Elected Experience: Served on the Mount Vernon City Council since 2005

Other Professional Experience: Financial Consultant-Vice President at the Mount Vernon of Robert W. Baird and Company

Education: B.A. Business Administration Western Washington University School of Business and Economics Mount Vernon High School Graduate

Community Service: Chair of the Skagit Rotary Charitable Foundation, Served on the Mount Vernon Planning Commission, Skagit Valley Family YMCA

Statement: I was born and raised here in Mount Vernon and have been serving you on the Mount Vernon City Council since 2005. My wife Stefanie and I live in the Trumpeter area of Mount Vernon raising our daughter Annika and family dog Copee. I am seeking re-election for my third term on the Mount Vernon City Council. I remain as committed as ever to continuing to listen to the citizens of Mount Vernon.

Even as the City Council has only taken one property tax increase in the last 10 years our overall levy rate continues to be one of the highest in the County. In my third term I want to make sure that we work to find creative solutions to pay for City Services without overburdening our taxpayers.

With the first two phases of the Downtown Riverwalk completed we must continue to work towards full funding of Phase 3 of this great project.

I continue to believe that listening to your concerns is a critically important part of what I do. I am always available by phone or by email. I would appreciate your vote.

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Mark Hulst



Unopposed

Elected Experience: Serving on Mount Vernon City Council since 2012 (Chaired Parks & Recreation/Library Committee, Representative to both Jail Committee and Law Enforcement Officers' & Fire Fighters' Retirement Board. Currently Public Safety Chair, Traffic Safety Committee Representative & Mayor Pro-tem)

Other Professional Experience: Mark is a local small business owner with over 30 years of management and budgeting experience.

Education: no information submitted

Community Service: Mark served 6 years on the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce Executive Board (Chair 2010), 4 years on the Mount Vernon Planning Commission (Chair 2011), member of Rotary International, school & community volunteer.

Statement: It has truly been an honor and a privilege serving the past 4 years on your City Council. Since the beginning of my first term, I have made Public Safety a top priority. I have worked with Council Members and Staff to ensure adequate funding for both our Police and Fire Departments. I have been a strong proponent for better roads and safer routes to school for our children. I have consistently voted not to raise property taxes while working to find savings, efficiencies, and innovative ways to continue funding essential services.

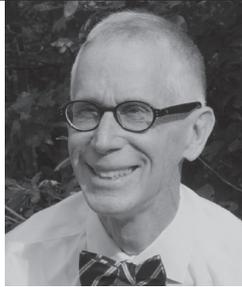
If given the opportunity, I will continue make Public Safety my top priority. I will continue to work in creating a prosperous business environment to keep property taxes from increasing on families. I will continue to work to reduce your tax burden, and I will continue to listen to and address your concerns within our community.

My best experiences since being elected to City Council are when you or one of your neighbors contacts me with a concern and I have been able to work with all the stakeholders to bring resolution to the issue.

I ask for your vote so I can continue working for you.

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Patrick Miller



Elected Experience: First time running for public office

Other Professional Experience: CEO of Edge Analytical, Inc. an Environmental Laboratory with offices in Burlington and Bellingham, Washington and Corvallis and Wilsonville, Oregon. Former owner of Materials Testing and Consulting.

Education: Graduate of University High School, Spokane, WA. Bachelor's of Science degree from University of Utah, 1976. Master of Science degree from University of Utah, 1977.

Community Service: Several years of volunteer service with the Boy Scouts of America. Over 35 years of service within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Mount Vernon.

Statement: Pat Miller has lived in Skagit County with his wife, Cherie, for over 35 years where they have raised six children. Currently, they have 16 grandchildren. Pat believes that the strength of our community lies in our families. By lowering building costs, this will help attract developers who will build better homes and neighborhoods. Pat believes in quality recreational activities and supports expanding and improving the city parks system. Having spent countless hours hiking and mountain biking on Little Mountain, he appreciates the valuable ecological assets that we have.

Pat wants each member and visitor of our city to feel safe. Strong drug enforcement at the neighborhood level will eliminate many of our property crimes and gangs. He also believes that the continued support of the Police and Fire Departments are invaluable in making sure that the streets are safe and that emergency services are provided in a timely and efficient manner.

Through his experience as a business owner, Pat knows the importance of public-private partnerships. Having a business-friendly attitude will not only attract and provide new jobs, but will also create a strong tax base that will fund the infrastructure and services that our city provides.

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Mary A Hudson



Elected Experience: N/A

Other Professional Experience: I have worked for Wells Nursery LLC for almost 23 years. Current position is Wholesale Division Manager. Prior to this, I worked for Sears for 15 years as a Sales Manager.

Education: Graduate - La Junta High School, La Junta, Colorado

Community Service: Past President Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation, 10 year board member; Secretary, Skagit County Farm Bureau; Charter Member, Burkland-Johnson Guild, Seattle Childrens; Volunteer, Gail Edward Iverson Circle of Friends, Immaculate Conception Regional School, Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland, Museum of Northwest Art, Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation, Skagit Regional Health, Executive Quality Oversight Committee.

Statement: I care about Mount Vernon; it is my city. I have lived here for almost 40 years. I have seen many changes in that time, and I feel sure that I will see many more. Change is necessary to continue to move forward and grow with the needs of our diverse community. Change should be well planned for and well thought out.

I believe in effective and efficient spending across the board. We need to be vigilant in the ways we spend our monies, but not let needs go unmet. We need to do what we can to welcome businesses into Mount Vernon to increase our revenues. By moving forward into the third phase of the Waterfront Master Plan Project, we can attract more businesses into the downtown Mount Vernon area and revitalize this fabulous city.

Public safety, well maintained roads and terrific schools are keys to any city. We have to make sure all the tools are in place to maintain and improve on what we've already achieved.

I welcome your input - tell me what matters to you. I would appreciate your vote, and I would be honored to represent you. I care.

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Kevin Loy



Elected Experience: Sedro-Woolley City Council, PCO 401.

Other Professional Experience: 8 years on Sedro-Woolley Planning Commission, 13th year on Skagit County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, 10 years as president of "Team up 4 Teens" (non-profit). Construction management, past owner of Hawaii Beverage Equipment Company, 15th year as an independent insurance broker.

Education: Graduate of Mount Vernon High School. Focused on business/industry training at Wenatchee Valley College/Skagit Valley College.

Community Service: Volunteer for Challenge Day and judge for senior projects at Sedro-Woolley High School. Umpires high school baseball and softball. Founded "Cheer at the Fair" and Skagit County Cheerleading Exhibition events for high school cheerleaders.

Statement: : While most elected officials believe they represent the government, Kevin Loy is passionate about representing the people.

Effective as of July 1, 2015, Sedro-Woolley has imposed an additional \$20 per year tax to register a vehicle. Only two council members voted against this ridiculous tax. Kevin Loy was one of them. We have voted for \$30 tabs many times, and now the city imposes and additional \$20 fee?

Loy is also a supporter of the Northern State project as long as it preserves the historical character of the campus. The project could be a job incubator for the entire city. Loy would like to work with the public and city council to develop the 10 acres on Rhoades Road into a city park. The future of the library is also a concern to Loy. He plans to engage citizens, city council, and library personnel to develop a vision and carry it out for the future of the city library. Loy feels that you cannot tax your way to prosperity and that the City of Sedro-Woolley needs a change in philosophy. Kevin Loy would be honored to receive your vote and serve as your mayor.

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Keith Wagoner



Elected Experience: 5 years Sedro-Woolley City Council; 2nd year Mayor Pro Tem.

Other Professional Experience: Retired (23 yrs.) Navy Commander and helicopter pilot. Diplomatic status at the U.S Embassy, Tokyo, Japan as Director, Naval Air Programs; Protocol expert at Headquarters, U.S. Forces Korea, Seoul.

Education: '79 Burlington-Edison HS; United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland (BS, Physical Oceanography); University of San Diego (MS, Global Leadership).

Community Service: Youth Football Equipment Director; founding board member of Denny Engberg Memorial Field. SteelClaw Wrestling Club. Volunteer announcer for SWHS wrestling events. School District Levy Advisory Committee. Principal for a Day. SWHS Senior Parents Group. S-W Rotary Club; American Legion Post 43.

Statement: : Sedro-Woolley is on the cusp of a renaissance; business starts are up, building permits are up, home sales are up, and there is finally progress at the Northern State site after decades of stagnancy. Our City needs strong, decisive leadership as we move forward during this exciting time. I am the candidate with over 30 years of public service, proven leadership ability, and the *vision* Sedro-Woolley needs to succeed.

Serving my second year as Mayor Pro Tem, I have represented our city at: Skagit Council of Governments, Jail Advisory Committee, Solid Waste System Governance Board; Skagit Transit Board, Skagit Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization, etc., gaining experience that no other sitting City Councilman has.

I believe in common sense government; getting the basics like streets, sewers, fire and police protection, and garbage collection right, and spending within our means. I have voted against every property tax increase that has come before me and led the way to prevent our City from "banking" retroactive tax increases.

If you are "positive" on Sedro-Woolley and love our town please give me your vote. I will work hard to help us grow responsibly while respecting the unique character and heritage of our home.

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Judith Dunn Lee



Unopposed

Elected Experience: No elected experience

Other Professional Experience: Bookkeeper and co-owner of John Lee CPA Inc., PS, in Sedro-Woolley. Volunteer on the Board of BSA Troop 1 in Mount Vernon for over 10 years. Secretary on the Finance Council for my church. Served on the Financial Reporting for a candidate for County Commissioner.

Education: no information submitted

Community Service: Volunteer on the Sedro-Woolley Planning Commission, Walk for Life participant, and longtime recycler.

Statement: Having seen the insides of city hall as a Planning Commissioner, I think that I can better serve by joining the City Council. It is a very exciting time in Sedro-Woolley. I think growth is the best way to increase city income, and it is the City Council's job to bring to our City the kind of jobs that support families. The new Northern State site is just a start! It is my desire to represent your concerns and issues at the table. Please be sure to contact me.

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Robert Hickman



Elected Experience: 7 years as Sedro-Woolley School Board Director-District 2.

Other Professional Experience: Plumber, owner of Hickman Plumbing, a 2nd generation family business. Member of Local 26 Plumbers & Pipefitters. Interiors fabrication mechanic at Boeing. Maintenance worker for Sedro-Woolley School District.

Education: Graduate of Sedro-Woolley High School, 1977. Steamfitter/Journeyman trade degree from Everett Community College, 1987.

Community Service: Sedro-Woolley Little League softball/baseball coach for 15 years, Sedro-Woolley Little League board member-2 years. President/coach of Rising Stars Fastpitch Softball Club for 4 years. Assistant coach to softball programs at Skagit Valley College/Sedro-Woolley High School. Sports coach at local YMCA, SWHS judge for senior projects.

Statement : Bob Hickman's roots run deep in the town of Sedro-Woolley. He was born in the old hospital on State Street and graduated from Sedro-Woolley High School. He also raised his three children in the community. This has really made Hickman interested in the future of the city. He wants to see the town thrive without losing its heritage. As a local business owner for many years, he feels the city needs to support the businesses that have established for years. This support will draw others to the city and show that Sedro-Woolley is a great place to conduct business and live. City streets, sidewalks, parks, etc... need to be maintained. Hickman feels the city needs to focus on sustaining the city library, senior center, fire department, and police department. He strongly feels that if we support what we have, the future will be brighter. Hickman is very proud to be a Sedro-Woolley native and wants others to feel that same pride. As a city council member, Bob Hickman would be a voice for the citizens of the town. Please vote for Bob Hickman for Sedro-Woolley City Council.

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Julia M. Johnson



Elected Experience: First time candidate

Other Professional Experience: Professionally trained counselor specializing in bereavement, chemical dependency, and mediation. Owned small contracting business with husband geared toward design and fabrication.

Education: Graduate of Sedro-Woolley High School; MA in Counseling Psychology, Northwest University; BA in Social Sciences, Antioch University; Chemical Dependency Certification, Skagit Valley College.

Community Service: Julia was on the Developing Committee and volunteered at The Landing: A Healing Place for Kids; she's been both Councilmember and Council President at Bethlehem Lutheran Church; and for last six years has spear-headed team to both fundraise and participate in the Community Action 'Have a Heart' Run.

Statement : I was born and raised in Sedro-Woolley and I have experienced the vibrant city it can be. Though economic times have created challenges for our city, the charm and hometown feel that makes it unique has remained. I would like to work with the community and elected officials to develop economic growth without losing the essence of who we are. I raised my children in this town and feel strongly about preserving the historic character while continuing to provide opportunities for future generations. There are challenges before us that need to be addressed with much dialogue and information gathering before decisions are made; I would like to be that person who represents you. If elected, I would bring to the Council my experience and ability to actively listen to every side of the issue, promote communication, and provide clear understanding of issues that need to be addressed. Chief among them are public safety, revitalization of downtown, and providing well supported public utilities and services, all of which impacts each citizen of Sedro-Woolley. I would be honored to represent you; I value your input and concerns regarding our community. Together we can and will make a difference.

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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: Sedro Woolley Planning Commission Meals on Wheels Sedro Woolley Crime Watch Sedro Woolley Senior Center

Statement: Sedro Woolley is my home, and has been for the past 57 years. I believe this is a great place to live and raise a family. I have noticed some negative changes too, including high taxes, like the \$20 car tab tax. We can't keep raising taxes and think that will solve all of our problems. I want to work together with the citizens of this community and the other elected officials to improve the economy and standard of living in this city, today, and for the future generations. I support any reasonable plan to attract business. We need jobs and tax revenue from businesses if Sedro Woolley is going to thrive. 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 57 years, and raised two children in Sedro Woolley. If elected I will work hard to serve this community to the best of my ability. If leadership doesn't change, our city is facing a downhill slide. We need leaders who will solve problems. For positive changes, vote Chuck Owen.

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Hugh Galbraith



Elected Experience: City councilman ward 5 (3 terms). Board member Janicki Cove, Association Board member Foothills Condo Association

Other Professional Experience: Teacher 31 years in the Sedro Woolley School District. Owned and operated Jeremiahs Drive In for ten years. Own and oversee rentals in Oak Harbor, Burlington and Sedro Woolley.

Education: New Mexico Military Institute-Associates of Arts degree. Central Washington University-Bachelor of Arts degree. Western Washington University-5th year certificate. 2 years additional graduate work.

Community Service: Coached Little League baseball, soccer and youth basketball. Volunteer fireman. Diacoonate board member

Statement: Many projects have been completed during my service over the last 12 years. We have a new city hall, police station, evidence building, a new fire station at city hall, and a fire station built on Highway 9.

We, as a city, have improved roads in and around our city during my terms of office. Roads included in this projects were Cook Road, McGarigle Rd, Metcalf Street, Township Street, 3rd Street, Highways 9 and 20. This work has established Sedro Woolley for growth and business in the future.

Sedro Woolley has a new green company attempting to come into our city which will provide good livable wage jobs. We are working to make the transition for this to happen smoothly.

A vote for me will provide a progressive and prepared plan towards our city's future.

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Marilyn Hanesworth



Unopposed

Elected Experience: no information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Software Developer, Integra; Former Mechanical Engineer at Black & Veatch and Boeing.

Education: B.S., Harvey Mudd College; M.S. Mechanical Engineering, University of Washington.

Community Service: Girl Scout Troop Co-leader (10 years); Youth Soccer Coach; Anacortes Family Center volunteer; Anacortes Schools Foundation STEM committee member; AHS Career Day Coordinator; PTA volunteer including coordinating Yearbook Club, Reflections Art Program and Young Authors for many years at Fidalgo Elementary; Classroom Volunteer

Statement : With two children currently attending school in Anacortes, I have a vested interest in the future of our local schools. As an active PTA and classroom volunteer, I have some understanding of the challenges our teachers, administrators, students and parents face every day. I hope to provide a parent's perspective and be a channel of communication between the many other parents in the district and the school board.

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William Shaw

No photo
submitted

Unopposed

Elected Experience: none

Other Professional Experience: Oceanographer. Research Professor at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA for the last 10 years. Previously a research associate at University of California, Santa Barbara and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA.

Education: BSc in Civil Engineering, Princeton University, 1993 PhD in Oceanography, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Community Service: Founding President and Lead Petitioner of Bay View Academy, a public charter school in Monterey, CA. Science Fair Judge. Board of Directors, Bay View Academy Charter School. Classroom Volunteer. Scientific mentor to high school and college students.

Statement: Growing up, education was a high priority in my family. It is a pursuit and passion that continues with me to this day. I seek to bring to the Anacortes School Board the analytical and communication skills that I have developed as a scientist and the knowledge of school operations and innovative teaching approaches that I learned as a charter school founder of charter school. As a new resident of Anacortes, I look forward to learning from and working with the community.

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Karl W. Yost



Unopposed

Elected Experience: Director, Anacortes School District 2009-15 (2 terms)

Other Professional Experience: Yost Brothers, LLC (water/waste treatment, remediation, technology development, consulting); 38 years environmental construction, remediation; water/waste treatment Inventor/Co-inventor: treatment of metals/radionuclides in soil/solid waste and impermeable asphalt waste containment patents; Teacher: Manton, MI; MI Department of Corrections

Education: B.A, Albion College, Honors in Biology, Teaching certification; Graduate Studies, Central Michigan University, Stream Ecology

Community Service: Education of youth for over 30 years – school board, coach, classroom speaker, field trips, Site Council, hiring committees, chaperone, advocate for early learning and at risk youth. Church Elder, Scout Master.

Statement: For the past six years I have had the great honor, privilege, and pleasure to serve our community on the Anacortes School Board. During that time, the board, district, and staff have made great accomplishments to better educate our students by preparing them for college and careers. Major efforts were put forth by all to: develop a far-reaching strategic plan; enhance instruction in the class room with personal development and the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Program (TPEP); increase academic rigor; institute measures to identify and service the needs of at risk students; and hire a new superintendent. You the voters have graciously and generously supported the results from this work by passing O&M levies; a new-to-Anacortes Technology Levy, and a bond measure to construct and modernize our high school. Over the next few years, we must all continue the work to best educate our students, as well as construct the high school project ensuring that your funds are properly spent to serve our students and community for many years to come. With my background in construction coupled with my board experience, I believe I can provide guidance to best accomplish both entwined missions.

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David D. Lowell



Unopposed

Elected Experience: January 2010 to present, Burlington-Edison School Board.

Other Professional Experience: I have been an attorney for 22 years; practicing in Skagit Valley since 1995. I served in US Army Reserves from 2002 to 2013. Graduate of Army Officer Advanced/Basic school.

Education: I attended Anacortes High, Seattle University (business degree) and earned my law degree at Creighton University.

Community Service: I volunteer at the Community Action Clinic.

Statement: I have served as a Board member since January 2010.

Each morning, our precious youth head off to school. These children deserve the very best education.

My desire is for each student to receive a well-balanced education in traditional academic subjects (math, reading and science), as well as other equally pertinent subjects such as art, drama, athletics, music, band and others. Despite constant budget constraints, I will not waiver in my belief on funding this essential core curriculum.

Our local citizens pay 75% of the costs of education. This is daunting on the local taxpayer. I will be a thoughtful steward of your tax money. I will not support any prospective levy or bond that is not essential.

Our district could be confronted with the challenge of building future schools or remodeling existing ones. Our board has placed into practice the proper analytical tools needed to make well informed decisions.

I believe that community visibility and accessibility is essential. I attend most athletic/school events and I have children in the system. I will make myself available to listen to comments or concerns.

I would appreciate your continued support

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Bill Wallace



Unopposed

Elected Experience: 8 Years B-E School Board

Other Professional Experience: 36 Years Washington State Department of Natural Resources (21 years as Northwest Region Manager, retired in 2010)

Education: Bachelor of Science, Oregon State University

Community Service: + B-E Kiwanis, immediate past president + B-E Education and Alumni Foundation (2006 to present) + B-ESD Facilities Committee (1999-2007) + B-ESD Technology Committee (1996-2000) + B-ESD Citizens Advisory Committee (1993-1996)

Statement : It has been my honor to serve on the Burlington-Edison School Board for the past eight years. I take the responsibility of helping to educate our students extremely seriously. My role, along with the other four school directors, is to oversee school district business. This includes student achievement, being good stewards of taxpayer dollars and connecting with our community. I place a priority on gathering and sharing relevant information so that the board, administration and community make the best decisions for students and the district.

I have learned a lot during my first two terms. Education is a complex business with many standards and expectations at the federal, state and local levels, along with a limited budget to achieve them. I will continue to work hard helping the Burlington-Edison School District, along with its outstanding education team, maintain a long tradition of successfully preparing students for a changing world.

I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

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Rich Wesen



Unopposed

Elected Experience: Director for the Burlington-Edison School District for five years.

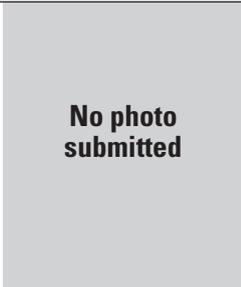
Other Professional Experience: Partner in our family dairy farm.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics and Astronautics from the University of Washington

Community Service: Burlington-Edison Kiwanis for thirty years, B-E Citizens' Advisory Committee for three years, President of the Burlington-Edison Education Association for Kids (Back to School Fair Committee) for twelve years, Edison Booster Club for ten years, Burlington Healthy Community Coalition for seven years

Statement: I am a lifelong Burlington-Edison School District resident whose four children attended Burlington-Edison schools and went on to higher education. Even though these have been challenging times, it has been a pleasure to serve as a school board member for the past five years. I have worked hard to strengthen our district by attending conferences, district events, and by fulfilling my director responsibilities to the best of my ability. Though there have been budget challenges, student programs have been maintained and I hope they can be expanded in the future. As mandated requirements change, I believe I can provide the right balance between Burlington-Edison tradition and innovation.

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Joe Perrault

No photo
submitted

Unopposed

Elected Experience: Currently serving as a 'member at large' with the Darrington School District Board of Directors

Other Professional Experience: Retired after 32 years with Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

Education: Associate's Degree in Forestry

Community Service: Adult/Youth Mentor, Volunteer Coach, GED/HSE Instructor

Statement : As a 25-year resident of Darrington and a parent who raised three children within our beautiful community, I recognize the importance of public education for America's youth so they are prepared to be our future. As a Darrington School Board member, I will continue to work diligently with students, parents, Darrington School District staff, and Board colleagues to promote a safe environment and positive educational experience with a focus toward academic excellence

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Robert Coffey



Unopposed

Elected Experience: 9 years as a member on the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors including 3 years service as its president.

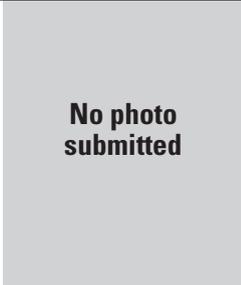
Other Professional Experience: Retired physician and current medical math instructor at Skagit Valley College

Education: no information submitted

Community Service: no information submitted

Statement: I have faithfully served the students, staff, and community of the Mount Vernon School District for the past nine years. In the process I have gained a reputation as a constructive and collaborative leader advocating for the very best in education for all students in the district and am known for supporting high quality working conditions for all staff. My leadership has helped the Mount Vernon School District show continuous, progressive improvement during my tenure as a school board director.

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Thomas (TJ) Larrick

No photo
submitted

Unopposed

Elected Experience: Seven plus years on the Mt. Vernon School Board

Other Professional Experience: State Representative for Directors at the National Level. Fifteen plus years at Management level. Fifteen plus years in developing, evaluating, and managing programs. Twenty plus years in the Education system. Fifteen plus years in the Special education realm; public and private sectors. Twenty plus years in an advocacy role. Twenty plus years career advising and assisting diverse populations. Five plus years in the marketing/ PR realm. Twenty-four years in USN

Education: Masters in Management-University of Phoenix. Masters Certificate in Business Administration-Tulane University. Human Resources Certificate-Skagit Valley College.

Community Service:

Statement : I have lived in the valley for over seventeen years and have one daughter a graduate of MT. Vernon High School and another one soon to graduate. I am married to a public school teacher and have worked myself in the public school system for over eight years. Presently I oversee a program that helps individuals that are disabled find employment and gain life skills. I feel that a strong education is important to our community, our state and the students going through our system. Our students deserve the opportunity to have a strong education to either go to College, into a trade, or work that prepares them for the real world.

I am proud of our District, the Community and being a School Board member.

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Christina Jepperson



Unopposed

Elected Experience: no information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Registered Nurse at the University of Washington Medical Center from 1999-2012. Registered Nurse Skagit Valley Hospital 2009-2011. Advance Registered Nurse Practitioner- Benson's Medical Group since 2015.

Education: Seattle Pacific University BSN 1999. Gonzaga University MSN 2014.

Community Service: Lyman Elementary School Parent Volunteer 2009-current. Sedro Woolley School District Bond and Levy Co-Chair. Lyman Parent Group President 2013-Current.

Statement: I am the mother of two wonderful children both attending Lyman Elementary School. As a parent, I see the impact a good education can have on our children. Our schools create the fabric of our community. At school children learn hard work, team work, and responsibility. Sedro Woolley School district prepares our children to join the work force or pursue advanced educational degrees and because of this I ask for your vote.

I am passionate about our children's education. I want parents to feel their children are reaching their full potential and are learning in a nurturing and safe environment. I want children to love attending school, eager to see what each day will bring.

School Boards must be fiscally responsible, socially responsible, and responsible to our community. My work as a nurse and nurse practitioner has taught me to listen to others, educate and teach, and be responsible for my actions. I hope that you will elect me as your next School Board Member. Thank you.

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Rich Weyrich



Elected Experience: Sedro-Woolley School Board 2003 to present; Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney 2007 to present.

Other Professional Experience: Chief Criminal Deputy Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney; City of Sedro-Woolley Prosecutor; City of Mount Vernon Prosecutor; private law practice; Board of Directors Skagit Recovery; Board of Directors Central Skagit Rural Library.

Education: Anacortes High School; Undergraduate Degree University of Washington; Gonzaga Law School JD.

Community Service: Volunteer and Auction Chairman at Big Lake Elementary School; Board of Directors Sedro-Woolley Little League and Skagit County Youth Soccer Associations; Sedro Woolley Rotary Club; Little League and Youth Soccer coach in Sedro-Woolley; guest speaker in schools regarding work experience and choices for students

Statement : I am a proud supporter of Sedro-Woolley schools where my two sons graduated. Great things are happening and I will work to see that they continue. Cascade Middle School was rebuilt with our latest bond and the latest levy added new technology for the challenges our children will be facing as we send them out in the world. A new turf field was added, bringing many new events into the community and helping expand our physical education program.

Wonderful and exciting things are happening; all day kindergarten, a reinstatement of our auto repair program and increased emphasis on areas such as woods and welding. We have been adding AP classes every year to help our students going on to college a jump start with college credits.

Our extended High School graduation rate is over 92% and our readiness for high school test scores rose over 10% in the last year. We continue to move forward instituting the STEM program (science, technology, engineering and math) throughout the District so that our students will be more competitive in the world beyond school. A number of our schools have been Washington Achievement winners for the last 2 years. I appreciate your support.

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Gary K Johnson



Elected Experience: No experience

Other Professional Experience: ENT & Facial Plastic Surgeon: Local Hospitals, 1975-present, Manager: Cascade Ear, Nose, & Throat Medical Clinic, 1975-present, Assistant Clinical Professor, ENT, Head, Neck Surgery, University of Washington School of Medicine, 1974-present

Education: Sedro-Woolley High School, 1961, Pacific Lutheran University, B.S. Chemistry and Biology, 1965, University of Washington School of Medicine, M.D., 1969, Surgical residency, UCLA, 1969-1971

Residency, University of Washington- ENT, Head, Neck Surgery 1971-1974

Community Service: Head Start Provider of the Year, Volunteer Instructor Pacific Northwest Medical School- 4 years, Volunteered at an Orphanage, Mexico- 11 years, Lead service trips: California, Mexico

Volunteer presenter: physician seminars, Mexico, Licensed foster parent

Statement : Since my father was an educator for 15 years, then came to Clear Lake as principal, then as Assistant Superintendent until retirement, my heritage is in education. Several of my family members are also educators. Except for medical training, I have been a lifelong resident of Skagit County. I have lived for 37 years in District 3. If elected, I am excited to serve my 10 grandchildren and other children as a school board member.

I treat children with hearing, speech and learning difficulties in my medical practice which has made me passionate about having educational opportunities available, so all children are able to reach their full potential. I have been involved in decision making and problem solving in my medical practice and will be able to use that ability as a board member.

We have benefitted from the Sedro-Woolley Schools by sending our six children and now our grandchildren through its schools. I have watched the progress of Sedro-Woolley schools for many years and want to have a hand in its excellence and continued growth. I agree with the school board's foundational strategies of achievement, equity, stewardship, life-long learning and development of partnerships with our community.

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Balisa Koetje



Elected Experience: Commissioner - Skagit County Public Hospital District #1, Former Conway School Board Director

Other Professional Experience: Windermere Commercial Real Estate 2005 - Present, Managing Broker, Skagit Valley Properties 1990 - 2005, Broker and Property Manager, Rainier Bank (currently Bank of America), Municipal and Corporate Finance

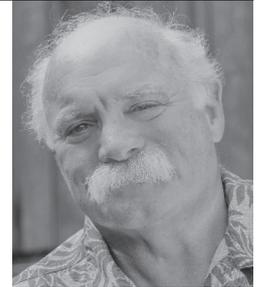
Education: BA Whitworth University - Majors Business Management & Accounting Minor - Economics

Community Service: Current Co-Director of Nomada Endowment Fund, Windermere Foundation, Seattle Children's Hospital Guild Member (Former President), Former Conway School Board Director (Former Board President), Former YMCA Board member,

Statement: I have a passion for Healthcare and Education and a deep interest in how we can embrace it to benefit our community. My years in municipal finance gave me an understanding of how the finances of Public Hospitals and Public Schools operate differently than for profit businesses. However it has been my work as a Commissioner for Skagit County PHD #1, a volunteer for Seattle Children's Hospital and a former School Board member that has educated and driven me to focus on the needs of our community. We have a vast population in Skagit County both in age and diversity which generates many different health issues. The landscape of healthcare is changing as we know it and as a Commissioner I believe communication is vital. I have the experience and I am committed to listening to you, our community and to continually educate myself in order to make informed decision. These are exciting times in healthcare and we have a lot ahead of us as we embark on an exciting new journey. Together we will improve the health of our community. I am focused, dedicated and committed. I am asking for your support. Thank you.

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Al Dennis



Elected Experience: No elected experience

Other Professional Experience: 16 years owner of Dennis Construction, 24 years experience as an RN – Critical Care, Dialysis, STAT Nurse

Education: BA Zoology, University of Washington 1975, ADN Skagit Valley College 1991 Nursing certifications in Critical Care and Nephrology

Community Service: US Army, Artillery Officer with Vietnam Service (bronze star), Chairman of the Remodeler's Council of Skagit Island Builder's Assoc., Education director SICBA, Youth soccer sponsor, past co-chair of the local WSNA unit at Skagit Valley Hospital

Statement: I feel strongly that the primary mission of Skagit Valley hospital is to deliver safe, efficient care to our patients. Working as a hospital RN has given me an opportunity to see what works and what doesn't. Patient care is the essence of why the Board exists. Every time the board makes a decision the members must ask themselves. "How will this effect patient care?" My executive experience in the Army and sixteen years running a construction business helps me see to see the big picture from the business/community viewpoint. My twentyfour years of hospital nursing allows me to see the micro-picture as seen from the hospital bedside. MD's, other nurses, technicians, therapists, housekeepers, engineers, unit assistants, etc, all have insights that can, and do, impact the smooth running of the hospital. Being a conduit of these voices to the board will help guide good decision-making.

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Peter Browning



Elected Experience: No previous Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience: Business Owner, 25 years working in healthcare and public health, Past Director of Public Health for Skagit County (18 Years), Clinical Professor for the University of Washington in Public Health, Northwest Incident Command Board. Past chair of Washington State Association of Public Health Officials.

Education: WSU 1972-76, Western Washington University 1984-1987 BA and Masters in Cultural Anthropology.

Community Service: Past member of YMCA Board, United Way Board, Arthritis Regional Board, 20 years in Skagit Mount Vernon Rotary including Past President.

Statement: : Peter Browning has spent a good portion of his professional career working to keep people healthy. The foundation of Public Health is to work preventatively to keep people as healthy as possible for as long as possible. Peter's time in health care has been spent working to create systems that keep the whole population healthy and when that is not possible, to make sure people who are in need of care get the most appropriate level of care. Peter's consulting company is currently working to help hospitals, private healthcare providers, Medicare/Medicaid providers, dentists, mental health providers, substance use/abuse professionals and other components of the healthcare system to define roles and how to best serve their population. Peter is a systems thinker and his goal is to make sure that, as a Hospital Commissioner, he will encourage Hospital District #1 to strive for the most cost effective and medically appropriate care while at the same time continually looking for ways to improve the populations health.

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Pattie K. Lewis



Elected Experience: Appointed to the Board of Directors for Skagit Regional Health in April, 2008. Elected by the voters in 2009 to serve a six year term.

Other Professional Experience: Finance Director for Skagit Community Mental Health for 17 years. Joined Skagit Hospice Foundation Board of Trustees in 2001, served as Board President in 2007.

Education: Graduated from Central Washington University – BA in History/Business.

Community Service: Volunteer at the Friendship House, Padilla Bay Beach Clean Up, Helping the Elderly at various Nursing Homes, Hosting a Foreign Student from Skagit Valley College.

Statement: : I am running for reelection because my work is not yet complete with Skagit Regional Health. We are currently working on a substantial relationship with the University of Washington and the potential lease of a hospital in Snohomish County. In the emerging era of Health Care Reform, my desire is to lower cost and to engage in education for my community. As a Commissioner, we are on the frontline in providing access to affordable healthcare. I am passionate about, and have always given the highest priority to advocate for Quality Care and Patient Safety, including the mentally ill, minorities, hospice (end of life), children and the elderly in our community. I have served on Community Outreach, Finance, Executive Quality of Care, Medical Education, Credentials, Hospital Foundation, Compensation and Labor Committees. In 2011, I served as Board President. It has been my honor and privilege to serve my community as a Hospital Commissioner since 2008. I look forward to continuing to serve my community

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Bruce G. Lisser



Unopposed

Elected Experience: Commissioner, Public Hospital District No. 1 1996-1999 and 2008-2015

Other Professional Experience: Licensed Professional Land Surveyor, Licensed obtained in 1985. Current chair of the Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA) Governance Committee and current exoficio member of the WSHA Board, I have held this position since 2011

Education: BS Forestry Management, Washington State University, 1977

Community Service: Current member Skagit/Mount Vernon Rotary Club, International Chair, Past President Mount Vernon Rotary Club, Past Board member Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation and Past Board member Museum of Northwest Art

Statement: It is a privilege and honor to serve as one of your elected commissioners for Skagit Valley Hospital and Skagit Regional Health.

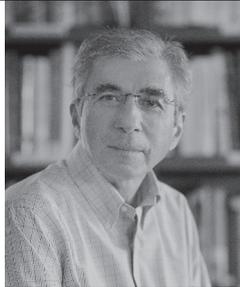
Area residents are fortunate to be served by Skagit Regional Health. Our once stand-alone hospital has become a regional health care system – one which, through strong leadership, great vision and fiscal responsibility – provides access to quality care to the communities we serve. These services now include a Regional Cancer Care Center, surgical services which include advanced heart care and orthopedics, enhanced diagnostics, a Kidney Dialysis Center, the Wound Healing Center, a Children's Therapy Program, a renovated/enlarged mental health care facility, a Level III (3) Emergency/Trauma center as well as clinics in three counties.

Skagit Regional Health also provides programming to promote the health of our communities with exercise, diet and other services which give many residents the tools necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

In this time of rapid change within the health care industry, I look forward to helping maintain quality local health care which is accessible to all residents within the Skagit Regional Health service area. Thank you for your vote of confidence.

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Warren Tessler



Unopposed

Elected Experience: no information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Trust Accounting Center, Marketing Director La Vie en Rose Bakery, Owner Valley Health Network, CEO HCHP of NE, Director - Provider Network Hospital Management Professionals, Consultant/CEO Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, COO Boston City Hospital, Director, Emergency Medical Services Emmanuel Hospital, Director - Surgical, Emergency, Ambulatory Services

Education: BA, Arizona State University MBA, Portland State University Diploma in Baking and Pastry Arts, Johnson and Wales University

Community Service: Anacortes Noon Kiwanis Club, Treasurer Anacortes Arts Festival, Treasure Anacortes Family Center, Treasurer Anacortes Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Co-chair Anacortes Parks Foundation, Trustee Anacortes Learning and Lunches, Chair Guemes Channel Trail Planning Committee

Statement : A strong, vibrant hospital and health-care 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.

Quality healthcare is important to everyone. As the central health resource of our community, Island Hospital must successfully meet critical challenges such as medical and information technology, physician recruitment and retention, competition, changing payment systems and increased regulation.

Twenty-seven years experience in healthcare management, more time operating my own business, plus years of public service in Anacortes have combined to uniquely prepare me for the Island Hospital Board of Commissioners.

I feel that we must meet the immediate needs that face us while, at the same time, strengthen our independent hospital so as to best meet the uncertainties that lie ahead. We must lay a solid groundwork today so that we have a strong healthcare system in the future.

I 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

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Andrew C. Hunter



Unopposed

Elected Experience: Began serving as a United General Hospital District 304 Commissioner in 2013 and re-elected to the same position in 2014.

Other Professional Experience: Currently serves as President of SaviBank. A 33-year banking veteran, held a variety of banking positions, primarily in Lending and Management.

Education: Sedro Woolley High School Graduate 1973; University of Washington (BS, Economics) 1977;

Penn State (MS, Ag Economics) 1980, Thesis focused on financial viability of public health care centers in rural PA; University of Texas Graduate School of Community Bank Management 2000.

Community Service: United General Hospital Commissioner; Past President/Island County Economic Development Council; Church leadership; Kiwanis International; Youth baseball and basketball Coach

Statement: It has been a sincere pleasure and learning experience to serve as a United General Hospital District 304 Commissioner during the past two years. I look forward to continuing to serve as a Commissioner, desiring to ensure that all residents of Hospital District 304 have easy access to health care, as well as providing quality education on preventive care and making positive health choices. United General District 304's mission is a commitment to improving the health and quality of life for the residents of the communities we serve. I wholeheartedly believe in and support that mission and am dedicated to contributing to the progressive development of United General Hospital.

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Joe Verdoes



Elected Experience: no information submitted

Other Professional Experience: I have been self-employed for much of my life, first as a dairy farmer and then, since 1994, as a commercial fisherman. In between, I served as the Shire of Rodney's Economic Development Officer in Australia.

Education: Skagit Valley College - transfer of credits; University of Washington - Bachelor's in Business Administration; Deakin University, Australia - Masters in Development Studies.

Community Service: Port of Anacortes Marina Advisory Committee 2007- present, Washington Dept. Fish and Wildlife Shrimp Advisory Committee 2005-present, Skagit County Planning Commission 1986-89, I have also served as President, Puget Sound Shrimp Association; President Puget Sound Crab Association.

Statement: : The Port of Anacortes has been an important part of my business activities since 1994. For entrepreneurs such as me, the Port is a critically important asset. As a community resource, it is central to the work, recreation and business activities of many, if not most, of the district's citizens. If you own or work in a service business, it attracts customers for you. If you work in the marine trades, it is a job creator. If you are a resident—or visitor—you probably use the Port's marine facilities or airport for recreation or transport.

The Port of Anacortes is a key economic driver in our community. When it is managed responsibly, transparently and with integrity, everyone benefits. We need commissioners who are knowledgeable and whom you can trust. With my degrees in business and development studies; my work as a commercial fisherman; and my service as a member of the Port of Anacortes Marina Advisory Committee, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Shrimp Advisory Committee, and the Skagit County Planning Commission, I have the leadership skills and experience to serve as a commissioner.

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Judy L. Berentson



Elected Experience: none

Other Professional Experience: I am an owner in Berentson, Inc., dba Berentson Plumbing and Judy's Bookkeeping Service for 30+ years. I have a commercial pilot license and a flight instructor certificate and was on staff at Skagit Eagle Air as a part time flight instructor.

Education: AA from Skagit Valley College. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Aeronautics including a safety and business minor from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Community Service: YMCA Board Member, FAA Accident Prevention Counselor, 99's Member. Berentson Plumbing has donated plumbing to Skagit Habitat for Humanity for 20+ houses. Member of Skagit Island County Builders Association for over 23 years.

Statement: : I graduated from Sedro-Woolley High School in 1974. I have been married to Dave Berentson for 33 years and have two children. I am a member of Edison Lutheran Church. Other interests are piano, violin and Soo Bahk Do Karate.

As a Port Commissioner I would support economic growth at the Marina and the water front. I would like to focus on safety and security and environmental safety. I would strive to protect all areas including Padilla Bay which is close to where I live in Bayview.

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Pat D. Mooney



Elected Experience: Have served as Port Commissioner 2000-2004, 2005-1/2, 2006, 2007-2011, 2012-2015

Other Professional Experience: Part Manager 2yrs., U.S.M.C. 4 yrs. 8 mos., Parts Manager 7 yrs., Owner Operator Piston Service 48 yrs.

Education: Graduated Anacortes High School

Community Service: Served Salvation Army advisory board 17yrs., Member First Baptist Church, Marine Corps League, Civic Affairs, Have serve as a Rotarian

Statement: As one of 5 Anacortes Port Commissioners, I am committed to do my best with decision being made at the Port. Our port facility is noted as one of the best. We have a people friendly waterfront, and many businesses that operate as partners with the Port.

I am proud to say that with my votes, we have signed a 40 year lease with DCI Shipyard, settled the ILWU contract, and finally signed a petroleum coke contract with Shell. We also settled the parking lot issue with the NESD.

We have been able to purchase the Marine Hardware and the Quiet Cove property, so as to allow Port growth. My moto: "buy adjacent property for future business and employment expansion."

Looking forward I would like to secure property for small boats, and possibly a launch facility. We should plan for an events center. Additionally we need to secure more products for shipping at our Marine Terminal. The Commission's policy is to restrict tax expenditures for the benefit of the Anacortes Port Community. I fully support this policy.

I am personally proud of what has been accomplished at the Port of Anacortes. I am asking for you vote for reelection.

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John Pope



Elected Experience: Anacortes School Board for 9 years, 5 years as chair. Skagit Regional Transportation Planning Organization, 17 years.

Other Professional Experience: Engineering and Maintenance Management with Shell and Tesoro for 34 years. Anacortes Chamber Board for 17 years.

Education: Graduate of Gonzaga Prep, Spokane, WA. Graduated from UW with a BS in 1975 and BSME in 1978. Licensed Professional Engineer.

Community Service: Long-standing Anacortes Kiwanis and Anacortes Small Boat Center member. On the Tommy Thompson Trail, Sares Bluff, Waterfront Esplanade and Guemes Channel Trail committees. Served on transportation and Comprehensive Planning committees for Skagit County, SRTPO, the City and the Port of Anacortes.

Statement: Anacortes needs a strong economy based on family wage jobs. Diversity will help us withstand downturns in any one economic area. The port should promote fishing, marine services, manufacturing, industrial, tourism and technical sectors.

The Port should champion community access to its waterways and port properties. It is good business to be a good host. Practicing safety and preserving ecologic health should be expectations for all.

I stand for accountability and transparency in government and will not allow any violation of the open meetings act nor condone private negotiations between individual commissioners and port clients.

Taxes should be kept low. Land decisions must be strategic, well planned and financially sound.

The Port should collaborate in planning, permitting and economic development strategies with the City of Anacortes. Lawsuits between these two governments are a waste of our tax dollars.

We have all the advantages and have done much of the groundwork to make Anacortes the most attractive port on Puget Sound. Let's make it happen!

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William J. (Bill) Shuler



Elected Experience: 8 years Sedro-Woolley Councilman. 51/2 years Port Commissioner

Other Professional Experience: Executive Director Community Action of Skagit County. Special Programs Manager Skagit Valley College. Community Development consultant Office of Community and Economic Development (Governors office) managed field office. Associate planner Skagit County Planning Dept. Authored the counties initial Economic Development Plan and other related projects.

Education: College graduate

Community Service: Member or former member: Skagit County Community Foundation, Norlum Foundation, Chairman Housing Authority Skagit County, EDASC, SW Rotary, SW Eagles, Job Corp Scholarship Committee, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council, chairman United Way Campaign and numerous others.

Statement : Port of Skagit Mission: "Good jobs for our community." The commission and staff have worked extremely hard to fulfill this commitment. Since I was elected commissioner the port has experienced unprecedented growth. Gielow Pickles, Skagit Valley Malting, and Mavrik Marine LLC, to name only a few new businesses. Existing businesses such as Hexcell and Team Co are expanding. Much has been accomplished in a short time but there is much more to do. If reelected I will do my utmost to ensure the port keeps moving forward.

The Port also has a major new initiative underway at the old Northern State site. Janicki's Bio-energy's omni processor project has incredible potential for many high quality jobs locally.

Your Port is about much more than acquiring and managing properties. Infrastructure, forging partnerships, developing economic strategies and recognizing and embracing new opportunities are just a few commissioner responsibilities.

I think we have an exceptional commission whose strength is based on mutual respect, openness to new ideas, sound decision making, and fairness to all. It has been an honor to serve. I believe I have demonstrated the experience, skills, and leadership necessary for a robust progressive port.

I would deeply appreciate your support.

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Pola Kelley



Elected Experience: Manager Nugget Mall, Juneau; DOL, State of Alaska, Juneau; Aide to Dean, Gonzaga Graduate School; Constituent Clerk, U.S. Senator Adams; Marketing, Welch Environmental Services; Owner, Pola Kelley Insurance Agency; Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors - President, 3 years; ED, 6 years.

Other Professional Experience: S-WHS diploma; Gonzaga University, BA in PoliSci and Speech Communication; and Post grad studies in Organizational Leadership. Leadership Skagit 2011.

Education: PHUGMC Governing Board; formerly Advisory Board; a founder of SBA; SCCEDA, former president; Boys and Girls Clubs Community Board; Sedro-Woolley Leadership Group; Cascade Loop, Board of Directors. Member of EDASC, the AWB, the WCCE, and the WTA.

Community Service: YMCA Board Member, FAA Accident Prevention Counselor, 99's Member. Berentson Plumbing has donated plumbing to Skagit Habitat for Humanity for 20+ houses. Member of Skagit Island County Builders Association for over 23 years.

Statement : Skagit Valley means *home* to me. Every time I emerge into the Valley from Conway or Bow Hills, I have an intense sense of home and how much I love being here. Having lived in Skagit Valley for most of my life I will always love, respect, and honor its natural beauty. My family came to Skagit County in 1920 and enjoyed a comfortable life.

Yet *change* happened and, for those of us in Port District 3, it was not all good as many of the jobs we counted on were lost. Now our community is on the verge of a major breakthrough in technology and manufacturing. We can still offer a beautiful place to live, while providing good-paying jobs. An example is the development of the Northern State Campus, which is vital to sustainable and controlled growth. Skagit Valley will become the 21st century leader in world-changing technology.

Forward thinking and positive action are the keys. The Chamber has been one avenue to being a part of what is new and exciting, but I would like to see plans move forward into action. As Port Commissioner I will work for you, creating good jobs and a strong, vital community.

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Jerry Kaufman

No photo submitted

Elected Experience: no information submitted
Other Professional Experience: no information submitted
Education: no information submitted
Community Service: no information submitted

Statement: no information submitted

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David Smoots



Elected Experience: Fire Commissioner for Skagit County Fire District 6
Other Professional Experience: Trustee 7 years for Mount Vernon Elks, 3 as Chairman. 43 years in the construction industry, 23 as a journeyman carpenter and twenty as an estimator/ project manager/ site superintendent.
Education: Graduate Mount Vernon High School, University of Washington in Building Construction.
Community Service: no information submitted

Statement: David Smoots became involved with the Fire District in 2009. Appointed in 2012, elected in 2013.

Since becoming a Commissioner Dave has worked hard to assure that all residents of the District receive the best quality service possible.

Dave's accomplishments include initiating refinancing the District's bond, saving the District \$60,000. The refinance also made it possible for the District to purchase a new fire engine. Reached out to and worked with San Juan County and Darrington Fire Departments in procuring bids for the new fire engine. Helped facilitate the purchase of the new engine.

Has taken the lead in developing a 10 year facilities plan for the District. Currently working with the Fire Chief and Secretary to review and update all District policies as required to keep up with current laws.

Attended State Fire Commissioner conventions for the past three years. Has attended special educational seminars on various subjects important to the district. Many of the things learned at these events are being implemented in the District, helping to keep Fire District 6 in compliance with current laws.

Gained skills in Grant writing which has led to the District applying for several Grants in the last two years.

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Larry Hawk



Unopposed

Elected Experience: Skagit County Fire Commissioner District 7 since 2009

Other Professional Experience: OSHA 500 trained, traffic control supervisor and manager, certified erosion control specialist, United States Marine Corps as a noncommissioned officer, Manager in service industry and construction industry, Air Force JROTC

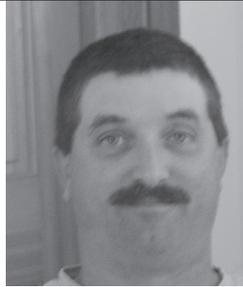
Education: FEMA emergency management Institute 38 courses completed, Tacoma community college, Mariner High School Everett Washington

Community Service: Volunteer Lake Cavanaugh Fire Department eight years, Officer 2 terms at Tacoma Washington computer club, Teaching computer basics at Fort Lewis activity centers two years

Statement: : I feel privileged to have the opportunity to serve our community last six years as Fire Commissioner. I am committed to ensure that the best training for our firefighters is available for our Fire Department. My vision for Lake Cavanaugh includes working with the community and DNR to have a permanent helicopter pad at Lake Cavanaugh for emergency landings. I will also make improving the response time for our EMTs and firefighters and fire apparatus my highest priority. I believe that with a possible second station, in the vicinity of South Shore and North shore drive, while keeping within our budget is something that's Department should review. I continue to promise to be financially responsible and promised to protect and conserve community resources and taxpayer funds. Giving you the best Fire Department we can. I will continue to work with our other Commissioners, Chief and our firefighters to develop comprehensive disaster plans so that when a disaster strikes, whether large or small; the plans are in place for the community. I am honored to represent you and be there for you.

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Jonathan H LaCount



Elected Experience: Elected to Position 3 Skagit County Fire Dist 8 six years ago. Executive board of the RMEF Skagit.

Other Professional Experience: Self employed, volunteer with Skagit Fire 8 for 16 years, Past director of the Skagit Fire Recruit Academy. Past board member of the Skagit County Fire Training officers association. Past Owner of ARFF Training Concepts Inc providing fire training around the world.

Education: Sedro Woolley High School Graduate, too many college courses to list. Leadership and professional management certifications both State and Federal for Fire Service.

Community Service: Volunteer with Skagit Fire 8, RMEF board member, Hamilton First Baptist Church, Disabled Navy Veteran.

Statement: As I have been very involved with our fire district for many years I wish to continue the hard work to manage the ability to continue to offer our fire district some of the best services we are able too.

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Chester (Chet) Griffith



Elected Experience: Past District 10 Fire Commissioner

Other Professional Experience: *Incident Command System* classes (ICS 100, 200, 400,700 and 800). *Basic Law Enforcement Reserve Academy: Certificate of Completion*, 1984 *Advanced Patrol Officer: Certificate of Completion*, 1984 Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission; Burien, WA. EMT Evaluator/ instructor

Education: Sedro-Woolley High School Skagit Valley College CWU Transportation management school

Community Service: Fire fighter/EMT 28 years Past Loins Club Member 10 years. Skagit County Search and Rescue Member (ATV Group) 3 years

Statement: In 1985 I joined the BirdsView fire Dept, in District 10. In 1986 I was promoted to Captain and stayed in that position until 1993. I was elected as Fire Commissioner in District 10, from 1989-1993 until moving to Sedro-Woolley. I joined the Sedro-Woolley fire department in 1993. I was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1995 I was again promoted to Captain in 1998. I stayed in that position until my retirement on April 1st 2015.

I became a first-responder in 1985 and an EMT in 1999. With 28 years of service as a fire-fighter/EMT I've responded to over 3,000 calls and countless hours of training. The past 15 years I've also served as an EMT Instructor/evaluator, with Skagit county medic one.

I have a strong commitment to the fire fighters and people in our community. My goal is to keep our fire fighters safe, provide them with updated equipment and training. As our area grows, we will continue to see our call volume increase in our community. As fire commissioner I will do my best to keep our district moving, in a positive direction, as they are now, to meet the new challenges head on.

Thank you

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Larry Kibbee



Unopposed

Elected Experience: Appointed to fill an unexpired term on the Skagit Fire District 13 Board of Commissioners - June 2014 Elected to three terms on the Shelter Bay Community and Company Board of Directors - 2007-2013.

Other Professional Experience: 36 years of public affairs and government relations experience representing the property/casualty insurance industry at the state and national levels. Former Deputy Insurance Commissioner -- Oregon Insurance Division

Education: BA Degree - Journalism and Political Science - University of South Dakota

Community Service: President - Shelter Bay Board of Directors - 2009 to 2013 Chairman - Skagit Business Alliance - 2011 to 2012 Member - La Conner Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors - 2009 to 2013

Statement: I am running for Position 2 on the Fire District 13 Board of Commissioners to continue a commitment I made when appointed to the position in 2014. Fire District 13 plays an important role in the safety and health of residents in its jurisdiction. Our responsibility as a Board of Commissioners is to assure that these vital services are provided in the most professional and efficient manner possible. I am extremely proud of the work done by these volunteer first responders, and the District staff. I will work to see that taxpayer resources are allocated wisely to assure that excellent service record for the future.

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Charles (Chuck) Hedlund**Unopposed**

Elected Experience: Incumbent. Twelve years as Fire Commissioner of Fire District 13.

Other Professional Experience: no information submitted

Education: Graduate of La Conner High, 30+ years experience as a building engineer

Community Service: Long term member of La Conner Kiwanis, works with scholarship program, and active in Boys/Girls Club.

Statement: As a lifelong resident of our community, it would be an honor to represent my fellow residents of Fire District 13 as their fire commissioner as I have done for the past twelve years. As a fellow taxpayer, I will work towards maintaining and continually improving our services in a frugal manner during these financially challenging times. I support equal representation of all community members and promote continually improving transparency of all aspects of Fire District 13. Your fire district has changed from volunteer to a 24/7 Resident/Shifter Program which has reduced our response times by over seven minutes while staying within existing budget. With this growth and increases in demand for services, we are continually looking into cost effective, efficient and alternate ways to provide quality service.

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Clay Norris

No photo
submitted

Unopposed

Elected Experience: I am a Battalion Chief for Rockport Fire District #19.

Other Professional Experience: I've been a firefighter for Department of Natural Resources, I've been a volunteer firefighter for the Rockport Fire Department for six years, and an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for both Concrete and Rockport for a combined total of over 8 years.

Education: no information submitted

Community Service: no information submitted

Statement : I have been part of the Rockport Fire Department for over 6 years as both a fire fighter and EMT. I want to make sure our department and community have the resources needed in order for us to serve and help effectively in times of need.

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David Way

No photo
submitted

Unopposed

Elected Experience: no information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Six plus years working as an outdoor Recreation Manager with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. Other professional experience includes Wildland Firefighting.

Education: Political Science Major from the University of Washington

Community Service: no information submitted

Statement: I want to see the Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center thrive in years to come, so both younger and older members of the community will live healthy and satisfying lives. The combination of my personal and professional experience will guide me as Commissioner 2 of the District. I've helped facilitate a major public planning and development process with stakeholder committees. I also have extensive experience working with other local and state agencies, private landowners, and public recreationists. I've managed capital development projects, as well as recreation facility maintenance and operations. During my tenure working for the State, I've gained the knowledge and experience necessary to help the Board of Commissioners make sound decisions that will affect the current and future residents of Fidalgo Island in a positive way. Thank you for your vote.

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Melvin Larsen

No photo
submitted

Unopposed

Elected Experience: no information submitted

Other Professional Experience: no information submitted

Education: no information submitted

Community Service: no information submitted

Statement : I'm 55 years young, born and raised in Anacortes. My family came to Anacortes in the late 1800's. I graduated from Anacortes High School in 1978 and married my wonderful wife Peggy in 1984. I have a 35 year old son, Brad and three dogs - Thor, Lucy and Jake. My hobbies include fishing, crabbing, duck hunting and coin collecting.

After high school I was employed in various positions at Whitney Fidalgo Cannery and the oil refineries. I also have experience in commercial fishing and working for a local nursing home. In 1986, I was hired at Island Hospital as a utility Engineer. For over 28 years I have applied myself at the hospital and learned everything I could about working in the Engineering Department. I have been promoted several times, going from Utility Engineer to Engineer one then Engineer two and now I'm a HospitalTech Specialist. I wear a large number of hats every day in my HospitalTech Specialist position.

I'm lead Engineer in my department, assigning work and making sure work is efficiently completed. I perform most of the electrical work for the hospital and install all computer and phone connections.

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Town of Concrete Proposition No. 1

Shall the Town of Concrete be annexed into and be part of the Upper Skagit Partial-County Rural Library District?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by the Town of Concrete

The Upper Skagit Partial-County Rural Library District was formed in 2001 and officially opened its doors in 2005. Currently, the Town of Concrete is not a part of the Upper Skagit Partial-County Rural Library District, which provides the Town of Concrete residents with limited library services for the cost of a library card. Those residents residing outside of the Town of Concrete town limits but within the Concrete School District boundaries receive library services through payment of property taxes. Town residents are being asked to decide whether they wish to continue with the current process or annex the Town into the Upper Skagit Partial-County Rural Library District.

Annexation of the Town of Concrete into the library district would bring full library services to the town, equal to the same services that people living in the unincorporated area (or county) already receive. Annexation would allow the library district to levy taxes within the boundaries of the town at the same rate and on the same basis as the tax levied in surrounding unincorporated areas.

If annexation is approved, property owners in the town limits will pay an annual tax of up to 50 cents for every \$1,000 of their property's assessed value beginning in 2017. This means that owners of a home with an assessed value of \$100,000 would pay up to \$50.00 a year as part of their property tax bill.

With annexation into the library district, town residents may immediately get a library card at no additional cost.

If town residents change their mind regarding annexation after voting to approve it, the Town Council may give town voters the option to leave the library district anytime after the first three years of annexation.

statements for/against this measure are on pg 84



Multiple propositions have the same number, because their numbers are assigned within the district where they occur.

Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center District Proposition No. 1 Maintenance and Operations Levy

Shall Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center District continue to be funded for the six years (2016-2021) by a tax of approximately \$0.1394 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation (for example \$100,000 assessed property value equals \$13.94 per year) to provide \$618,394 in 2016, with additional increases if deemed necessary that will not exceed 1% each year, to pay part of maintenance and operational expenses, with taxes to be collected in 2016 - 2021. This amount is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in value of state assessed property, and any annexations that have occurred or refunds made.

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center District

Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center (FPFC) is a separate municipal corporation not financially affiliated with the City of Anacortes or Skagit County. The FPFC District was formed by voter approval in May 1972 to build and operate a swimming pool for Fidalgo Island residents. A fitness center was added in 1986 to accommodate strength training and group exercise classes. Due to the expense to maintain the facility and to keep the doors opened, the FPFC District requires levies to supplement user fees collected at the front desk. The District is required to obtain voter approval every one to six years to continue this support. In 2015, the FPFC's levy is scheduled to be approximately \$637,525. With approval by the voters on this new levy, the District will be authorized to receive \$618,394 in 2016 to continue maintenance and operations for six years. The levy will cover years 2016 through 2021, and will not exceed an increase of 1% each year. The mil rate for this election is the same mil rate that was asked for by the District in the 2012 General Election.

statements for/against this measure are on pg 85

Argument For

Town of Concrete, Proposition No. 1

Vote Yes on Proposition 1 for our library! The Upper Skagit Library provides books, magazines, reference materials, videos, computers, technical assistance, internet access, tutoring, and programs for all ages. It fills a huge void for youth and seniors, and it nourishes everyone's desire to learn. No other place offers so much to so many in our community.

Vote Yes to improve the future of Concrete's children. The library opens our children's minds to the greater world of ideas, business, and technology that they need to succeed. Approval will give Concrete's kids full access to all library services so they don't miss out on important learning opportunities that affect their future.

Vote Yes to level the playing field for educational resources in Eastern Skagit County. Give every Concrete resident full access to all library services, including borrowing privileges at five other libraries in Skagit County. No longer will some children have more resources available for homework than others in the same classroom.

Vote Yes to invest in your community and the people who live in it. Investing in your library is the same as paying for roads, hospitals, fire, or police protection. The property tax increase allowed in this measure will pay for library services for all Concrete residents. Even with the slight increase, your total tax rate will still be lower than that for other East County residents. Community investments in education and technology attract new businesses. More businesses mean more jobs, more local services, and a brighter future for all.

Simply Vote Yes. From the founding days of Concrete, the public library has been an essential part of our community. Make Concrete an equal partner in the library and an even better place to live.

Rebuttal of Argument Against

The FACTS: The library tax **all** goes to provide services locally; **none** goes to other libraries. The library's schedule includes being open **Saturdays** and **late** twice a week. More hours are possible with annexation.

The Upper Skagit Library helps people of **all ages**, not just school kids.

The library's WiFi is a **lifeline** for residents without Internet at home. It also attracts visitors who help local businesses **thrive**.

The old library closed because the Town couldn't afford to operate it alone. With annexation, the Upper Skagit Library will **belong to everybody** in Eastern Skagit County.

Argument Prepared by

Concrete Joins the Library Committee

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Val Stafford, Barb Trask

Argument Against

Town of Concrete, Proposition No. 1

We have a few questions about "WHY" you would want to be annexed into the County Library system

WHY would you want to raise your taxes just to receive a "free" library card?

All property owners in the town will pay an annual tax of up to 50 cents for every \$1,000 of their property's assessed value. This means that owners of a home with an assessed value of \$100,000 would pay \$50 as part of their property tax bill.

WHY not purchase a library card?

This so that the property owners who do not use the library, do not have to pay. (\$8 for three months (1/4 year), \$30 for one year, \$25 for one year (senior 65+ or handicapped), \$10 for one year (additional family member)).

WHY would you want your local equity to be moved to the County?

This meaning that your local taxes would be moved to support **all** the county libraries.

WHY not:

Support a Town library (that was closed due to the moving in of the county library?)

Support the school library?

Have the security and availability of your own Wi-Fi?

Keep Town taxes in the Town of Concrete?

Currently the library is open 4 days a week. The hours are "bankers" hours and not available for the working families. Also, many different people use the "free" Wi-Fi at **all** hours of the night. WHY would you want to support "FREE" Wi-Fi for **all** the people in the county?

Argument Prepared by

Residents Against Annexation Into the County Library District

Crissie Wilson

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Becky Luttrell

Argument For Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center District Proposition No. 1

The Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center is a community asset that serves the wellness and recreational needs of all ages. The pool and fitness center, opened seven days a week, is in constant use supporting rehabilitation, group fitness, weight training, club swimming, water safety classes and public school aquatics.

The pool is a place where kids and adults can learn how to swim, participate swim training or therapy or compete in organized team swimming. Families can share quality time during open swims, and seniors can engage in group activities to improve mobility and strength.

We need the Maintenance and Operation Levy to keep user fees affordable for all citizens. The Maintenance and Operation Levy is an ongoing obligation, not a new tax, and must have voter approval to continue. Utility bills, operating and custodial supplies, facility and equipment repair or replacement, professional services, and insurance coverage are among the expenses covered by the levy.

The District is asking for the same mil rate of \$0.1394 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation as requested in the November 2012 General Election for levy years 2013-2015. According to RCW 36.69.145, a park and recreation district may ask for a levy for six consecutive years, and the District needs approval for years 2016-2021. We believe the District is being prudent with the use of taxpayer dollars, and Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center is financially responsible.

The Thunderbird Aquatic Club and Friends of Fidalgo Pool and Fitness are pleased to be essential partners with the District and urge you to vote YES for the District's Maintenance & Operations Levy. Thank you!

Argument Prepared by Thunderbird Aquatics Club - Friends of Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center District

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Mary Staley

Argument Against Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center District Proposition No. 1

The Board and the Director maintain that an extended six year Maintenance & Operation Levy will save taxpayers money. In fact, a property owner's individual tax responsibility will not change by increasing the term of the levy. An extended levy, however, will provide the District with six years of guaranteed revenue which may encourage the District to pursue another major "non-voter approved" bond as done with the new Fitness Center addition.

The Board had no need to seek voter approval at the polls since the District's debt limit for "non-voter approved" bonds is over 12 million dollars. So, the Board opted to finance the Fitness Center addition with a "non-voter approved" bond. "Non-voter approved" bonds must be paid for by revenue which is not tax based. This means that the District must assure its creditors that the facility will remain open to pay the bond.

An extended M&O Levy helps make this assurance. Voters must be cautious of any measure which might lead the District to finance an even larger "non-voter approved" bond since financing large capital improvement projects with "non-voter approved bonds" always minimizes public input. Public building projects that do not receive adequate public input are less likely to address the public's real needs when compared to projects well scrutinized.

The public's ability in years past to weigh in and voice their approval or disapproval of M&O Levies every three years is oversight and has helped to keep the District responsive to the public's needs. Currently there are no other Parks and Recreation Districts in Washington which operate a public pool or fitness center that are funded with a six year M&O Levy. Vote no on this six year extended M&O Levy, and then support the three year M&O Levy when it is proposed in the near future.

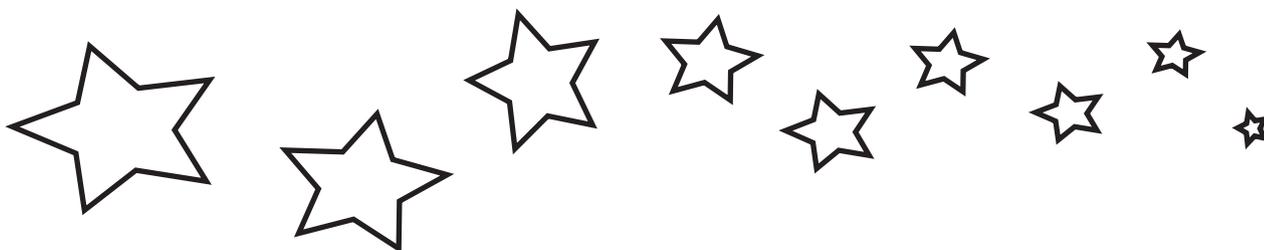
Rebuttal of Argument For

Fidalgo Pool is a valuable community asset without question; however, diminishing the voter's ability to provide oversight will only expose the district to increased risks. Already no public input sufficed when the Board voted to build the Fitness Center. Now more capital improvements are being discussed for the near future. An extended levy will minimize the impact of public input for six years. Three year levies have helped to create a better Recreation District for almost forty years. Vote no to this extended six year levy and yes to a three year levy once it is proposed.

Argument Prepared by Residents Against Annexation Into the County Library District Bill Turner

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Have you moved?



Have you changed your name?

Make sure you receive your ballot!

If any of the following has changed, you need to update your voter registration information:

- Moved within Skagit County
- Moved out of Skagit County
- New mailing address
- Name change

You can update your information by calling our office at 360-336-9305, visiting MyVote at www.vote.wa.gov, or by filling out the form on the following page and mailing it to our office or bringing to:

Skagit County Elections (Auditor's Office)
PO Box 1306
700 S. 2nd St., Room 201
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Your vote is your voice!



Skagit County

Voter update form

I have

- moved
- changed my name
- a different mailing address

Note: If you have moved out of Skagit County, please fill out your new address and sign the declaration. We will cancel your voter registration and forward the information on to your new county.

Printed Name date of birth

New physical address city/state/zip

New mailing address city/state/zip

Name change

If you have changed your name please:

- fill in your new name
- fill in your old name
- read and sign the declaration

New name (please print)

Old name (please print)

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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