

Skagit County Official Local **Voters' Pamphlet**

November 4, 2025 General Election



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Welcome Message

Dear Skagit County Voters,

Your vote is your voice! That's why having information about candidates is important. We hope this printed pamphlet is helpful in making your voting decisions. An online version of the pamphlet is also available on our website, www.skagitcounty.net/elections

As a voter, here are ways to ensure that your ballot is counted:

- Return your voted ballot quickly
- Use a ballot drop box whenever possible
- If you return your ballot via US Postal Service, make sure it is postmarked by Election Day, November 4, 2025
- Sign your return ballot envelope
- If you receive a letter from our office regarding your signature, return it to our office as soon as possible.

The sooner voters return their ballots, the more complete the results will be when we post them on election night!

Thank you!

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All Offices and Candidates

Skagit County offices and candidates in the November 4, 2025 General Election

Candidates with an (*) after their name did not submit information for this voters' pamphlet.

City of Anacortes

Mayor

Ryan Walters

Council Position 4, At-Large

Teresa Delarosa

Luke Currier

Council Position 5, At-Large

Bruce McDougall

Council Position 6, At-Large

Courtney Orrock

Carolyn Y. Moulton

Council Position 7, At-Large

Anthony L Young

Town of Concrete

Mayor

Marla Reed

Jeremy Akers*

Council Position 2

Karla Massingale*

Council Position 3

Billi Bellinger

Drew Jenkins*

Council Position 5

Michael H Werner

Jon Gunnarsson*

City of Burlington

Mayor

William "Bill" Aslett

Council At-Large

Melissa Koski

Joe DeGloria

Council Ward 2

Kelsey Freeman

Council Ward 4

James M.S. Stavig

Council Ward 5

Jamie Weiss*

Council Ward 6

Jesús Pérez-Linares

Town of Hamilton

Council Position 4

Jessica Boots

Keith Buckley

Council Position 5

Alyssa Ammons

Town of La Conner

Council Position 2

Ivan Carlson*

Council Position 3

Rick Dole

Council Position 4

MaryLee Chamberlain*



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Town of LymanCouncil Position 1

Ginger Cutler
Tammy Buchanan

Council Position 2

Jeremy Mast
Erica Hanshaw

City of Mount VernonCouncil At-Large

Demi Daman
Stefanie LeJeunesse*

Council Ward 1, Position 2

Anthony Distefano
Randy West

Council Ward 2, Position 2

Hannah Oliver
Adam Pearson

Council Ward 3, Position 2

Melissa Beaton

City of Sedro-WoolleyCouncil At-Large

Kay Stewart
Nickolas Lavacca

Council Ward 2

JoEllen Kesti

Council Ward 3

Nora Pederson
Sarah Diamond

Council Ward 6

Joe Burns
Karl de Jong

School DistrictsAnacortes School District No. 103

Director Position 1
Meredith McIlmoyle*
Director Position 2
Diana Farnsworth

Burlington-Edison School District No. 100

Director District 2
Monica Vivanco
Director District 3
Ken Axelson*
Director District 5
Shayna Campbell

Concrete School District No. 11

Director District 1
Pam Snavelly
Director District 3
Krysti Coggins
Janet Culver*

Conway School District No. 317

Director Position 2
Ekaterina Melnik
Director Position 3
Amy C Hughes

Darrington School District No. 330

Director At-Large, Position 4
Randy J. Hayden*
Director At-Large, Position 5
Janet Loyd*
Tarya Palmer*

La Conner School District No. 311

Director District 3
Jeremy (JJ) Wilbur*
Director District 5
Susan Gardner Deyo

Mount Vernon School District No. 320

Director District 2
James Stewart
Christopher Gudger-Raines
Director District 4
Sammy Solano Rivera
Wendy Ragusa*
Director District 5
Larry M. Otos

Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101

Director District 1
Jim Kallio
Brent Schiefelbein
Director District 3
Tom Taylor
Michelle Moser
Director District 4
Brad Worley
Ashlee E. Johnson
Director District 5
Becky L Taft*
Eric A. Johnson

Hospital District Commissioners

Hospital District 1

Commissioner Position 2
Sam Irons
Jeff Miller
Commissioner Position 4
Dale Ragan
Barb Jensen

Hospital District 2

Commissioner Position 4
Lynne M. Lang
Commissioner Position 5
Joe Mulcahy
Chip Bogosian

Hospital District 304

Commissioner Position 3
Debra Aslett Lancaster
Commissioner Position 5
Germaine Kornegay
Ellen de Jong

Port District Commissioners

Port of Anacortes

Commissioner Position 1
Mary LaFleur
Terry Carroll-Gillis
Commissioner Position 2
Bob Papadakis
Dianna Chonka*
Commissioner Position 5
Kathy Pittis

Port of Skagit

Commissioner Position 1
Kevin E. Ware
Commissioner Position 2
Melanie Mankamyer
Keith Chaplin

Fire Protection District Commissioners

Fire Protection District No. 1

Commissioner Position 1
Stuart Skelton*

Fire Protection District No. 2

Commissioner Position 1
Rolla (Skip) Ritchey*

Fire Protection District No. 3

Commissioner Position 1
Scott Horton*

Fire Protection District No. 4

Commissioner Position 1
Tami Mattox*
Commissioner Position 2
Andrew Keener
James W Martin

Fire Protection District No. 5

Commissioner Position 1
Kirk Damon*

Fire Protection District No. 6

Commissioner Position 1
Jerry Butterfield
Faye J. Whitney*

Fire Protection District No. 8

Commissioner Position 1
Jim Kennedy*

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Commissioner Position 1

Michelle D Pidduck*

Commissioner Position 3

Herold J. Hudson

Fire Protection District No. 11

Commissioner Position 1

Cherryl Dennis

Fire Protection District No. 12

Commissioner Position 1

Garth Frazer*

Fire Protection District No. 13

Commissioner Position 1

Bruce Shellhamer

Fire Protection District No. 14

Commissioner Position 1

Steve Perry*

Fire Protection District No. 16

Commissioner Position 2

Jared W.R Couch*

Fire Protection District No. 17

Commissioner Position 1

Jodi Meekins*

Commissioner Position 3

Gina Haggerty*

Fire Protection District No. 24

Commissioner Position 1

Mikey Coleman*

Commissioner Position 4

Kristine Schroder*

Skagit County Regional Fire Authority

Commissioner Position 1

(AJ) Albert Zartman*

Commissioner Position 2

Lee Fenley*

Commissioner Position 3

Derek Roberts*

Cemetery District CommissionersCemetery District 1

Commissioner Position 2

Eric (Rick) Anderson*

Cemetery District 5

Commissioner Position 2

Richard Frank*

Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center District CommissionersCommissioner Position 3

Cindy Marvin

Christine Mathes*

Commissioner Position 5

Andrew Olson

Sally Turner

Proposed Fidalgo Metropolitan Recreation District CommissionersCommissioner Position 1

Jeremy McNett*

Commissioner Position 2

Barbara J Smart

Commissioner Position 3

Ken Hansen

Commissioner Position 4

Linda Martin

Commissioner Position 5

Sandi Phinney

Judy Billings

Sewer District CommissionersSewer District 1

Commissioner Position 3

John Nagel*

John Doyle*

Sewer District 2

Commissioner Position 1

Mark Pearson

Water District 1Commissioner Position 3

Waine Aynes*



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Ballot Drop Box Locations

Drop boxes are open 20 days before Election Day.

They remain open 24 hours a day until 8:00 PM Election Night!

Anacortes - Library

Anacortes Public Library

(behind library near drive-up book drop)

1220 10th St

Anacortes - Skyline

Skyline Beach Club

6041 Sands Way

Bow/Edison

Fire District 5 Fire Station

14304 West Bow Hill Rd

Burlington

Burlington Parks and Recreation Building

(north side of Fairhaven Ave parking lot)

900 E. Fairhaven St

Clear Lake

Clear Lake Park

12925 South Front St

Concrete

Skagit Upriver Services

45770 Main St

Conway

Conway Fire Department

21020 Greenfield St

Hamilton

Fire District 8/Punkin Center Station

34041 State Rte 20

La Conner

614 E. Morris St

Mount Vernon - Continental

Mount Vernon Police Department

1805 Continental Pl

Mount Vernon - Courthouse

Skagit County Auditor's Office

*(in U-shaped parking lot accessed from 3rd St.
near Kincaid)*

700 S. 2nd St

Sauk-Suiattle

6020 Mountain Goat Way, Darrington

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Post Office

(in alley between Eastern St. and Metcalf St.)

111 Woodworth St

Swinomish

Social Services Building *(in front)*

17337 Reservation Rd

**No stamp needed to
return your ballot**



You may also drop your ballot off in person at:

Elections Department

700 S. 2nd St

1st floor near elevator lobby

Mount Vernon, 360-416-1702

Open 8:30-4:30 Week Days



Ryan Walters

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Anacortes City Council (2012-present); Mayor Pro Tem (2016-2017)

Other Professional Experience

Private practice municipal attorney (2022-present); Samish Planning and Community Development Director (2018-2022); Skagit County Planning Department Assistant Director (2016-2018); Skagit County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (2007-2016); member of the Washington State Bar and the American Institute of Certified Planners; AWC Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership (2020); AWC Housing Solutions Working Group (2022)

Education

University of California, Davis, School of Law; University of Rochester, New York; Anacortes High School Class of 1998

Community Service

Anacortes Senior Activity Center Foundation Board; Anacortes Community Recreation Center development team; Northwest Career & Technical Academy General Advisory Council; Skagit Land Trust

Statement

Ryan's vision for Anacortes is to be not just a *small* town, but a *strong* town—a vibrant, inclusive waterfront community that supports small business, celebrates the arts, provides housing affordable for people who work here, and protects our environment.

A fifth-generation resident of Anacortes, Ryan has leveraged nearly two decades of experience as a prosecutor, government attorney, and land use professional to find innovative and common-sense solutions to our community's problems.

As a councilmember, Ryan modernized our criminal code with new tools to address illegal drugs, designed the public safety ballot measure that funded our police and fire departments, and established protections for our parks and forestlands.

Ryan believes new development should enhance Anacortes, not detract from it. He's worked hard to evolve our zoning code toward housing affordability, walkability, and livability while avoiding excess height and incompatible commercial uses in established neighborhoods. He's delivered new rules improving governance and financial planning, facilitating new childcare facilities, and supporting our downtown.

As mayor, Ryan will fix our broken permitting system, improve responsiveness and customer service, and reduce costs to make Anacortes more affordable.

Elect Ryan Walters for leadership and vision to keep Anacortes moving forward while preserving our community and values.



Teresa Delarosa

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Elected Experience

Appointed Precinct Committee Officer, Guemes Island 127, 2022-2024; Excited to run as a first time candidate.

Other Professional Experience

Front-End Manager, Anacortes Safeway, 2000-2022; Currently working for Skagit County Public Works as a deckhand and purser on the Guemes Island Ferry.

Education

Port Townsend High School, 1989; Attended Skagit Valley College, 2000

Community Service

Board Of Directors, Anacortes Family Center, 2020-2024; Volunteer, Anacortes Music Project, 2023-Present; Member, Washington Seaweed Collaborative, 2020-Present; Member, United Food and Commercial Workers Union, 2000-2022; Yes4Housing Coalition, 2020; Anacortes Family Center Advocacy Committee, 2022-2024

Statement

Hi - I'm Teresa!

As a single mother and survivor of hardships and challenges, I look forward to bringing a fresh perspective to the City Council. I met many of you while working at Safeway for 22 years. I heard from folks about their celebrations and challenges, how things like the cost of food, meeting basic needs, or struggling with housing stability impacted them. I want to serve as a conduit to city government, especially for people in our community facing adversity. I'm passionate about housing issues and how we can plan a bright future for our community.

I have spent much of my free time in Anacortes' parks and trails, admiring the beauty we call home. I am dedicated to the health and protection of our forest lands and the Salish Sea.

I'm excited to collaborate with the County, State, Schools, and Port of Anacortes to create economic and environmental sustainability for current and future citizens to thrive in. I am grateful and humbled to be endorsed by Senator Liz Lovelett and Port Commissioner Jon Petrich. I hope to earn your vote and continue to serve my community as your next City Council member!



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Elected Experience

Currently serving on the Anacortes Planning Commission and as Treasurer on the Executive Board of the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce.

Other Professional Experience

CEO of Land Title & Escrow serving Skagit County and co-owner of Barre by the Sea Fitness in downtown Anacortes. Co-founder and former Chief Operating Officer and Director of Business Development for The Bar Method fitness studios.

Education

MBA, Seattle University; BA in Political Science, Western Washington University; Executive Leadership Program, Albers School of Business & Economics.

Community Service

Leadership Skagit; Anacortes Planning Commission; Executive Board, Anacortes Chamber of Commerce; Anacortes Waterfront Alliance; Seattle Angels; Seattle Children's.

Statement

Preserving Small-Town Spirit. Leading with Vision.

I'm running for Anacortes City Council because I believe *every voice matters* and should shape the decisions that shape our future. My wife Bev and I have been married for 31 years, and along with our dog Happy, we're proud to call Anacortes home and invest in this community as local business owners.

As a member of the *Anacortes Planning Commission*, I've gained valuable experience in how policy, process, and community input shape long-term outcomes. I will bring this same *collaborative spirit* and strong work ethic to City Council—listening carefully, asking tough questions, and building consensus to get things done.

As our *vibrant coastal community* grows, we face critical decisions. We must address *affordable housing*, *promote sustainable tourism*, protect the *natural beauty and ecological health* that define Anacortes, and support *local businesses and the arts*. I will advocate for *public safety* and thoughtful planning that honors our *small-town character*.

With *over 20 years of leadership experience* as a CEO and organizational builder, I bring a *practical, relationship-driven approach* to public service—focused on results, respect, and resilience.

I'd be honored to earn your vote and help guide Anacortes toward a *thriving, balanced future*.



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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Anacortes City Council position 5, July 2017 - present

Other Professional Experience

I've enjoyed a 27-year career in the IT industry and have a passion for working with others to solve complex problems. Beyond technology, my career involves financial modeling and responsible stewardship of customer budgets, experience I apply with City finances as well.

Education

Graduated Mount Vernon High School, 1992. B.A. in Political Science, University of Washington, 1996

Community Service

Mayor's Citizen Advisory Committee, 2014-2016, helped shape the City's 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Volunteer consultant for the City's technology initiatives 2014-2017

Statement

My career in the technology industry has enabled me to be the driving force on the Anacortes City Council to build our community-owned fiber optic network. Access Anacortes Fiber Internet is now a reality; by the end of 2025 our fiber optic Internet service will be available to nearly 100% of the city. My technical knowledge and industry experience have been key to making this project happen.

I have worked closely with my fellow Council members and the Mayor to pass major updates of critical areas and shoreline protection plans, affordable housing initiatives, economic development, and the City's land use code. I will continue to work towards providing diverse housing options, promote a walkable, bike-friendly, and buy-local community, reduce the City's carbon footprint, and emphasize strong protections for our local environment and forest lands.



Courtney Orrock

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Elected Experience

None.

Other Professional Experience

Vice President, Finance –Travel & Leisure (formerly Wyndham Destinations); Executive Director – Sunrise Children’s Foundation; Executive Director – Island Health (formerly Island Hospital) Foundation; President – ALLDATA; Assistant Vice President – USBank

Education

Thayer Leadership Development – United States Military Academy at West Point; MBA – University of Nevada, Las Vegas; B.S. Commerce – Santa Clara University

Community Service

City of Anacortes – Current Member Public Library Board of Trustees, Graduate of Police Department Citizens Academy, Former Member Arts Commission & Futures Project; Anacortes Rotary- Paul Harris Fellow; Association of Junior League International – Sustaining Member & President’s Award for Leadership recipient.

Statement

I’m Courtney Orrock, and I’m running for Anacortes City Council to bring proven financial leadership, business-minded thinking, and practical problem-solving to City Hall. With a background in finance and strategic planning, I’ve helped organizations navigate complex budgets, manage growth, and make sound, long-term decisions — the same approach I’ll bring to our city.

While I’m new to elected office, I’ve been actively involved in Anacortes — supporting local causes and working to make our city a great place to live. Three generations of my family live in Anacortes and I care deeply about maintaining Anacortes’s character while planning thoughtfully for its future.

As your Councilmember, I’ll focus on economic stability, public safety and smart infrastructure investments. That means ensuring city services are efficient, reliable, and prepared to meet the needs of a growing community while maintaining the small-town character we value.

Anacortes is at a pivotal point. We need leadership that asks tough questions, respects taxpayer dollars, and supports policies that create a strong local economy. I’m committed to transparent decision-making, data-driven planning, and working with both residents and businesses to ensure a vibrant, sustainable future.

I’d be honored to earn your vote and serve Anacortes with steady, business-minded leadership.



Carolyn Y. Moulton

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Elected Experience

Anacortes City Councilmember, 2019-present, Mayor Pro Tem 2024-present, Council Finance Committee, 2024-present, Planning Committee, 2019-present, Public Works Committee, 2019-present

Other Professional Experience

Lautenbach Recycling Government & Community Relations Manager, 2022-present; Bikespot co-owner, 2008-2021; Orcas Community Land Trust program manager, 2005-2008

Education

B.A. in English, Sonoma State University, Association of Washington Cities Certificate of Municipal Leadership, 2024

Community Service

2024 Woman of Distinction, Soroptimist International of Anacortes; Skagit Transit Board; Skagit Marine Resources Committee; Skagit County North Star Advisory Group; Skagit County Solid Waste Advisory Committee; Community Action Skagit Board; Anacortes Parks Foundation; Anacortes Community Forest Lands Board; Anacortes Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee

Statement

I am an engaged listener with a diligent work ethic and solid track record. My years of experience as a downtown business owner fuel my enthusiasm for building relationships that strengthen our community and local economy.

As a two-term Councilmember, I championed the 2023 Public Safety Levy Lid Lift to hire five additional police officers and eight firefighters. I advocated for the Yes 4 Housing campaign to build three Anacortes Housing Authority and Family Center housing developments. Both measures passed with strong voter support, confirming our community’s priorities of public safety and housing availability.

Working on the Council Finance Committee has sharpened my strategic planning skills for the long-term fiscal health of our city. Knowledgeable decisions about infrastructure, permitting, and land use are essential for a bright future, and I will always fight for parks and library services that are vital to our well-being.

Volunteering with multiple non-profits strengthens my ability to address the fundamental needs of Anacortes residents. I understand the big picture and am willing to get into the weeds to find solutions.

I am an avid reader, bicyclist, hiker and gardener, and I’m excited about the opportunity to continue serving Anacortes for a third term.



Anthony L Young

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Anacortes City Councilman, At-Large #7, 2018 - present, former Anacortes Mayor Pro-Tem, and Anacortes resident for 16 years.

Other Professional Experience

Successful inventor & entrepreneur, former Outreach Coordinator: Citizens Rights Division - NC Department of Justice, former Deputy Chairman of the North Carolina Property Tax Commission.

Education

Master of Business Administration (MBA) - Wake Forest University, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Organizational Management - Saint Augustine University, Certifications from UNC Institute of Government.

Community Service

Community Action of Skagit County; Hospice of the NW Foundation; Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County (EDASC); Leadership Skagit Class of 2010 -helped design "Welcome to Skagit Valley" signs on Interstate 5.

Statement

I fervently believe that the greatest asset any community has is its people. My desire is to serve the best interests of the public and ensure that everyone's voice can be heard; In doing so, we celebrate the richness of our collective strengths, enhance our competitive positioning as a city, and preserve the quality of life that we enjoy. I am committed to ensuring transparency and an open government that serves all people!



William "Bill" Aslett

Nonpartisan Office

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

24+ years Council Member City of Burlington; 1+ years Mayor City of Burlington

Other Professional Experience

18 years managing retail store for a large regional chain; 18 years account management with a multi-national corporation

Education

Associate's degree Highline College-General; Bachelor of Arts Western Washington University Major: Economics minor Business Administration

Community Service

Board President, Past President and Board Member United Way of Skagit County, Past Board Member Alumni of Western Washington University, Current Board Member Community Health Board PeaceHealth United General, Served on several community committee's for Burlington Edison School District

Statement

My wife Vicki and I have proudly called Burlington home for the past 38 years. All three of our children graduated from Burlington-Edison High School and continue to live close by, raising families of their own in the community we love.

My past service includes roles on the Board of Directors for both United Way of Skagit County and the WWU Alumni Association.

I served on the Burlington City Council for 24 years and was honored to be appointed Mayor at the beginning of 2024 by a majority vote of the Council.

My top priority is to ensure Burlington remains a safe, welcoming city—one that supports strong job growth and provides accessible, affordable housing for all residents. I'm proud to work alongside our city's dedicated and talented staff. Thanks to their efforts, our roads and parks are among the best in the valley, our recreational opportunities are exceptional, and our library is second to none.

As your Mayor, I am committed to continuing to deliver excellent services and facilities while maintaining a budget that is fair, responsible, and sustainable.

It would be an honor to continue serving the people of Burlington.



Melissa Koski

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Elected Experience

I have not formally held an elected position, but I currently serve as a volunteer on the Burlington Planning Commission (2025).

Other Professional Experience

Have worked in media analysis and corporate reputation for more than 20 years, helping organizations use data to align public perception with real-world impact with a thoughtful and analytical approach to complex issues and responsible decision-making.

Education

Bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE), with a focus on communication, research, and public relations.

Community Service

Currently volunteer on the the Burlington, WA Planning Commission; previously volunteered at the Anixter Center (Chicago, IL) helping adults with disabilities improve reading and math skills.

Statement

I'm running for Burlington City Council because I believe strong communities are built through representation, engagement, and diverse perspectives. I want to help ensure Burlington continues to be a city that listens actively, communicates clearly, and makes decisions rooted in both data and lived experience.

My civic involvement began through volunteering, not politics - though my interest in public service started years ago when I interned with U.S. Senator Peter Fitzgerald. Today, I'm focused on making local government more accessible by supporting broader community outreach and encouraging participation from residents of all ages and backgrounds.

I recently joined the Burlington Planning Commission, where I've begun contributing to important conversations about responsible growth. I'm especially interested in issues like housing affordability, long-term planning, and maintaining the livability of our city as we grow. If elected, I'll bring a collaborative, inclusive, and transparent approach - strengthening the strong foundation already in place and ensuring every resident feels empowered to help shape Burlington's future.



Joe DeGloria

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Elected Experience

Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees 2005-2014, Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees Chairman 2011-2014, Burlington City Council 2014-present

Other Professional Experience

Banking – Bookkeeping – Teller – Computer Support, Commercial fishing, Fisheries Observer, Water and Wastewater treatment

Education

Burlington-Edison High School Graduate, Skagit Valley College AA, Western Washington University BS Environmental Studies

Community Service

Burlington Edison High School Wrestlers, Tri-Parish food bank

Statement

Burlington has been my family's home for four generations. My wife of 27 years, Jana, and I are raising our three kids here.

I have demonstrated consistent leadership in maintaining and enhancing city services while advocating for stewardship over public funds.

Sustainability and maintenance of our robust city services are a top priority. Infrastructure related to our roads, public safety, and parks moving forward will be paramount in enhancing our quality of life.

I will continue working to advocate for fair levels of taxation by advocating for budgets that reflect that fairness to the citizens and businesses of Burlington. I will continue my support for local business activity throughout the city. Burlington receives the majority of our revenue through sales taxes. Supporting sales tax revenue helps to keep our property taxes low and promotes jobs and opportunities for all. It is exciting to think about a growing, thriving, and prosperous Burlington!

My leadership, experience, and passion for our diverse community make me the right person for the job. With your continued support and vote, it would be my honor to work for you, the residents of Burlington, as your city council member.



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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Current Burlington City Council Member, Ward 2

Other Professional Experience

Office Assistant, Skagit Conservation District (2024-Present); Ophthalmic Technician and Scribe, Cascadia Eye (2016-2024)

Education

HS Diploma, MVHS/SVC (2009); Minor in Spanish, Walla Walla University (2011)

Community Service

Tri-Parish Food Bank Volunteer (2023-Present)

Statement

I am a regular, everyday, normal Skagitonian, running for Burlington City Council with the goal of continuing to contribute to the responsible and respectful governance of our city. Representing the people in Ward 2 is my top priority; I am responsive by phone or email, and love to hear your ideas for council consideration. On City Council, I strive to make decisions that benefit our everyday lives, with a collaborative approach and consideration for all presented perspectives. A topic that is especially important to me is balancing the creation of additional housing and infrastructure improvements with the careful stewardship of our natural environment. I believe that if we care for the people in our city, working towards safe housing and community spaces for all, our businesses and city systems will prosper with a healthy workforce. I also believe that if we care for our native habitats, they will reciprocate with benefits to the health and wellbeing of our residents. If elected to continue serving in this role, I will continue to do my best to represent the voice of Ward 2 with decisions that benefit our people, businesses, and environment.



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Unopposed

Elected Experience

8 yrs-Burlington City Council

Other Professional Experience

Accountant-Local Boat Manufacturer

Education

Bachelor of Science Degree- Business Management, Louisiana State University-Shreveport; Master of Business Administration (MBA) , Louisiana State University-Shreveport; Certified Management Accountant (CMA)

Community Service

Friendship House, Meals on Wheels (alternate), Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Skagit Housing Consortium, Burlington Beautification Bunch

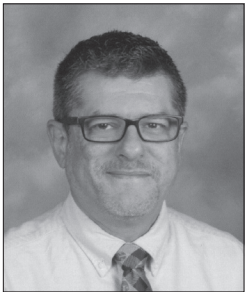
Statement

It has been an honor to represent the citizens of Burlington for the past eight years as a taxpayer representative. My focus has been on making sure our local government operates as efficiently as possible and spends our taxpayer dollars wisely. As an Accountant, making sure we stay within budget and controlling costs is essential.

I do not take the job I have been elected to do, lightly. Having pertinent information before making a decision is required. I do not “rubber stamp” proposals that come before me, as most come with a cost. I appreciate that most dialogue regarding City business takes place in a public forum.

I want our “level of service” to be the *best* that we can afford. We can’t do everything, so it is important to have a leader that can say “no” to proposals that are unnecessary or too costly. Government services need to adapt to the growth of our city, which makes prudent leadership important, so we do not overburden our citizens.

Our quality of life in Burlington is important, so I encourage our citizens to be vocal about issues that are concerning. Thank you for your support.



Jesús Pérez-Linares

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Current City of Burlington Council member

Other Professional Experience

Researcher and instructor at university level. Elementary school teacher and instructional assistant. STEM and environmental academic coach.

Education

PhD in conservation of marine resources (CIBNOR, Mexico and U. de Vigo, Spain); Certified K-12 teacher (WWU, City University of Seattle)

Community Service

Former board member of Children’s Museum of Skagit Valley. Former Volunteer at Padilla Bay Interpretive Center. Community outreach to teach science topics to parents and caregivers. Volunteer with Skagit Fisheries & Skagit Land Trust. Church volunteer to support our community.

Statement

My family has lived in our beautiful city for more than a decade. The natural beauty, the friendly people and the feeling of a peaceful town captured our hearts, deciding to make this place our home. As a community member I have seen the impact of the economical challenges on local businesses and families. I have witnessed changes in our city and the needs to maintain a sustainable and healthy development sometimes do not happen at the same pace. I would like to be actively involved in decisions that benefit our community, bring the voice of community members that might not be heard yet, and work for a better future for our city.

The following are some of the most important issues I would like to address and support:

Safely ride bikes, especially students to school; Revitalize businesses like the Cascade Mall and downtown locations; Create plans to support local businesses in our abandoned buildings; Support plans for affordable housing; Protect green areas and plan environmentally conscious spaces; Promote more outdoor activities and family events; Help our city to grow while protecting the environment and still enjoying the small-town vibe



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Elected Experience
Elected to the Concrete town Council, served for 18 years, Elected as Mayor of Town of Concrete 2023

Other Professional Experience
2001 Concrete School District. Currently Food Service Director and in Transportation.

Education
Career College, Edmonton Alberta, School Bus Driver Trainer

Community Service
Skagit Prevention Council, Upper Valley Awareness Task Force, Concrete Community Garden

Statement
Marla Reed has lived in Concrete for 30 years and is honored to serve as your current mayor. Marla and her husband Darrel, adopted two children and raised them in this community. She has a long history of community involvement, including serving on the Town Council for 18 years and working with many local organizations. Marla has owned a small business and has worked for the school district since 2001, giving her a strong understanding of the needs of families and local businesses. She created the Adopt-A-Spot program and help start the Farm to School program. Marla is committed to keeping Concrete safe, welcoming, and thriving for everyone who calls it home.



Jeremy Akers
Nonpartisan Office

Elected Experience
No information submitted

Other Professional Experience
No information submitted

Education
No information submitted

Community Service
No information submitted

Statement
No information submitted



Billi Bellinger

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Elected Experience

Secretary/Treasurer Elk Park Board, Elk WA 10 years

Other Professional Experience

Bookkeeper for Early Childhood Education Preschool; Small Business Owner; Office Manager/Bookkeeper; Washington State School Bus Driver Trainer; Landscape Design / Maintenance.

Education

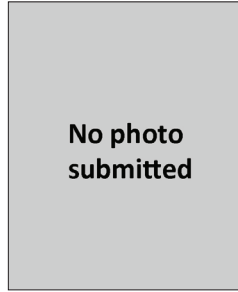
BYU Political Science; ITT Business College Management Accounting; WSU Master Gardener

Community Service

Organized Elk Pioneer Days Festival and Parade for 10 years; Created Community Youth Activities and Programs Including: Youth Art Show, Halloween Party, Christmas Tree Lighting, Easter Egg Hunt, Park cleanup day, raised money for playground equipment; Rose Specialist and Propagation Specialist at the WSU Master Gardeners Plant Clinic; Maui County Arborist Committee

Statement

I was born and raised in Washington State. Growing up I lived in several small towns around the state. In December of 2023 I moved to another small town, Concrete, along with my son and his family. I spent some time getting settled and then began to get involved in the community. It has always been my passion to help improve the town that I call home by volunteering in the capacity of which I am most needed. Often that has been by working with the local youth. Creating and managing activities and programs that give children of all ages something to do when there was otherwise nothing. I volunteer on the Concrete Park Board offering my knowledge as a landscaper and Master Gardener to help beautify the parks and city streets. I joined the Adopt-a-spot program and adopted the Gazebo at Cupples Community Garden, along with helping revitalize and beautify the entire space. I began attending all the Concrete City Council meetings to better understand the workings of this city. I feel that Concrete is a small town with a big heart and as a council member I can continue to offer myself where I am most needed.



Drew Jenkins

Nonpartisan Office

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted



Michael H Werner

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Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Military Service – U S Air Force Viet Nam era Veteran-4 years; Over 35 years of federal leadership experience, including a career in project management and served as Subject Matter Expert for the FAA on Federal Rule Making Committees.

Education

Studied Chemical engineering-- Purdue University; Aviation management-- Embry-Riddle University

Community Service

HOA Board Member 3 years

Statement

Mike Werner is a seasoned leader with a background in public service and aviation management, who is a candidate for Concrete Town Council to bring accountability, innovation, and results-driven leadership to local government.

Throughout his career, Mike led critical initiatives focused on infrastructure improvement, public safety, and regulatory compliance—skills directly transferable to managing the needs of Concrete. A background in multimillion-dollar projects, coordinating across agencies, with emphasis on favorable community impacts makes him uniquely equipped to address the issues facing Concrete.

Mike has observed Town Council meetings for seven years, and is a resident concerned by seeing missed opportunities to leverage resources in a most efficient manner. A proud resident of Concrete, he has been keenly aware of Town Council decisions, and advocates for wise fiscal decisions, transparent governance, and sustainable growth.

Mike's priorities include:

Spending residents tax money wisely; Strengthening infrastructure; Improving public works; Enhancing neighborhood safety; Supporting local economic development; Promoting town management transparency

Rooted in service, guided by integrity, and driven by results, Mike is ready to bring a fresh, experienced perspective to Town Hall—putting people first and politics second.

No photo
submitted

Jon Gunnarsson

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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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Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

Evergreen Beauty College graduate

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

My name is Jessica Boots, and I am honored to be able to run for Council Position #4 in the Town of Hamilton. As many of you know me, I have been a resident of the Town for 24 years. Hamilton is where I was raised and grew up. I take pride in our little community and to be a part of showing our residents, Hamilton's most potential. I would love to be able to have a voice in our Town's decisions, also to listen to the residents concerns and focus more on cleaning up our Town and to see how we can do better as a community. Making Hamilton a place for every resident to be happy to call home, as I do.

Sincerely,

Jessica Boots

No photo
submitted

Keith Buckley

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Elected Experience

none

Other Professional Experience

i was a union ironworker before moving to Blaine Washington in 2005. since being a Washington resident i have worked in the shipyards petrol chemical plants and currently work for Janicki in Sedro Woolley Washington

Education

graduated from Hayfork high school in northern California in 1989

Community Service

while living in Blaine i volunteered at the Blaine food bank and the Blaine senior center

Statement

Hi, my name is Keith Buckley. I have lived in Hamilton since sept of 2021. i hope if i get the chance to be part of city council to make Hamilton a better place to live. with Janicki's expansion this town could become something special and i would enjoy help to make it special

**Alyssa Ammons**

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Unopposed**Elected Experience**

Hamilton Town Council 2019- Current.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

Graduate of Sedro Woolley High School -2015.

Community Service

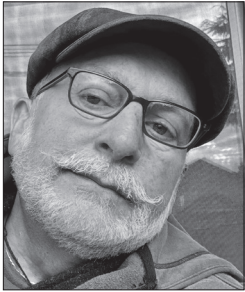
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Statement

My name is Alyssa Ammons and I am very pleased to be able to run for another term on Hamilton's council. I have been on the Towns council for a little over 6 years. Where I have had the privilege to work aside other council members working hard to achieve what's best for our Town. Over the years I have been able to watch and be apart of our town change for the better, becoming so much stronger, united and all around more cleaner (we are not finished yet). It has taken a lot of change to get to where our town is now and there is so much more we can achieve to keep Hamilton going in the right direction we gotta keep moving forward. The heart for this community I have will never change and I want residents to be able to feel the same about the place they call home.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Alyssa Ammons



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Unopposed

Elected Experience

La Conner Town Council Position 3; 4 years; HOA President, San Diego; 8 years

Other Professional Experience

U.S. Navy MCPO (retired), Command Master Chief, Combat Aircrew, 100% Disabled Veteran; Boeing Wire Installation Engineer (retired); IT Engineer, Science Application International Corporation, San Diego CA; IT Project Manager, Washington Mutual Bank, Seattle; Volunteer firefighter, Coupsville WA, 8 years

Education

BS Business Information Systems, University of Phoenix, Class of 2000; ATA Civil Engineering Skagit Valley College, Class of 1982; Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, Naval War College, Class of 1994

Community Service

Taught Ukulele at LC Retirement Inn; Volunteer LC Chamber of Commerce; Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Member

Statement

In my four years as a council member for the Town of La Conner, I have worked to maintain an open and transparent government. As a member of the Communications Committee, we conducted numerous public outreach meeting soliciting input from the community.

After the flood in December 2022, I created the La Conner Emergency Management Commission (EMC), and I sit on the commission as the Council Liaison. The commission has created a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) which did not exist prior to the establishment of the EMC. La Conner is now in a position to deal with a multitude of emergencies.

I am also on the Finance Committee, Long Range Planning/Technology, and the Streets and Safety Committees.

Meeting with town residents and listening to their concerns is one of my top priorities. The mayor, council, town staff, and public works are second to none and our working relationship is excellent, and we focus every day on doing our best for our town.

We have many challenges ahead, but there is no finer place to live than La Conner. I look forward to continuing to serve the people of La Conner.

Candidate statements are printed as submitted and are not edited for factual or grammatical accuracy by the Auditor's Office.



Ginger Cutler

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Elected Experience

Member of CBRG (Cascade Business Referral Group) elected as Secretary for two years.

Other Professional Experience

Business Owner/Operator for 15 years. Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce Member from 2007-2018. Print and Digital Designer for SWCC.

Education

Graduated from Everett High School, Class of 1999. 2 years of College at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. Online in Photography. Student of Sarah Turner's Copywriters Course - Continued Education

Community Service

2007-2018 Events Volunteer for Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce

Statement

Working Together for a Stronger, More Positive Community

I am excited about the opportunity to serve our town and help foster a spirit of unity and optimism. If elected, my goal is to collaborate closely with fellow council members and community residents, ensuring that every voice is heard and valued. I believe that positivity is essential to building a brighter, stronger future for all of us—and I'm committed to leading with that vision every step of the way.



Tammy Buchanan

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Elected Experience

No Elected Experience but so ready too learn what I can do to help my community that I am proud to call my home.

Other Professional Experience

Certified Medical Assistant since 2014; EMT/B 2006-2010; CPR/First aid/AED certified; Mental Health crisis team at Draper Valley/Perdue farms; I belong to the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2069 Sedro-Woolley; Volunteer for the Lyman Car Show.

Education

Sedro-Woolley High School graduated in 1988; Charter College graduated in 2014; National training continuing education every year to stay certified nationally for Medical Assistant certificate.

Community Service

2006-2010 Volunteer FF/EMT-B; Many years I volunteered with staging the horses for the Loggerrodeo parade in Sedro-Woolley.

Statement

Hi My name is Tammy Buchanan and I am happy to have the privilege of running for City council position #1. I have resided in Lyman for 17 years and I am very happy to call it my home. I take pride in my community, for the last 12 years I have volunteered and help organize The Lyman Car and Motorcycle and Craft show but that's not enough I want to be more active with the council, residents and community. I want the residents to have a voice about the pros and cons of our town. I would like to see our community to have pride in our town. I would like to see more volunteers in our town to help out your neighbors when they are in need and have a monthly volunteer clean up crew. I would like to see new things and ideas for our town. I would like to see Lyman Beautiful again! Please reach out if you have any questions about me and what I can do for you and our community this is your time to shine!! You are the voice of our community. Help me make Lyman the best!

Sincerely yours, Tammy B



Jeremy Mast

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Elected Experience

Served 2 terms on the Lyman City Council

Other Professional Experience

Previous owner of JCM Construction. Served 3 years as a safety committee officer for the City of Bellingham.

Education

1995 graduate of Sedro-Woolley High School

Community Service

Volunteered a significant amount of hours in the construction of Lyman Elementary School covered play area. Served 6 years as Steelclaw Wrestling president and volunteer coached for 9 years as well as volunteer coached for SWLL. Planned and aided in the construction of the grandstands for Little League at Riverfront Park.

Statement

I'm Jeremy Mast, and I am seeking re-election for my third term on the Lyman City Council. I am committed to preserving the charm and close-knit nature of our small town, while supporting growth that strengthens our community and maintains the values that make Lyman a great place to live.

My priorities include ensuring the safety and continued prosperity of our town. With my previous experience working with government entities, I bring a practical, commonsense approach to addressing the needs of our community.

I was born and raised in Sedro-Woolley and have been a long-time resident of Lyman. I am currently serving my second term on the Lyman City Council, and I am passionate about building livable, equitable communities. I am dedicated to being a voice for all residents of Lyman, advocating for the best interests of our town.



Erica Hanshaw

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Elected Experience

None.

Other Professional Experience

Currently work in social services in a financial role, assisting families in crisis and managing resources for housing stability. Former employee of the Lyman Post Office. Extensive experience in the medical field. Elected by coworkers to represent them in union contract negotiations, demonstrating leadership and advocacy.

Education

Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration.

Community Service

Support community programs that assist families with housing and financial needs. Actively engage in local outreach to strengthen and build a more resilient community.

Statement

As a near lifelong resident of Lyman, I understand what makes our town special heritage, connection, and a strong sense of belonging. I've chosen to raise my children here because I believe in this community and its future. Now, I'm running for City Council to bring fresh ideas, accountability, and a renewed focus on progress.

With a degree in Healthcare Administration and experience working in social services, I've dedicated my career to helping families navigate challenges and access support. My background also includes time at the Lyman Post Office and in the medical field. These experiences taught me the importance of listening, solving problems, and advocating for others skills I believe belong in local government.

Lyman needs new energy and a City Council that reflects the people it serves. My goal is to ensure your voice is heard and your concerns are addressed with transparency and respect. I want to preserve what we love about our town while helping it grow responsibly.

I'm not a politician, I'm a neighbor, a mom, and someone who deeply cares about our community. I'd be honored to earn your vote and work with you to ensure Lyman's continued success and vitality.

City of Mount Vernon

Proposition No. 1

Levy for Basic Public Safety, Essential Services and Improvements

The Mount Vernon City Council adopted Resolution 1078, concerning funding for essential community services and improvements. This proposition would provide funds for increased essential community services and improvements, including City fire and police personnel, fire equipment and parks maintenance and improvements. It authorizes a maximum regular property tax levy for collection in 2026 of \$2.2537 /\$1,000 of assessed valuation (increased approximately \$0.6525/\$1,000 from 2025). The 2026 levy amount will be used to compute the limitations under RCW 84.55. Qualifying persons are exempt under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Written by City of Mount Vernon

The City of Mount Vernon has proposed a levy lid lift to increase the City's regular property tax levy to fund police personnel, equipment and vehicles, fire personnel and equipment, preserve and improve parks, trails, and maintain parks including community and youth programs.

The City anticipates that without additional revenues, the City will be required to reduce police, fire, and parks services. Rising costs of deferred maintenance and aging infrastructure have outpaced general revenues and negatively impacted the City's general fund. The City anticipates it will require additional funding for public safety (police and fire); parks, park programs and trails in order to avoid service and personnel cuts.

Proposition 1 would increase current levels of police and fire department community safety services including traffic enforcement in school zones and neighborhoods; neighborhood policing; and community crime prevention programs. It would also preserve safe, well-maintained, and accessible parks and trails; playgrounds and play equipment that meet safety standards; playfields and restrooms; and preserve recreation programs for youth, adults, families, and seniors.

If approved by the voters, this proposition would authorize the City to levy property taxes in 2026 at a maximum rate of \$2.2537/\$1000 of assessed value, an increase of approximately \$0.6525/\$1,000 over the 2025 levy rate. This would be an increase of approximately \$1 per day on a \$550,000 home. The 2026 levy amount will be used as the basis to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Exemptions are available for qualifying low-income senior citizens, disabled veterans and other qualifying people with disabilities.

Learn more: skagitcounty.net/Departments/Assessor or 360-416-1780.

Argument For

*Invest in Public Safety and Community Services
Strengthen Emergency Response and Prevention
Preserve Quality of Life in Mount Vernon*

Mount Vernon's safety, livability, and future depend on sustainable, well-funded basic services. Proposition 1 is an investment to sustain public safety through enhancing emergency resources and community services. It provides the funding necessary to improve emergency response, support essential services, and protect the quality of life in our growing community.

Over the years, the cost of providing police, fire, and parks services has increased, while staffing has not kept pace with population growth—resulting in slower emergency response times, outdated equipment, and reduced service levels. Our parks and recreation programs, which foster public health, youth development, and neighborhood safety, have been asked to reduce their budget for 5 years concurrently.

Proposition 1 addresses these urgent needs by modestly adjusting the City's property tax levy. If approved, it would: Fund 6 additional police officers and 9 firefighters; Replace aging fire and emergency equipment; Maintain and improve parks, playgrounds, and recreational programs

This proposal allows Mount Vernon to respond to emergencies faster, invest in crime prevention, and ensure access to quality spaces and programs that keep our community safe, healthy, and connected.

The estimated cost is \$0.65 per \$1,000 of assessed value—about \$325 annually for a home valued at \$500,000. Low-income seniors and disabled veterans would continue to qualify for exemptions. Years of underfunding and reliance on reserves are not sustainable. Vote Yes on Proposition 1 to invest in Mount Vernon's future.

Committee: Yes for a Safe and Healthy Mount Vernon
Committee Spokesperson: Danny Pickering
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Committee Members: Mark Hulst, Mike Luvera

Argument Against

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditors Office to provide a statement. There are no statements against the ballot measure.



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Elected Experience

First time candidate

Other Professional Experience

City of Mount Vernon Civil Service Commissioner
2022-present, Licensed Massage Therapist 1992-present,
Licensed Practical Nurse 2012-present

Education

Mount Vernon High School, Graduate LMT, Seattle
Massage School, Graduate LPN, Bellingham Technical
College

Community Service

Board Directors: Skagit Valley Soccer Referee Association,
Conway Youth Soccer Association, Conway School PTA,
holding Board leadership positions at all. Coach: Conway
Youth Soccer Association, Conway Middle School
Volunteer: Helping Hands Food Bank, Festival of Trees,
Children's Ministry Teacher, Radius Church

Statement

As your Council member, I promise to listen to each resident, hear every concern, and treat all individuals with kindness and dignity. I believe in non-partisan, community-focused local government, and will serve independently and with integrity. I enter public service to make a difference, to help shape a sustainable future for our growing city. Mount Vernon is at a turning point, we face rising demand for housing, strain on infrastructure, and limited financial resources. We need smart, community-centered solutions that preserve our neighborhoods while allowing for thoughtful growth.

Public safety is also top priority. As our population grows, we must ensure that emergency services, traffic safety, and responsive policing keep pace without overspending. This requires planning, transparency, and collaboration. Managing your tax dollars wisely is one of the city's biggest responsibilities. That means setting clear priorities, supporting local businesses, and maintaining infrastructure to meet both current and future needs. I'm not here to promise quick fixes, I'm here to work with you for thoughtful, inclusive and lasting results.

Thank you for your support, I would be honored to earn vote.

No photo
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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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Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

For eight years I have worked for the Washington State Ferries. My professional background includes working with tribal governments to develop renewable energy projects, as an engineer for a spill-response vessel operating in the Arctic, service manager for local agricultural machinery, lead for a response team addressing avian-flu outbreaks, owner of a print-shop, and as an officer on eco-tourism vessels.

Education

Studied Coastal Geography at University of Southeast Alaska

Community Service

Union Steward, volunteer for Bellingham Makerspace teaching and consulting business development, pollution clean-up and monitoring for Riverkeepers, outreach/advocacy for Medicaid navigation, and lobbying governments for working families and fair wages and contracts

Statement

My values are centered upon the promotion of working families to prosper together, administration of our precious resources for a sustainable future, and consideration for the balance of policies without sacrificing the integrity of our community. I believe bringing transparency to the political process is a key to keeping an informed public.

I have advocated for labor and the environment for the entirety of my career, understanding from the ground level how small decisions can make large impacts.

As City Councilor my focus would be on how we administer policy to balance our city's growth and meet our residents' needs. Expansion of affordable housing for working families should be at the forefront of our planning and dialogue. We must expand recreational access for our public to enjoy. Through foresight and deliberate vision we should be building resilience into every part of our city's development. We can embrace progress and hold to the obligations we have to our environment.

Mount Vernon has many tools to improve livability. I'll work to ensure our city meets its responsibilities to residents while honoring the practices that brought us here.



Randy West

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Elected Experience

This will be my first election as a candidate. Fortunately, I learned the Administrative side during the 2006-2008 cycles, when I served as an election official in Loudoun County VA.

Other Professional Experience

I am a veteran who served as a Naval Officer prior to becoming a defense contractor. Upon returning to WA, I became an IT Program Manager for Microsoft & Expedia. Since 2020, I have enjoyed serving the WA State Department of Health as a project manager.

Education

Bates College Lewiston ME; Engineering Physics Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) Dayton OH

Community Service

Habitat for Humanity; Elections officer: Loudoun County VA

Statement

Randy West is a 10-year resident, Navy Veteran, and a State of Washington public servant, running for City Council, Ward 1, Position 2.

With experience in Federal, State, and private sector program management, Randy offers dedicated leadership and a deep understanding of public service for our neighborhood.

Randy's experience has honed skills in problem-solving, strategic planning, and adeptly navigating government – essential for effectively representing Ward 1. He deeply appreciates our community's character and understands its unique challenges and opportunities.

As a former Naval Officer, Randy's background instilled values of service, integrity, and a strong work ethic, principles he will bring to the City Council. Managing complex IT projects has equipped Randy to analyze issues, develop practical solutions, and collaborate effectively.

He is committed to actively listening to residents and championing their priorities. As your responsive advocate on the Mount Vernon City Council, Randy will bring practical solutions.



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Elected Experience

Mayor Appointed: Arts Commissioner for the City of Mount Vernon

Other Professional Experience

My previous experience includes being an MVHS Paraprofessional, SWSD Substitute and Student Teacher, Skagit Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Coordinator, and Statewide Coordinator at Washington Student Engagement Networks.

Education

I have a Diploma from MVHS, AA from Skagit Valley College, BA in Political Science from Central Washington University, Master's in Teaching from Western Washington University (6-12 Certification and Endorsements in Social Studies and Visual Art), and I completed the Sustainable Agriculture Practicum at VIVA Farms.

Community Service

Serves on the Board of Directors at Skagit Gleaners; runs biweekly volunteer orientations at the Gleaners garden

Statement

I am beyond grateful to have grown up surrounded by a strong community here in Mount Vernon. As an educator who has called Mount Vernon home for almost 30 years, I have a deep commitment to serving our community.

I currently serve on the board of Skagit Gleaners and run biweekly volunteer orientations at our community garden, providing hundreds of pounds of food to community members. I am also an Arts Commissioner for the City of Mount Vernon. I work with a team of volunteers to plan projects and create relationships that allow the city to celebrate the diversity of art within our community.

My priorities include increasing affordable housing, improving public transportation access, creating safe and walkable neighborhoods, developing more bike and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, empowering small businesses, and encouraging environmental sustainability to protect our forests and farmland. I am committed to building a safer and more equitable community for all of Mount Vernon, where everyone can thrive.

The high prices for housing, gas, and groceries are harming working families, and we deserve strong local leaders who will work tirelessly to address our community's everyday concerns.

I would be honored to earn your vote.



Adam Pearson

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Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Partnerships & Business Development @ Katalyst; past Director of Global Marketing Operations @ SAP Concur; past Chief of Staff to the President & COO @ Intellectual Ventures; past Sr. Analyst, Corporate Strategy & Development @ Washington Mutual

Education

B.A. Business Administration, University of Washington; A.A. Skagit Valley College; Graduate Certificate in Commercial Real Estate Development, University of Washington

Community Service

Citizen Advisor for Housing, Land Use & Transportation @ MV Comprehensive Plan; Design Committee Chair @ MV Downtown Association; past board member @ Powerful Schools; past assistant baseball coach @ Stanwood HS; past breakfast volunteer @ ROOTS Young Adult Shelter

Statement

Mount Vernon is our home. My wife Chelsea and I have been happily married for 19 years and are raising our children in the Hillcrest neighborhood. As a 5th generation Mount Vernon resident, I'm running for City Council to help create a more resilient and prosperous future for our city and residents.

For two decades I've partnered with C-level executives to drive business success, managed nine-figure budgets, and led complex initiatives in the private sector. I've built a career on listening closely, thinking critically, and bringing people together to solve hard problems. As a small-scale real estate developer, local housing provider, and active community member, I'm invested in making Mount Vernon a more vibrant place to call home. At the same time, I'm keenly aware of our affordability crisis and myriad challenges faced by builders, homebuyers, landlords, and tenants alike.

Now, I want to put my experience to work for Mount Vernon—helping our city navigate significant fiscal challenges while preserving what makes it special and planning wisely for the future.

In an age of political division, the role of City Council remains non-partisan. I believe empathy, teamwork, and shared purpose should guide our local government, and I'd be honored serve.



Melissa Beaton

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Elected Experience

Mount Vernon City Councilmember, 2018–present; Mayor Pro Tem, 2020, 2025; Skagit County Clerk, 2019–present

Other Professional Experience

Skagit County Superior Court, Court Manager, 1998–2018; Washington State Association of County Clerks, President; Washington Association of County Officials, Board Member; Chair of Development Services and Public Safety Committees; member of Traffic Safety, Fireworks, and Voting Rights committees

Education

Skagit Valley College, AAUCT; Leadership Skagit; Certified Court Manager, National Center for State Courts

Community Service

Skagit Rotary President; Community Action of Skagit County, Board Member; past Board Member, YMCA; past member of Mount Vernon School District Citizens Advisory & Facilities Committees and ICRS School Commission

Statement

I'm humbled and grateful for the trust Mount Vernon residents have placed in me. Serving on City Council has been a true privilege, and I'm seeking a third term to continue working together for the good of our community.

As a lifelong Skagitonian, I care deeply about Mount Vernon's future. Our city faces important challenges—including housing, public safety, infrastructure, and maintaining a balanced budget—and I remain committed to addressing them with transparency, innovation, and wise stewardship of taxpayer dollars. I've supported efforts to improve public safety facilities, update city code expanding access to affordable housing, and investing in projects like the Mount Vernon Library Commons. City Council is a nonpartisan role, and I'll continue working collaboratively with the mayor and fellow council members to deliver practical services to residents of all backgrounds and beliefs.

Our city is growing, and we must plan wisely. That means making thoughtful decisions today to ensure Mount Vernon remains livable, inclusive, safe, and economically resilient tomorrow. I will continue to draw on my years of proven leadership, local insight, and an unwavering commitment to serve our residents and our business communities.

It's been an honor serving, and I hope to earn your trust again.

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Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I am currently unable to run. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for their support.



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Elected Experience

City Council 2021-Present

Other Professional Experience

14 years at Janicki as Production Lead, Maintenance/ Millwright Mgr., Lead Ops Support Specialist, & Environmental Health & Safety Mgr. 10 years of yacht manufacturing as an ABYC Electrician, Lead of Mechanical Installations, and Project Manager. Supported a 180-acre organic beef farm.

Education

UW OHS Center in Seattle gaining 3 Advance Certificates as well as studies at SVC and other institutions in the fields of safety, computer technology, and more.

Community Service

I've served wherever I can, from the food bank to filling sandbags, from helping with parades, to putting on shows. There's always somewhere to volunteer.

Statement

I've enjoyed being on the council and have learned a lot about how a city works. It's important to choose 7 elected people to help with watching out for how our taxes are spent. To work with the executive branch on making policy that works for Sedro-Woolley. To be a voice when the community comes out to voice concerns against projects like the Fully Contained Communities or the BESS battery station, and so much more.

There's been a big push from Olympia to have Sedro-Woolley join in the plans set forth by larger cities with more representatives. But here we have something great. From champions in our schools to leaders of industry, everything Sedro-Woolley does seems to become better than we ever hoped. We are home of Washington's oldest running parade, and we are the gateway to the cascades. Our own non-profits like Helping Hands and Family Promise have exceeded expectations in meeting the needs of our seniors and families for the cost and shine as examples. Our first responders are top-notch, and we have the 2nd safest city in the state because our police care.

It's truly been an honor serving and I hope to continue. Thank you.



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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Five years Sedro-Woolley City Council; 2-term Mayor Pro Tem.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

I am a proud Sedro-Woolley High School graduate and graduate of Bellingham Beauty School as a Clinical Aesthetician.

Community Service

President and Executive Director of the Sedro-Woolley Museum, Sedro-Woolley Rotarian, and Past Vice President of The Sedro-Woolley Chamber. Organized necessities for homeless Veterans, volunteered with the Open Door Community Kitchen, served as president of my children's school Booster Club and youth cheer coach.

Statement

For the past five years, I've served as your Council Member for Ward 2 and as a two-term Mayor Pro Tem. I've been proud to stand up for the values and traditions that make Sedro-Woolley a strong, close-knit community.

During that time, I've watched the City Council's role diminish as local decisions are increasingly shaped by outside influences, particularly from Olympia and the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). The AWC often promotes one-size-fits-all policies, with a focus on raising property taxes, ideas that don't reflect the unique needs of Sedro-Woolley. Too often, these agendas are pushed forward with backing from our own city administration. That's not the Woolley Way.

We know what works here because we live it every day and we're committed to protecting it.

That's why a majority of us on the Council including some currently running for re-election have taken a strong stand. When it came to the 1590 tax funding, we fought to ensure those dollars went to proven, boots-on-the-ground organizations truly making a difference in our city. Not into costly, unproven programs with little oversight.

We believe in teamwork, transparency, and putting Sedro-Woolley first. Let's protect local control and move forward together.



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Elected Experience

Former President, Northwest Washington Section, American Planning Association; Former Treasurer, Tribal Transportation Planning Organization

Other Professional Experience

Compliance Manager, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; Planner and Emergency Manager, Samish Indian Nation; Adjunct Professor, Western Oregon University

Education

La Conner High School graduate; MA, Religion, University of Aberdeen, Scotland; MA, Anthropology, Western Washington University

Community Service

Helping Hands Food Bank; Skagit Trail Builders; Skagit Land Trust; Ben's Fund Autism Grant: Helping people with autism reach their full potential.

Statement

I'm running for Sedro-Woolley City Council to help our town grow responsibly, protect our small-town character, and create opportunities for residents to thrive. Sedro-Woolley is expected to grow in the coming years, and I am committed to ensuring that growth benefits our working families and all who call this community home. Growth doesn't have to mean losing our identity; we have the opportunity to strengthen it if we plan wisely.

With a background in community planning, government finance, and emergency management, I bring the experience needed to make informed, strategic decisions. Throughout my career, I've helped governments use data and community input to guide policy. I know what it takes. As your next city council member, I will work to improve our quality of life through effective planning and responsible fiscal management.

Born and raised in the Skagit Valley, I am proud to call Sedro-Woolley my home. My priorities include supporting our city's downtown businesses, strengthening infrastructure and services, and improving efficiency. I believe in transparency and accountability, and will work to keep government decision-making accessible and responsive to the community.

I respectfully ask for your vote. Together, we can keep Sedro-Woolley a place we're all proud to call home.



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Elected Experience

Currently serving as City Council Member Ward 3; Mayor Pro Tem 2022; Mayor Pro Tem 2024

Other Professional Experience

20 years experience in sales, marketing, new business development, project management (international/domestic), contract negotiations, management, legal research. 8 years in agriculture working with local farmers.

Education

Graduate of Sedro-Woolley High School; Graduate of Pacific Lutheran University with B.A. in Communications - Public Relations and Sports Administration.

Community Service

NW Crushers Fastpitch coach/board member; Sedro-Woolley Little League coach/board member; Coordination of Baseball State Tournament hosted by SWLL; Seattle Children's Hospital spokes family; Volunteered at Helping Hands Food Bank, Sedro-Woolley Boot the Burn, Charities supporting homeless veterans, Elementary classrooms.

Statement

My roots run deep in the Sedro-Woolley community. I am committed to preserving the values that make our town special.

I will continue to support and nurture our small businesses while exploring opportunities to attract new industry and jobs. Economic development is key to creating a strong, balanced tax base and a thriving community.

Growth is inevitable. However, residential growth must be responsible and equitable, with a clear focus on ensuring our schools, infrastructure, and city departments can support that growth effectively; without putting additional burden on taxpayers. Our children deserve a future built on thoughtful planning and community investment.

I will advocate for the development and maintenance of parks and recreational areas that will enrich lives, support local businesses, and help the community flourish.

I support our first responders—police, fire, and emergency personnel is essential. They work tirelessly to keep our community safe and deserve the resources and respect necessary to do their jobs well.

Sedro-Woolley is home to hard-working families who deserve a clean, safe place to live, work, and play. I will continue to be their voice and serve with integrity, ensuring we preserve our small-town charm, values, and traditions while building a brighter, more sustainable future.



Joe Burns

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Elected Experience

Incumbent City Council Member for Ward 6, serving my first term.

Other Professional Experience

Automotive Shop Foreman at Rallye Auto Sales

Education

College of Southern Idaho, Gas and Diesel Automotive Service Technologies

Community Service

Board of Directors President: Helping Hands Food Bank, Board Member: Skagit Transit, and Central United Methodist Church, Member/former President: Lions Club. I helped revive the Sedro-Woolley Log Drive, a longtime tradition that vanished over three decades ago. It now supports childhood cancer treatment and Camp Korey. My wife and I also volunteer with the Lions Club to help run the Loggerodeo Grand Parade every 4th of July. We love our hyphenated city!

Statement

Four years ago, I was honored to be chosen as the City Council candidate for both parties. Since then, I've worked hard to live up to that trust. I'm a regular guy who shows up, works hard, and puts our community first.

During my time on the council, Sedro-Woolley became the second safest city in Washington. We supported small businesses, rebuilt Memorial Park, and increased our city's cash reserves to 30%. We are prepared for unforeseen financial challenges while looking toward a brighter future.

I've pushed back on state mandates that would harm our town's character, while also working to create affordable housing for all generations. I've supported the YMCA Youth Drop-In Center, helped Family Promise, and partnered with Helping Hands to lift up local families.

I believe in common-sense government and protecting what makes Sedro-Woolley a great place to raise a family. I am not just fighting for you and your family. I am fighting for our families, our freedom, and our future. It's been a privilege to serve, and I respectfully ask for your vote to continue the work. Thank you.

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Elected Experience

Served on Sedro-Woolley City Council, 2018–2022

Other Professional Experience

Worked in aerospace, federal land use, and technical theater education. Former board member: Northwest Workforce Council and nonprofit groups focused on food access, safety, and grants. Small business owner.

Education

Graduate of the school of hard knocks—self-taught, community-tested, and always learning.

Community Service

With neighbors, founded RISE to support youth wellness and positive activities. Supporter of Boys & Girls Club. Help organize Summer Concert Series at Riverfront Park and the Sedro-Woolley Skateboard Challenge. Member of Sedro-Woolley Rotary and Eagles Aerie #2069. Volunteer Sedro-Woolley Senior Center.

Statement

Ellen and I live in Ward 6 with our two dogs, two cats, and a big, lively family of eight young adult kids. We've put down roots here—drawn by a sense of community, small-town values, and the kind of place where generations look out for one another.

I served on the City Council from 2018 to 2022, and I am running again because there's unfinished work to do—on housing, local jobs, and the infrastructure our town needs. This is about strengthening what works, fixing what doesn't, and making sure change reflects our small-town character—not replaces it.

Sedro-Woolley deserves momentum, not maintenance. I bring steady leadership, practical experience, and a people-first approach. I have worked across generations and across differences to build partnerships, solve problems, and deliver results that matter here at home. I listen carefully, work collaboratively, and show up ready to be your voice—rooted in service, not politics.

I am proud to be endorsed by State Representative Sam Low of the 39th District, the Northwest Building Trades, and a growing list of neighbors in our community. I would be honored to earn your vote.



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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Anacortes School Board, Vice President, 2021 - present

Other Professional Experience

Librarian at the Anacortes Public Library since 2015. Previously worked as a Class Act instructor at ACT Theatre, college writing and drama instructor at multiple universities, as well as in marketing and development for non-profits.

Education

Master of Information and Library Science, San Jose State University; Master of English, La Sierra University; B.A. Speech Communication, Walla Walla University; Certificate of Merit, RADA.

Community Service

ACT volunteer serving on the Education Committee, schools volunteer for clubs, after school programs, Scholastic book fairs, and anything youth related.

Statement

Success begins with a dynamic education—one that encourages students to think critically, act with intention, and stay curious. I'm committed to ensuring our schools inspire and support every student to reach their full potential. For the past four years, I've served as a school board director, working closely with students to hear their perspectives and learn from their experiences.

I've stayed focused on student-centered decision-making, even in the face of serious financial challenges. I've worked alongside fellow board members, district leaders, students, educators, and families to make tough choices—while also seeking out partnerships and community opportunities to find creative solutions. I understand the board's responsibility to steward resources wisely as we navigate state and federal budget shortfalls. I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and work together to find innovative solutions together.

I'm a strong advocate for all students in Anacortes to have the supports they need to meet their goals. I'll continue to elevate student voices and prioritize equity and inclusion so every student feels safe, valued, and part of our schools.

I will keep listening. I will continue learning. I will connect—with you—to ensure our students are resilient, inspired, and ready for the future.



Monica Vivanco

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Board Member of Children of the Valley, A non-profit organization

Other Professional Experience

My background may not include formal education, but I have extensive practical experience working in educational settings for over 12 years in SWSD as a Family Advocate and the program secretary for the Migrant/Multilingual Program.

Education

High School Diploma, MVHS

Community Service

Dedicated years of service to the Apostolic Assembly as a Worship Leader, Youth Leader and Sunday School teacher. Volunteer contributor for The Mrs. V (Isabel Villanueva-Vivanco) Memorial Scholarship, helping provide opportunities for graduating seniors at B-EHS.

Statement

My name is Monica Vivanco. I was born in Mexico and proudly raised in Skagit County—a community I now call home. My roots are grounded in both my Mexican heritage and the values I've grown up with here: family, faith, and service. I'm married to Estevan Vivanco Meza and together we're raising our two sons, Alonzo (5) and Emiliano (2), with a strong sense of community and belief in the power of education.

As a parent and active member of a nonprofit that serves students facing educational barriers, I believe time is the most valuable gift we can offer—and I've chosen to dedicate mine to making a meaningful impact. My sons inspire me to advocate for a system where all students—regardless of background, language, or circumstance—have equitable access to opportunity, support, and a quality education. I see the challenges many families face, and I'm committed to helping bridge those educational gaps.

I'm running for the Burlington-Edison School Board to ensure every student feels seen, valued, supported, and empowered. I bring a fresh, lived perspective and a deep commitment to equity. Working with fellow board members and the superintendent, I'll continue to promote leadership, innovation, and inclusive growth.



Shayna Campbell

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

BESD District 5 Director 2023-2025

Other Professional Experience

8 years community banking. Currently employed with Skagit County Public Works as an Administrative professional.

Education

Western Washington University (2009) B.A. English Literature with an emphasis in Secondary Education

Community Service

Burlington Edison Youth Football & Cheer League- VP at Large, Head Cheer Coach. Skagit Gleaners - Member. Past-Skagit County All-Comers Track Meet volunteer.

Statement

I'm honored to seek re-election as your Burlington-Edison School Board Director for District 5. As a parent with two children in the district, I'm deeply invested in ensuring our schools provide safe, inclusive, and high-quality learning environments for every student.

During my time on the board, I've worked hard to navigate school consolidation and tough budget decisions—always prioritizing students while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Despite challenges, we preserved essential educational programs and continued to deliver strong academic outcomes.

I'm committed to transparency, thoughtful leadership, and policies that support student success, educator retention, and meaningful family engagement. I believe collaboration between families, staff, and administration is key to a thriving school system.

Outside of board service, you'll find me cheering & coaching at local youth sports and engaging in our local community. I'm proud of the progress we've made and excited for the work ahead. With your support, I will continue to advocate for our students and community with integrity and dedication.

**Pam Snavelly**

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Unopposed**Elected Experience**

No elected experience. Currently filling a vacated District 1, Concrete School Board assignment, through November 2025.

Other Professional Experience

Puget Sound Energy, since 2001, in a variety of administrative, team, and leadership positions, at the Baker River Hydroelectric Project. Customer service and Hospitality.

Education

Multiple Vocational certifications, including Bellingham Vocational Technical Institute Certification in Data Entry/Secretarial/Business; University of Washington Occupational Safety Health Administration Education Center- Certificate for Safety & Health General Industry Specialist.

Community Service

Search and Rescue volunteer, with East County Water Rescue, since 2014, under the Skagit County Sheriff's Office. Volunteer church work.

Statement

As a long-time resident of Concrete, and a former student, ASB officer, athlete, and honor student, at Concrete School District, I believe in commitment, truth, hard work, and strong biblical, and ethical values. I believe that the school should be the center of a healthy community. I feel that each person needs to be involved, where they are able to be, so that our youth can be prepared for a quickly changing world. Children deserve to be educated in a safe and healthy school environment.



Krysti Coggins
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Elected Experience
Going on 5 years in Concrete, WA, and I am actively involved in local organizations and a parent of students within the district. I am running because I believe we can create a brighter future for our students through collaborative efforts and a shared vision.

Other Professional Experience
I have a background in healthcare with experience in sports medicine and leadership roles, which I believe will be valuable in supporting our students and schools.

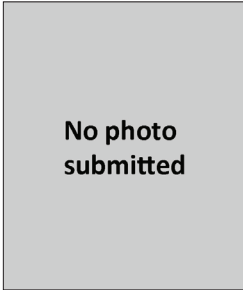
Education
I hold 3 medical licensures and am in the process of gaining a BS in public health.

Community Service
I volunteer at our church for vacation bible school.

Statement
My name is Krysti Coggins, and I am honored to be a candidate for the School Board at the Concrete School District. I am currently a parent within the school district where I have had the privilege of being involved in many of the school sports. I have had the title of “Team Mom”, “Team Nurse”, and “Biggest Fan”.

I am known for my integrity, dedication, loyalty and leadership, and I am committed to bringing these values to my role as a school board member. My approach is always doing what is best for the students and having their best interest at heart, which I believe is essential for fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment between the school district and the community.

If elected, my primary goals are to enhance student engagement, improve financial stability, and improve support centered around our athletics department. I am particularly focused on addressing special needs of student athletes, and I strive to collaborate with the rest of the board members and school staff to help students and our community to feel more comfortable with the decisions of the school district. Thank you for considering my candidacy.



Janet Culver
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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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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Conway School Board Representative 2023- current

Other Professional Experience

Family Nurse Practitioner at Mount Vernon Family Health

Education

Masters of science in Nursing, University of Cincinnati,
Bachelors of science in Nursing, University of Cincinnati,
Bachelors of Arts in Psychology, Western Washington
University.

Community Service

Volunteer nurse practitioner, Safe Harbor free clinic.
Women's church ministry, New Life Christian Church.

Statement

I am proud to call this community home, and for the past ten years, my children have been a part of the Conway School District. As a parent and longtime resident, I deeply value our family-oriented atmosphere and am committed to preserving the roots that make Conway such a special place to live and learn. My goal is to support our school and ensure that our district continues to reflect the values and traditions that unite us as a community.



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Unopposed

Elected Experience

2017 - Present / Conway School Board

Other Professional Experience

Hughes Farms family member: 1983 – Present, Resource to various Skagit County Agricultural organizations

Education

Washington State University Graduate (1981); Mount Vernon High School; Conway School District

Community Service

2016 - Present / Skagit County Planning Commission

Statement

Conway School District is a treasured part of our community. I believe a rural environment provides an excellent foundation to help children reach their full potential. Additionally, I believe every child has the right to a positive and safe learning environment.

Eight years ago, I became a member of the Conway School Board and education continues to change in every way imaginable! Our District has a strong Administration team that has provided stability during these busy years of financial, curricular, and overall educational changes. I am proud of their leadership!

School financial change is ongoing, and I have attended monthly Washington State School Director meetings to stay informed and updated about current events. Our rural district must continue to be fiscally responsible to our taxpayers.

I grew up in the Conway community, raised by educators who guided our local schools. I was involved during our children's education and now I'm looking forward to being involved in the future education our grandchildren will experience!

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our community and I appreciate your vote.

**Susan Gardner Deyo**

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Unopposed**Elected Experience**

Experienced La Conner School Board Director since March 2019.

Other Professional Experience

Successful Global Sales VP at IBM, with over 40 years in Software Sales experience leading teams in the US, Europe, Middle East, Russia, and Africa, retiring in 2022.

Education

Graduated from La Conner High School in 1978 and the University of Washington, School of Business in 1982.

Community Service

My family has been in the La Conner farming community since 1869. My husband Tim and I reside on our family farm. We have two sons who live in the area with their families.

Statement

With experience of serving on the School Board, I see the impact of a positive relationship between the school board and the School Superintendent with student success, as we work as a collaborative team. I am committed to the mission of our school strategic plan to strengthen excellence in education as we focus on all students, so they are able to launch into their next level of career and education options.

As a leader on the school board, my intention is to provide leadership and guidance to our school superintendent, setting policy directions, and instilling fiscal responsibility to improve our financial position. I continually engage and listen to our community, staff and students as we focus on incremental improvements in academic student success and a positive learning environment.



James Stewart

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Elected Experience

Served 2 years on Mount Vernon Planning Committee; PCO from 2015-2016; State Caucus Delegate for 2016 Presidential Election

Other Professional Experience

CMO and Co-Owner of Claim Climbers - Veterans Disability and Medical Evidence Company - Downtown Mount Vernon; GOHUNT - Head of Data, Analytics and Growth; Realtor.com - Sr. Director of Marketing Analytics; Adobe - Solution Consultant

Education

Sedro-Woolley High School Graduate; Skagit Valley College

Community Service

Eagle Scout Project - Walking track at Clear Lake Elementary School; Jefferson Elementary School Parent Group President; Jefferson Elementary Playground Remodel - Point of Light Grant

Statement

I am a Skagit Valley Local who has a long history of working and volunteering with our Schools. In 2003 my Eagle Scout project was building a walking track for Clear Lake Elementary School. More recently my wife and I relaunched the Jefferson Elementary Parent Group (2023) and ran the Jefferson Elementary Playground Beatification Project (funded by the Points of Light Grant and Lowes). With two daughters in MVSD (middle school and elementary school) and two nieces at MVHS I am personally invested in our school's ability to support the needs of our students at every level. As a business owner in downtown Mount Vernon I spend my days helping Veterans with their VA Disability filings. My goal is to help my community be the best it can be in every facet possible. I would be honored to bring my voice, and yours, to the MVSD School Board and ensure we are helping the district serve the community. Thank you for your consideration.



Christopher Gudger-Raines

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Elected Experience

Mount Vernon School Board, appointed August 2024. Briefly served Ridgefield (WA) Parks Board until COVID.

Other Professional Experience

United Methodist Pastor for 19 years, serving 8 congregations in 6 different communities. Previously worked in a children's home, young adult mission program coordinator, program assistant at a church in the UK, and UPS.

Education

Bluefield High School (WV); King College, BA (1997); Drew Theological School, M. Div (2006); Leadership Clark County (2017) and Leadership Skagit (2022)

Community Service

Volunteered with Community Action. Actively support Welcome Home Skagit and Family Promise. Volunteer in local schools as lunch buddy, family support & reading helper. Coordinated literacy summer day camp.

Statement

It has been an honor to serve the Mount Vernon School District. It has been a gift to our family since moving to Magic Skagit in 2021. Public education is America's greatest gift to the world and the greatest investment a community can make. Quality public education lifts the entire community. It is a right owed to every child and an investment that pays dividends long into the future.

I have seen the spark that education adds to a student's life: confidence that comes with skill and knowledge. The spark is the belief that their dreams can actually come to fruition and that their efforts really do pay off. I want everyone on Earth to find that spark.

Our challenges are many. How do we reach every student: the multi-lingual learner, the special ed student, the homeless student? How do we adequately support the 1000 teachers and employees that make this high ideal a reality? It's not easy.

Mount Vernon schools inspire me. We cannot let this gift slip out of our hands. I feel great responsibility to pass on what was given to me: an education that inspires and equips each student for a life of meaning and fulfillment.



Sammy Solano Rivera

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Elected Experience

N/A

Other Professional Experience

Various landscaping jobs, Mount Vernon Speech & Debate (State finalist), Championship of Diversity award recipient

Education

Mount Vernon High School graduate

Community Service

Skagit County Teen Court (Volunteering, jury duty), MVHS Kiwanis Key Club (Community service, volunteering, ground clean-ups), Fundraising and volunteering with MVHS Debate + Other volunteering for the community

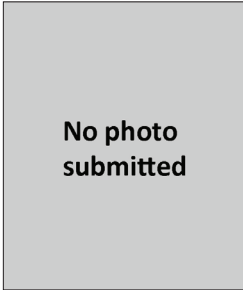
Statement

My name is Sammy Solano Rivera, and I am running for the MVSD School Board because I believe it's time for meaningful change — a change centered around *equity, equality, and representation*.

For far too long, the current board has overlooked the real and persistent issues of inequity within our schools. These aren't just abstract concepts; they are daily realities that affect students' opportunities, access to resources, and overall well-being. I have experienced this firsthand, as someone who has been part of this school community and understands what students and families are going through right now.

It's time to bring a *younger voice to the table* — someone who is connected, informed, and unafraid to advocate for what's right. I represent a generation that has lived the consequences of inaction. I know the gaps, I've felt the impact, and I'm ready to work toward solutions that are inclusive and just for every student, regardless of background.

If elected, I will fight to ensure our policies are fair, our resources are distributed equitably, and that every voice — especially those often unheard — has a seat at the table. Together, we can build a school system that truly works for *everyone*.



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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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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Appointed School Board Director 2012 Mount Vernon School District 320; Elected School Board Director 2014-17, 2018-21, 2022-25 Mount Vernon School District

Other Professional Experience

Principal Owner, The Otos Group, LLC. Consulting for Governmental Affairs, Grant Writing, Public Speaking, Park Planning and Team Building Analysis; Former Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Mount Vernon

Education

Western Washington University, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Parks and Recreation Management; Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA): WSSDA Leadership Certificate

Community Service

Western Washington University Alumni Association - Past President; Skagit Valley Pickleball Club - Past President; Skagit Regional Hospital Foundation - Past President; Mount Vernon School Board - President

Statement

I am honored to announce my candidacy for re-election as your School Board Director. Over the past terms, I have dedicated myself to ensuring our students thrive and our community prospers through innovative educational strategies and focused leadership. I am grateful for your trust and proud to have almost completed a multi-million-dollar bond project that has transformed our learning environments, paving the way for safe, modern, and inspiring spaces where children learn and grow.

Looking ahead, the Board, Superintendent and I are excited to launch a new strategic plan to elevate every facet of our district. Working closely with our new Superintendent, we are committed to pursuing 100% graduation rates by providing personalized support and rich educational opportunities for every student. Our mission goes beyond academic success; it aims to cultivate lifelong learners prepared to meet tomorrow's challenges with confidence. I pledge to foster transparent communication and community collaboration as we drive lasting improvements.

With your support, we will build on our achievements and face future challenges with unity and determination. I sincerely ask for your vote for re-election, trusting that together we will create a brighter future for every student and our community. Your support transforms our shared future.



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Elected Experience

Served on Sedro-Woolley School Board from 1997-2017, including serving as board president 2005-2017.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

Everett Community College; AA Engineering, Forestry; ATA Forest Technology

Community Service

Served on SWSD capital projects bond committee. Member of 2024-2025 SWSD long range facilities plan committee. Long time volunteer with Sedro-Woolley Little League as a coach, umpire, and league officer including league president. Girls fastpitch softball was started here during my tenure as president.

Statement

With the recent resignations of two veteran board members and the loss of the superintendent, there is a huge lack of experienced leadership in the district. After the upcoming elections there could be four new board members and either a new superintendent or an interim, with a search for the new one happening next winter. I am running for this board position to provide experience and stability during the transition and learning curve with all these changes. I served on the board from 1997-2017, including thirteen years as the board president. During that time, I participated in the search process and hiring of two superintendents. I know the role of a board member and understand how school district operations and budgets work. The focus of the district needs to be redirected back to providing the best educational opportunity for every student and being fiscally responsible for our taxpayers' money! I have four grandchildren attending school here, so I have a very personal stake in this district. I have lived in this community for a long time and will represent our local values. Let's work to give our students the best education we can.



Brent Schiefelbein

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Elected Experience

Sedro-Woolley School Board Representative for Director District 1, 2021-Present; WIAA Representative for Sedro-Woolley School Board, 2023-Present; Former Inspire Church Treasurer (6 years)

Other Professional Experience

City of Sedro-Woolley Public Works Maintenance Operator (10 years)

Education

Sedro-Woolley High School graduate 2004; College Coursework, Skagit Valley College; Rhema Bible Training Center Coursework with an emphasis in youth ministry

Community Service

Sedro-Woolley High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Sedro-Woolley Youth Football Coach, Sedro-Woolley 10U Assistant Baseball Coach, previous board member of Inspire Church for 12 years, and previous volunteer firefighter, Skagit County District 8, for four years.

Statement

I am honored to have served on the school board for the past four years, and I would like to continue to be the voice you can count on to fight for Sedro-Woolley families. In my first term, I advocated for actions that improve student learning, provide safe and functional facilities, and for common sense in decision making. I am committed to defending traditional values and keeping our district focused on students and their education, not politics.

I will continue to be a voice for parents who feel unheard, and to take a balanced, reasonable approach that prioritizes student success, fiscal responsibility, and common-sense leadership. I want our students to improve academically and to be work-ready with CTE experience right out of high school. I am committed to maximizing the value of our tax dollars, ensuring they are used efficiently to maintain our facilities and create comfortable, well-equipped learning environments for students.

Sedro-Woolley is my home. I was born and raised here, have lived here my entire life, and both of my kids are currently attending elementary school within the district.

Let's keep moving in the right direction - vote for Brent Schiefelbein so the district continues to grow stronger.



Tom Taylor

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Elected Experience

First time candidate for school board, with experience as Elected Student Body VP, Olympic College

Other Professional Experience

Experienced Sales Manager – 11 years multi industry; Previous Owner/Manager of successful E-Commerce business

Education

College coursework, Olympic College, 1991; Bachelor of Arts in History, University of Redlands, 1994; Certified in Financial Compliance and Insurance; Trained in staffing practices, financial statement analysis, budget adherence; Current General Manager continuing education coursework

Community Service

Previous: Volunteer Firefighter/EMT for Skagit County Fire District 9; Volunteer coach for Sedro-Woolley Little League, Arlington Youth Football Association; VIP Fundraiser for Leukemia Lymphoma Society; Watch D.O.G.S, Big Lake Elementary

Statement

I am a dedicated, full-time dad of a Sedro-Woolley High School student, and I believe academic achievement truly matters. We have seen an alarming, steady decline in student test scores and I believe this trend warrants our utmost attention. Student success should be the cornerstone of our education system and the school district must manage their budget responsibly to support student learning, without relying on taxpayers to bail them out.

My priorities on the school board will be finding and placing the best superintendent to properly lead the district forward; making sure the budget is responsibly maintained; making measured improvements in student success; and improving transparency in communication with the community to gain and maintain trust.

I address issues in my life both professionally and personally with honest self-assessments and open communication and I will bring those qualities to the school board. I also bring balance to the board as a parent, a professional, and a highly qualified positive role model, focused on paving the path forward for students and the community.

I am proud of my volunteer service to the community at school, as coach, and firefighter/EMT and I would be honored to receive your vote to continue serving



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Elected Experience

Appointed SWSD Board April 2025

Other Professional Experience

Pharmacist for 38 years, former owner Makers Compounding Pharmacy & Fran's Hallmark Store. Current owner The Learning Ladder Child Development Center. Former board member of Hospice of the Northwest, Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding & The LDN Research Trust.

Education

University of Washington School of Pharmacy (1987); Highline Community College (1984); Mount Rainier High School (1981); Fellowship Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding; Fellowship American College of Apothecaries; Fellowship American College of Veterinary Pharmacists; Fellowship American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine

Community Service

Sedro-Woolley School District 101 Levy Co-chair 2008, 2013; Big Lake Parent Group 2000-2012; Community Loaves Baker; Aging Mastery Program

Statement

My family moved to Skagit Valley in 1995 to open an early childhood educational program once called Tutor Time, now named The Learning Ladder Child Development Center, which provides care for children birth to 12. We raised our 4 children in Big Lake, all of whom graduated from SWHS. I served on the Big Lake Parent Group for 12 years, facilitating growth and changes in the educational system that continue today.

I am honored to serve as District 3 director of the Sedro-Woolley School Board. I chose to apply for the school board position because listening to the community is important to understand what we are doing well and what we can improve upon. We will be balancing the district's budget, hiring a CFO and a Superintendent. My experience as a well-trusted community pharmacist & pharmacy owner has shown me that *people don't care how much you know, until you show them how much you care*. This has been especially true while serving on local, national and international boards. All of this has granted me insight and perspective into what is essential for the success of our schools and students while simultaneously addressing the tough issues.



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Elected Experience

First time candidate for public office with 2 years of family participation in school board meetings and 6 years volunteering for schools.

Other Professional Experience

Currently working in Maintenance & Facilities for Burlington-Edison School District Production Lead and Maintenance Lead for Janicki Industries

Education

Graduate of Eastmont High in East Wenatchee, WA. College Coursework in Agriculture-Business, Spokane Community College

Community Service

Mary Purcell classroom volunteer; WatchDog, and active parent group member and volunteer. Mary Purcell Field Day volunteer (4 years), Coaching for Sedro-Woolley Youth Soccer Association (3 years), Coaching softball for Sedro-Woolley Little League (3 years), and assistant coach for SWISH basketball/Club Hoop (4 years).

Statement

I am a dad, a neighbor, and "Coach Brad," and I want to be the voice for my daughter and her peers to champion their right to a good education. I'm actively involved on the field, in the classroom, and at district meetings. I recognize the challenges/opportunities facing our students.

More than half of our students are below grade level. I've seen graduates that can't spell everyday words; for example, *nail* is spelled "nale." My own daughter struggles with core subjects. And yet, in some cases, homework has been cut to save money.

With an \$89M budget, we're spending far too much for students to be struggling with fundamentals. *We need to get back to the basics.* I've coached many students; they're smart, capable, and full of potential. Our focus should be on student success. I'll push for smart spending, strong academic support, and real community involvement where all voices are heard.

I needed help when I was a student, and my dad fought for me. With your support, I will fight for all students, especially the kids that are behind.

Let's work together and set up every child in Sedro-Woolley for success. Vote Brad Worley for School Board!

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Elected Experience

First time candidate for public office, following 6 years as past Evergreen Booster President, and current Cascade Middle School Parent Group President

Other Professional Experience

Medical Billing and Records Coordinator

Education

Concrete High School Salutatorian; Skagit Valley College 2017-2019 (AA- Business Management); Skagit Valley College 2019-2020 (B.S- Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Management); Organization Leadership; Non Profit Leadership Certification; Continuous non-profit and organizational Leadership training.

Community Service

Sedro-Woolley Youth Football and Cheer Secretary; North Cascade Youth Football Secretary and Cheer Coordinator; SVC Treasurer; Rugby Wa Treasurer; Evergreen Booster President and Treasurer, NMA Pointskeeper; SVC Student Body President; SVC Student Council; SWSD Facilities Committee

Statement

As a proud parent of two children in the Sedro-Woolley School District, I'm committed to ensuring our schools remain focused on what matters most: educating our children, supporting our teachers, and reflecting the values of our community. I believe in strong families, responsible leadership, and local accountability.

I'm running for School Board to be a strong, steady voice for families and students. My meaningful engagement in our schools has granted me valuable insight into the daily experiences of students, educators, and parents alike. I support transparent decision-making and believe that schools should focus on core academics, fiscal responsibility, and safe, respectful learning environments. Our community holds dear the values of hard work, respect, and family. These principles guide me in life and in service.

I will work to ensure that Sedro-Woolley schools uphold these values while providing students with the opportunity to succeed. We need leadership that listens, leads with integrity, and puts students and families first. I'm ready to serve with dedication, common sense, and a strong commitment to our district's future. Together we can build a school system that honors our values, listens to our families and Community and presents strong leadership.

Our Schools. Their Future. Our Responsibility.

No photo submitted

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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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Elected Experience

Sedro-Woolley School Board, 2017 & 2021.

Other Professional Experience

Licensed Legal Intern (APR 9) at Stiles & Lehr Inc., P.S. specializing in estate planning, real estate, LLCs, probates, worker’s compensation and personal injury law; Co-owner/ member of Mountain Gate, LLC. Eric has also served as an intern in the United States Senate.

Education

Graduate of Mount Vernon Christian High School, 2004; Bachelor of Arts in Government – Public Policy, Patrick Henry College, 2008.

Community Service

Sedro-Woolley Planning Commission, chair, 13 years; Board of Directors for Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County, Treasurer, 8 years; Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club, 7 years; Councilmember for Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3 years.

Statement

Public service is one of life’s highest callings, and I am firm believer in servant leadership. Sedro-Woolley is my home and I care deeply for the well-being of this community. It’s where I grew up, where I work and where I decided to raise my family. It is who I serve. When our community prospers, we should all be able to celebrate in and benefit from that success to one degree or another. I serve because I want to see Sedro-Woolley thrive. This is especially true of our students. They have been and always will be first and foremost in my decision making. Serving on the Sedro-Woolley School Board of Directors has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I have dedicated myself to making sure that “every student graduates with the knowledge and skills for future learning and success”. Whether it’s through ensuring multiple pathways to graduation with a strong CTE department, providing sufficient resources for early learning, supporting our special education programs, and everything in between, all students deserve to have the help, support and opportunities necessary to get them a head in life. That is my mission in continued service to this community.



Sam Irons
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Elected Experience
None

Other Professional Experience
Caregiver & artist. Previous work as: Program specialist and case manager at Northwest Regional Council (NWRC) in Skagit & Whatcom, care coordinator and union member of SEIU Healthcare 1199NW and Health Equity Committee member at Compass Health, various positions and union member of AFSCME AFL-CIO Local 1811 at Snohomish County Juvenile Justice Center, case manager at Cocoon House

Education
Bachelor of Arts cum laude in Law & Justice, Psychology- from Central Washington University (CWU)

Community Service
Appointed in 2025 to Mount Vernon Arts Commission. Past: Promising Artists in Recovery, Reclaiming Futures, Leadership Snohomish County, CWU Leadership/Civic Engagement Center

Statement
It is not enough to just be surviving, we should be thriving together.

It is important to have hospital commissioners that understand not just medicine and clinical settings, but also the community, patients that it serves, and the hardworking staff that make it all possible. The interconnections of the hospital district with other organizations that provide direct services should be celebrated, and I will make sure these relationships are strong. It would positively impact emergency services in the community by improving systems like triage/bed availability, preventative care, coordinated care services, behavioral and mental health.

Community health and emergency services can be complicated, but by prioritizing supportive efforts and advocacy around patient care and workers, we can improve health outcomes and quality of life in our community. Workers' voices are incredibly important and I'm here to listen. You deserve a hospital commissioner that will highlight strengths, break down barriers, focus on safety and equitable compassionate care: someone that will ensure positive change.

Between work and personal experience I know how difficult it can be navigating healthcare, diagnoses, care management and support systems. We all need an advocate; please let me be yours.

Thank you,
Sam

Endorsements: IAFF Local 2781, UFCW 3000



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Elected Experience
2011 to present, Commissioner Skagit County Public Hospital District #1 (Skagit Regional Health)

Other Professional Experience
Retired EMT Skagit County Fire District 7; Licensed Attorney 1979 to present

Education
PhD Biology University of California Santa Cruz and UCLA; JD, Loyola University Law School, Los Angeles

Community Service
Finance Committee Chair, Northern Deanery Catholic High School Steering Committee

Statement
Experience Matters!

For 15 years, I have been honored to serve as your elected representative on the Board of Commissioners for Skagit Regional Health (SRH). During this time, I have witnessed the profound impact that quality healthcare can have on our community. As a healthcare facility owned by our Skagit community, SRH is dedicated to providing exceptional care for every individual, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or ability to pay.

Throughout my tenure on the Board of Commissioners, we have significantly expanded healthcare services by introducing new clinical locations and innovative programs that address the needs of our community. A notable achievement is the establishment of the Mount Vernon Surgery Center, which offers world-class surgical services utilizing the latest medical technologies. This facility has greatly improved recovery times and surgical outcomes for our patients.

As I seek your vote, I am committed to continuing to leverage my healthcare experience to benefit you and your family. Together, we can ensure that SRH meets the healthcare needs of our community today while being well-prepared for the challenges of tomorrow. Your voice and your health matter, and I am here to represent both.

Thank you for your support!



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Elected Experience

Currently serving a six year term on Skagit Regional Hospital Board of Commissioners; Sixteen years on City Council of Mount Vernon Washington; Currently serving second six-year term Dike District 17 Board

Other Professional Experience

Multiple terms Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce Board; Adjunct Professor of Accounting and Finance classes at City University

Education

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Northeastern Oklahoma State University; California Certificate of Accounting; Masters of Business Administration (MBA), City University; National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE), Certified Engineer

Community Service

Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce; Multiple Terms Skagit Regional Hospital Foundation Board; Member Skagit Rotary Club and Past-President; Member Salem Lutheran Church

Statement

As a Skagit Regional Hospital Board Commissioner I am serving as a member of the Finance Committee, and the EQOC (Executive Quality Oversight Council).

These meetings are very detailed reports of the most important hospital activities. In the last few years SRH has opened two Urgent Care centers and a Surgery Center, providing more timely care for the patients. Typically Urgent Care visits are very efficient and the Surgery Center goal is to provide day surgery opportunities for patrons to arrive in the morning, receive care such as hip and knee replacements and be home for dinner. Efficient, timely health care is a top priority of all of SRH services.

As our operational area population increases it is very important that the SRH Board provides understanding of the demands of healthcare and that is a top priority of our Board.



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Elected Experience

Lake Chelan Community Hospital Board of Commissioners(2023)

Other Professional Experience

Wenatchee Valley College: Nursing Instructor(2023, 2024); Skagit Regional Health: Director of Oncology(2009-2020); Director of Diagnostic Imaging(2015-2020); Director of Palliative Care(2017-2021); Director of Orthopedic and Surgical Care(2007-2009); Wound Healing Institute(2004-2009); Skagit Valley College: Nursing Instructor(2005-2006); Guest Lecturer(2014-2019); Option Care: Home Care Nurse(1999-2004); Cascade Surgeons: Clinic Nurse(1996-1999)

Education

Master of Business Administration, Healthcare , Western Governors University, Seattle(2013); Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle(2005); Associate of Technical Science in Nursing, Skagit Valley College, Mount Vernon(1996)

Community Service

Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation: Board of Trustees(2017-2021); Skagit Valley College: Nursing Advisory Council(2004-2007)

Statement

I have had the privilege of calling Mount Vernon home; raising my family and working in the healthcare community for over 30 years. I envision a healthcare system that prioritizes patient-centered care, innovation, and long-term sustainability. With a strong track record in both nursing care and leadership, I am confident in my ability to contribute to a stronger future and help ensure that high quality care remains accessible right here for those we serve. A vote for Barb Jensen is a vote to support the Future of Healthcare for Skagit County Public Hospital District One-Skagit Regional Health!



Lynne M. Lang

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Elected Experience

Hospital District 2 Commissioner 2013-Present; Anacortes School Board Director 2011-2015

Other Professional Experience

Accounting Business-Founder/CEO (30 years); City of Oak Harbor-Controller (Accounting Manager, Budget & Financial Report Preparation); Chapman University-Faculty (Organizational Leadership & Change Master's Program); Property Management Business-Founder/CEO (17 years)

Education

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

Community Service

Anacortes Family Center; Dr. Carskadden Hospital Guild President; Friends of Home Health; Hospice NW Foundation Executive Board (6 years); Soroptimist International of Anacortes Board; Anacortes, Mt. Vernon, & Oak Harbor Chambers; Junior Achievement Speaker; Fidalgo Rotary; Soccer Coach; Softball/Wrestling Manager

Statement

In these uncertain times in healthcare, our communities need steady, experienced representation. As your Commissioner, I have applied proven business, leadership, healthcare, and financial expertise to find solutions for many challenges encountered by our local health care over the past twelve years. I remain deeply committed to collaborating with the other commissioners, administration, physicians, staff and community to further strengthen the delivery of high-quality, 5 Star healthcare services we all expect and deserve.

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

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Joe Mulcahy

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Elected Experience

none

Other Professional Experience

Licensed Physician 1984-present; Inactive Reserve U.S. Navy 1980-1989; General Surgeon on Active Duty US Navy 1989-1993 resigned as a Lieutenant Commander; General Surgeon in active civilian practice 1993-2023; Adjunct Clinical Faculty, Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine

Education

B.S. Biology St. Vincent College, Latrobe PA; M.D. Saint Louis University School of Medicine, St. Louis MO; Internship/Residency 1984-1989 University of Illinois/ Cook County Hospital, Chicago IL

Community Service

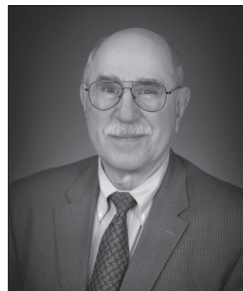
Member St. Mary's Church Choir

Statement

I am running for Hospital Commissioner because I believe the hospital needs a new direction at this critical time if we are to maintain the hospital as an independent facility, providing excellent care to the people in this community. As someone who worked as a Surgeon at Island Health for 13 years, I have intimate knowledge of the workings of the hospital and clinics. Prior to moving to Anacortes, I sat as a voting member on two hospital boards, so I understand the nature of board function. As a taxpayer who lives in Anacortes, I believe that we need to use our resources wisely. Having grown up in poverty, and having lived on a limited income for a significant part of my adult life, I understand the value of a dollar.

Before and since I retired, I tried to uplift the staff at Island Health. I understand how critical our staff is to the health and wellbeing of you, the patients we serve. I believe that having a local hospital is important. And I believe that to expect loyalty from employees, we must be loyal to them.

I am asking for your support/vote as I run for Hospital Commissioner.



Chip Bogosian

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Elected Experience

Island Hospital commissioner for over a decade, prior Guemes Island Fire department Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience

Board Certified Anesthesiologist at Swedish Hospital Medical Center for 30 years. Senior FAA medical examiner for over 4 decades.

Education

MD degree from University of Arizona College of Medicine, R1 Surgery residency at University of Washington, Anesthesia training at Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital.

Community Service

Anesthesiologist at Seattle Cerebral Palsy Dental Center. Current medical evaluator for candidates of the Guemes Island Fire Department.

Statement

These are critical times for all of Medicine. There are drastic cuts on the horizon both at the Federal and State level. Over the years commissioners and staff at Island Health have strived to maintain our 5 Star Medicare rating, and are the only hospital to have that rating north of Seattle. At this critical juncture the relationships we have made at the state and federal level have helped us remain a top flight medical center, and there are some critical decisions coming down the pike that will effect all of our health care which will require maintaining those relationships. Having a background at 2 of the best hospitals in the country I have always maintained those standards as the basis of care we provide at Island Health, and as a patient there I have had exemplary care up to those standards. Now is not the time for change but a time for persistence from a proven crew.



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Elected Experience

Incumbent Commissioner for United General District 304, Position 3

Other Professional Experience

Executive Director of Skagit United Way (10 years); Coordinator of WSU Learning Center (9 years); Exec Assistant/Office Lead at Skagit Valley College (12 years).

Education

Bachelor's in Communications and Master's in Education Policy & Leadership from University of Washington.

Community Service

Currently Sedro Woolley Housing Authority Commissioner. Volunteer with Soroptimist of Mount Vernon (20 years); Leadership Skagit (20 years); Children's Council of Skagit County Board (12 years); Helping Hands Foodbank (5 years); Sedro Woolley Chamber Ambassador (5 years). Former member of Skagit Population Health Trust; EDASC Board; Low-Income Housing and Homelessness Services advisory board.

Statement

Debra's passion is to build a healthier community for us all. She brings decades of experience connecting people to knowledge and resources that can help them enhance their personal and professional lives. Debra is proud to have partnered with United General District 304 for years, including her service as Commissioner this year. She can advance District 304's efforts to be the backbone organization partnering with others in the community on projects throughout Skagit County. To accomplish this, Debra has the required leadership skills necessary, demonstrated in her work as cofounder of Leadership Skagit, Population Health Trust, Varsity in Volunteerism and several other programs for kids, families, and seniors.

Debra has extensive experience with budgeting for public organizations: not just how to be a good steward of the money but also how to invest those dollars to their best use in our community. In addition, she understands the diverse nature of District 304, since she and her husband, Doug, have lived in Concrete for 9 years and 30 years in Sedro Woolley. Debra would be honored to have your vote.



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Elected Experience

Sedro-Woolley city council (Ward 2) for 2 terms, Skagit county Public Utility District Commissioner (District 3)

Other Professional Experience

Current small business owner (30 years), Animal House Pet Grooming, Sedro-Woolley Chamber member.

Education

BA, Western Washington University, Human Services/ Psychology(2012). AA, Skagit Valley College, Human Services/Psychology(2010).

Community Service

Current boards: Lincoln Theater, Skagit County Historical Museum, Women's Work Productions. Past boards: United Way of Skagit County, Secret Harbor Foster Care Agency, Sedro-Woolley Museum. Volunteer/ed: Country Meadow Village (retirement home), National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Skagit Trail Builders, American Legion, Sedro-Woolley Boys and Girls Club, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Helping Hands Food Bank, etc., Sedro-Woolley Chamber

Statement

As a 30+ year resident of Skagit County Public Hospital District 304 with deep roots in public service, I bring a human services perspective that is uniquely relevant to this role. My background in human services and psychology, combined with hands-on experience supporting vulnerable populations—from foster youth to survivors of domestic violence—reflects my lifelong commitment to equitable, community-based healthcare.

Hospital District 304 provides vital programs—from mental health support to family services and school-based nutrition initiatives. These are the very types of services I have championed for decades. I understand how these resources work together to strengthen health outcomes across our community.

Hospitals are more than treatment facilities—they are anchors of support that must respond to the social, emotional, and economic factors shaping our well-being. Decades of public service has taught me to navigate policy, budgeting, and collaboration—skills I will bring to the boardroom.

For three decades now, I have run a local small business while continuing to serve those most in need across Skagit County. I am proud of this community and the care we extend to one another. Now, I ask for your vote to continue that service on your behalf. Sincerely, Germaine Kornegay.



Ellen de Jong

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Elected Experience

None (first-time candidate).

Other Professional Experience

Dedicated family physician with a 37 year commitment to excellence in patient care. deJong brings decades of experience serving a variety of communities through entire age spectrum, with focus on cost effective and compassionate patient care.

Education

M.D. New York University School of Medicine Residency: Family Medicine Case Western Reserve/Metrohealth Cleveland, OH

Community Service

Volunteer physician on international medical missions underserved regions; active provider throughout the pandemic, proud mother of eight children, five adopted; passionate advocate for all patients, especially children and families.

Statement

I have practiced as a family physician for 37 years, primarily in Washington. After graduation from NYU School of Medicine, I began my medical journey in an underserved community outside Cleveland OH. I then owned and managed the Tumwater Family Practice Clinic, where I cared for generations of local families for over 20 years.

Throughout my career, I have cared for patients in settings ranging from family practice doing obstetrics, to hospice and skilled nursing care, and most recently in emergency and urgent care. I have always championed patient-centered care, believing compassion and understanding are at the heart of healing.

As a mother of eight children (three biological and five adopted), I understand the importance of community. Balancing a large family with a medical career has given me an understanding time and financial management as well.

Now that I am retired, I am running for Skagit County Hospital Commissioner to use my knowledge and energy give back to our community.

Having seen healthcare evolve over decades, I understand the challenges communities patients face today. I am committed to bringing my lifelong experience in the system to help facilitate compassionate, patient-focused care for our county.



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Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Port of Anacortes Marina Advisory Committee for 10 yrs, Anacortes Marine Trades 13 yrs, Northwest Marine Trades Association 15 yrs, marina tenant since 1987. Marine specialist in insurance industry 40 years, vast contacts for marine terminal, owned commercial real estate giving landlord experience. This position is in my wheelhouse!

Education

High School and trade school.

Community Service

Anacortes Chamber of Commerce 5 years. Anacortes Marine Trades 13 years, Port of Anacortes Marina Advisory Committee 10 years. Before Anacortes, Spanaway Rotary, Hope Sparks, Children's Home Society, Women's Shelters, dress for success. Sponsor yacht clubs/rendezvous.

Statement

The Port of Anacortes has been a meaningful part of my life for decades—cruising into town by boat as a child, marina tenant since 1987, resident since 2013.

What sets me apart from the other candidates, I have worked with our port for decades, experience as a commercial property landlord, vast connections to help our deep-water port to gain new clients. 40 years' experience as a marine insurance specialist. I have dedicated myself to our marine trades, championing local economic development and am committed to transparent leadership.

I coordinated a relationship with the Northwest Marine Trades Association (member) & Anacortes Chamber of Commerce (past chairman 2018) to start the Anacortes Boat & Yacht Show. Served on the Port of Anacortes Marina Advisory Committee for 10 years and Anacortes Marine Trades for 13 years. I've worked hard to strengthen our port and protect the livelihoods it supports and keep tax dollars here.

I get things done! I'm running because I believe we can do better—by listening to the community and investing in our critical infrastructure. This position is in my wheelhouse!

I humbly ask for your vote so I can do the important work of the people of Anacortes.

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Elected Experience

Skyline Homeowners Association Trustee, President of the Board 2023-2025.

Other Professional Experience

Active Duty Navy, Logistic Management, Leader (1975-1988) and Naval Reserves, Logistic Management, Senior Enlisted Leader/Advisor (1988-2007); Budget Analyst, Financial Analyst and Business Finance Manager (Intern) (1988-2001); Field Office Manager at the Oregon Employment Department. (2001-2007); Workforce and Economic Development boards (2001-2007); Active Duty Navy, Command Master Chief, Senior Enlisted Leader/Advisor (2007-2021)

Education

Bachelor Business Administration Degree, Columbia College, MO. Executive Masters Business Administrative Degree focusing on Business Finance, San Diego State University, CA.

Community Service

Quarterly Beach Clean up Oahu, H (2013-2016), Skyline Homeowners Association Trustee (2022-2025)

Statement

As a Navy veteran with 45 years of service and an Executive MBA, I have a long career of collaboration with others to develop and enact effective policies. I have obtained a great deal of budgeting experience as a Budget/Financial Analyst managing a 43 Million dollar RDT&E budget. Additionally I developed and oversaw the office and staff budget as a Field Office Manager. Since 2023, I have served as the President of the Skyline Property Owners Association from 2023 to present with fiduciary responsibility.

My lifelong desire to serve continues to hold true, and I want to make things better for all people. I have had the opportunity to be involved in major policies in the military as the highest Senior Enlisted rank, which has given me the experience to understand the direct and indirect effects decisions can have on an organization and community. I believe it is important to take into account the needs of all members of our community and stakeholders in enacting the mission of the Port Anacortes and to consider the future in terms of economic development, maritime and aviation safety, and ecology.

Endorsements: Ray Niver and Ken Goodwin (former Port Commissioners.), Anthony Young (Council Member)



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Elected Experience

First-time candidate

Other Professional Experience

Boeing Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Site Manager (16 yrs.); Requirements and Budgeting Officer, Chief of Naval Operations Staff, Pentagon; Commanding Officer, U.S. Navy jet squadron

Education

U.S. Naval Academy (B.S., Mechanical Engineering); U.S. Naval War College (MA, National Security and Strategic Studies); Association for Supply Chain Management (Certified in Production and Inventory Management)

Community Service

Anacortes School District substitute para educator and elementary volunteer; Tri-Parish Food Bank volunteer and current board president; Anacortes High School Veterans' Plaza Committee (2016); Anacortes High School FIRST Robotics mentor (2011-2015); parent leader, Troop 4081 and scoutmaster, Troop 4084 (2007-2011)

Statement

Bob and his family have been Anacortes residents since 2000 and proudly to call it home. Bob is pursuing the position of Port Commissioner because of his strong sense of community service and his desire to use his skills and experience to help the Port of Anacortes to continue to thrive and grow in a fiscally and environmentally responsible manner. He has worked in the maritime environment since his induction into the U.S. Naval Academy, and was certified to conn (drive) U.S. Navy aircraft carriers. He and his wife also enjoy recreational boating in the local area.

Bob brings valuable federal-level experience in developing operational requirements and developing budgets – skills that will support and strengthen the Port Commission's planning and decision-making processes. Additionally, he has experience with Environmental Impact Statement processes in uniform and industry. He is also a private pilot, and served as the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's support network representative for Darrington's airport.

Finally, Bob will never lose sight of the fundamental principal of waterfront access for all local citizens. While economic development is vital to the Port and our community, he believes it must go hand-in-hand with preserving public access to our incredible maritime environment.

No photo
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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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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Port of Anacortes Commissioner 2018 – present; Washington Public Ports Association President 2021, Executive Committee 2019 – 2023 & current Nominating Committee; Anacortes School Board 2001 – 2005.

Other Professional Experience

Port of Anacortes 1991 – 2012. Director Positions: Marina & Airport, Marketing & Public Relations, Administration & Communication and Real Estate & Community Development. Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Marine Terminal Association, Anacortes Youth Sailing, Chair Anacortes Waterfront Festival and Seafarers' Memorial.

Education

High School Graduate

Community Service

Anacortes Schools, Parks & Recreation, Chair Yes 4 Safety Campaign, Anacortes Little League & Football, Adoption & Foster Ministry, Northwest Career & Technical Academy General Advisory Committee.

Statement

I am seeking re-election to continue to advocate for the Port's core mission; to create and retain family-wage jobs and encourage economic development. I have proven experience in balancing economics with a healthy environment and have brought initiatives forward improving transparency and public notification of port business. I will continue to advocate for accountability. I am the only candidate who has had a career dedicated to the Port industry (over 21 years), served in elected positions, and has experience representing our Port along with all 75 ports statewide in an official capacity. I brought initiatives forward that stimulated our economy during Covid, brought additional family-wage jobs to Anacortes and was elected President of the Washington Public Ports Association. I am honored to be the first and only Commissioner for our Port to ever serve on the Executive Board for the state. I was selected to represent all ports on the Governor's Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force and have chaired and co-chaired statewide committees with integrity. There is still work that needs to be done and with your vote, I would be honored to continue to champion job creation, economic development, accessibility, and transparency for Port of Anacortes residents.



Kevin E. Ware

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Port of Skagit Commissioner, 2002-present.

Other Professional Experience

U.S. Public Health Service medical officer. Cruise and Expedition ship physician. Family and Emergency Medicine physician. Commercial Pilot with Airline Transport and Flight Instructor ratings, plus U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Marine Masters license.

Education

High School: Ballard High School (Seattle). College: University of Washington. Medical School: Des Moines University. Post graduate medical: University of Arizona.

Community Service

40+ years of varied community service , including church board member, charity clinic volunteer, medical society president, volunteer pilot transporting disabled veterans and children needing speciality medical.

Statement

The Port of Skagit was created by the voters in 1964 for the purpose of increasing local area economic and employment opportunities, particularly for young people, by making public infrastructure improvements. That motivation still drives everything the Port does today, and those goals are the main reason I am again running for the office of Port Commissioner.

In pursuit of those goals the Port currently operates the Skagit Regional Airport, the La Conner Marina, the Bayview Business Park, the Swift Center in Sedro Wooley, several Value Added Agricultural facilities, and is expanding internet service to areas of the county not currently served. The Port also has, (and is actively expanding) some 10 miles of Nature Trails in the County, which are free and open for all to use.

All this wide ranging activity on the publics behalf is managed by a dedicated Port staff of only 37, and yet has resulted in 1550 well paid local jobs, contributing \$114 million/year in salaries, and \$435 million/year in goods, sales and services to the community. I would count it s privilege to continue as a member of this hardworking team for another term as Port Commissioner.



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Elected Experience

Port of Skagit Commissioner, District 2 (incumbent)

Other Professional Experience

Washington Licensed Professional Engineer; Civil Engineer – 1996-2024 (Wilson Engineering, LLC; co-owner for 7 years); Aerospace Engineer – 1984-1995

Education

Bachelor of Science, Aeronautical Engineering, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo; Master of Science, Civil Engineering, UC Irvine; Technical Management Certificate – UC Irvine; Watershed Master Certificate – Skagit Conservation District

Community Service

Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts Board Member; Habitat for Humanity volunteer; Northwest Washington Woodturners (NWW) - various leadership roles; NWW volunteer turning tops for kids at events such as Mount Vernon Youth Arts Festival

Statement

My admiration for the Port of Skagit's accomplishments in creating jobs and business opportunities, and my desire to apply my skills and expertise to give back to the Skagit Valley Community are why I chose to become a Port Commissioner.

My nearly three decades as a civil engineer and co-owner at Wilson Engineering gave me knowledge and experience in comprehensive planning, public projects, regulatory compliance, capital budgeting, and business management. I specialized in cost-effective design solutions: I am familiar with public contracting processes, funding opportunities, and commissions' operations. As a business owner, I dealt with the challenges of hiring, payroll, employee morale, and negotiating benefits.

The Port of Skagit drives Skagit County's economic growth. It's at the forefront of initiatives like Value-Added Agriculture (e.g. Genuine Skagit label) and rural broadband. It's redeveloping the historic Northern State Hospital campus into the Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow (SWIFT) Center for tenants like Job Corps. My priorities moving forward are to develop our business centers, revitalize the La Conner Marina, support Genuine Skagit, and expand broadband-access in our rural communities including Fir Island and Bow.

I'm looking forward to continuing to put my experience to work for the people of Skagit County.

Candidate statements are printed as submitted and are not edited for factual or grammatical accuracy by the Auditor's Office.



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Elected Experience

Burlington City Councilmember Ward 2 (2020-2025), served as 2024 Mayor Pro-Tem Served on Audit & Finance, Public Safety, Public Works, Homeless Transition, Lodging Tax, Cemetery Board, Historical Preservation Board and Land Use committees. City liaison to the Burlington Chamber of Commerce. Planning Commissioner (2019-2020).

Other Professional Experience

Owner of Chaplin Construction, LLC, residential and commercial construction (2012-present); Commercial fisherman: Southeast Alaska (2012-2013); Digital Content Manager: Skagit Valley Herald; Reporter/Editor: Petersburg Pilot and Wrangell Sentinel (Alaska)

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Washington State University, Pullman, WA.

Community Service

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Member (2015-2020). Burlington youth sports coach

Statement

I've built my life and career on adaptability, problem-solving, and self-sufficiency — qualities I'll bring to the Port of Skagit every day.

As a news reporter in Washington and Alaska, I learned the value of transparency, accountability, and clear communication in public service. For the past 13 years, I've worked as a general contractor building homes across Skagit County. That experience — along with my service on the Burlington City Council — has made me a more pragmatic, collaborative, and strategic thinker. I understand how vital coordination between local governments, ports, businesses and residents is to our region's success.

On council, I served on every committee — from audit and finance to public safety and public works — to gain a deep, analytical understanding of how effective government works. I championed public communication and helped launch a city newsletter to keep residents informed. I also advocated for safer infrastructure and long-term investments that benefit future generations.

The Port should model those same values: work efficiently, support industry and agriculture, and create space for innovation and entrepreneurship. I'll bring a fresh perspective, a builder's mindset, and a long-term commitment to Skagit County. I'd be honored to earn your vote.



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Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No fancy statement here, I'm a married father of two and I want to use my skills to support the fire district and ensure that they have everything they need in order to be the most effective they can be.



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Elected Experience

Appointed Skagit Fire District 4 Commissioner, Previously Clear Lake Fire Association Treasurer

Other Professional Experience

Current career Firefighter/Hazmat Technician, Previous Part-Time Firefighter District 13 & City of Burlington Fire

Education

Sedro-Woolley High School, Conservatory of Recording Arts & Sciences, Firefighter 1 & 2, Emergency Medical Technician, Hazardous Materials Technician

Community Service

Previous District 4 & 16 Volunteer Firefighter/EMT

Statement

I'm running for Fire Commissioner because I care deeply about keeping our community safe and supporting the people who serve it. I've been involved in this fire district for the past 10 years and have worked as a professional firefighter for over 5 years. In that time, I've seen firsthand the challenges our firefighters face, as well as the importance of strong leadership and community support.

I was appointed by two previous commissioners who recognized my dedication, knowledge, and experience. As someone who has responded to emergencies, I understand what it takes to provide high-level care under pressure. My priority is ensuring our firefighters have the training, equipment, and resources they need to improve response times and deliver the highest level of service to our community.

At the same time, I bring the perspective of both a commissioner and community member. I know how important it is to manage the budget responsibly and to stay transparent with taxpayers. Accountability and trust are the foundation of effective public service, and I will work every day to strengthen that foundation as we move our district into the future. My focus will always be safety, responsibility, and service.



Jerry Butterfield

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Elected Experience

Past President of Burlington Firefighters Local 4111

Other Professional Experience

30 years of Fire Service in our local community

Education

Graduate of Burlington Edison High School; North Bend Fire Academy FF1 FF2 Hazardous Material; Leadership Academy; EMT certification; FEMA Certification; Fire Fighter Safety Certification

Community Service

Organized Coats for Kids with local elementary schools; Participated in the Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Toy Drive; Participated many years in the Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Fund

Statement

I am a lifelong resident of Burlington and Fire District Six, recently retired after 40 years of dedicated service in the fire service. My career began in 1981 as a volunteer firefighter with the Burlington Fire Department, followed by 30 years as a career firefighter starting in 1991. During my time with the department, I was honored to be promoted to the rank of Captain. I am also a certified Emergency Medical Technician and have proudly served on several key boards and committees, including Skagit Medic One, the Skagit County Training Officers Association, and as President of Burlington Firefighters Local 4111. Beyond the fire service, I've been active in the community through past involvement with the Burlington Edison Kiwanis and as a member of Edison Lutheran Church. I remain committed to public service and the well-being of our community.

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Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

Fire Protection District 8**Proposition No. 1****Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services**

The Board of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 8 adopted Resolution No. 6-2025 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition would finance fire protection and emergency medical services by restoring the District's regular property tax levy in 2025 to an amount not to exceed \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and authorize setting the limit factor at 103% for each of the following five years. The maximum allowable levy in the final year shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Explanatory Statement

Written by Fire Protection District No. 8

Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 8 provides emergency fire protection and emergency medical services to its citizens. Due to the statutory 1 % limitation on property tax increases, the Fire District's current levy has dropped to approximately \$.90 per thousand in 2024. The maximum regular levy rate for Washington fire districts is \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to restore its levy rate to \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025 for collection in 2026 which is the same rate previously approved by the voters in 2019. The proposition will also allow the District to keep pace with inflation by establishing an annual growth factor of 3% per year. The dollar amount levied in the 2030 and collected in 2031 shall serve as the District's future tax levy base.

The Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of rising costs, rising demands and the continued growth of our community. Approval of this measure will allow the District to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens and provide for firefighter safety.

Argument For

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditors Office to provide a statement. There are no statements for the ballot measure.

Argument Against

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditors Office to provide a statement. There are no statements against the ballot measure.



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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Commissioner, Big Lake Fire District. Charter Board Member for Kittitas County Search & Rescue.

Other Professional Experience

Chief Regional Emergency Preparedness Liaison focused on Disaster Response for FEMA Region 10. Retired Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve. Accounting & Tax Manager, Davis & Jonas, PS. Accounting & Auditing Supervisor, LeMaster & Daniels PLLC.

Education

Joint Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer. Joint Humanitarian Operations. Defense Support of Civil Authorities. NIMS. Master of Strategic Studies from U.S. Army War College. Master of Education from City Univ. Bachelor of Science Accounting from CWU.

Community Service

Leadership Coach. Youth coach for multiple sports. 33 years in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Statement

As Commissioner Chair, it is an honor to serve Big Lake Community and support our dedicated Volunteers. Last year was a great experience working with a new Board, creating positive change in the district.

We will continue to prioritize transparency and accountability while enhancing the district's capabilities through improved training and resources. We are committed to serving our community with integrity and dedication maintaining the Volunteers established culture of excellence and teamwork.

I am a dedicated member of our community with a long history of public service. I bring a wealth of knowledge to the district. In my "day" job, I am the Command Executive Officer for the 364th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. Responsible for running the headquarters and implementing, funding, supporting, sustaining and improving readiness and training of 4,380 Soldiers across 7 states. I oversee 21 headquarters staff and 350 full-time employees to ensure they are integrated, synchronized, resourced and focused both on future planning and daily execution of \$42 million. I have lived in the Big Lake community for 32 years with my wife and four kids.

I humbly ask for your support and vote in the upcoming election for Fire Commissioner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 10**Proposition No. 1****Proposition to Dissolve Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 10**

The Board of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2025-01 concerning a proposition to dissolve the Fire District.

This proposition would dissolve Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 10 effective on certification of the election result. All fire protection and emergency medical services previously provided by the Fire District will continue to be provided by the voter approved Skagit County Regional Fire Authority, which has been the provider of fire protection and emergency medical services within Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 10 since September 30, 2024.

Should this proposition be:

Explanatory Statement

Written by Fire Protection District No. 10

If this proposition is approved, it would dissolve Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 10, effective on the certification of the election results.

Following voter approval of the Skagit County Regional Fire Authority Plan in 2024, Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 10 transferred all of its assets and operations to the Skagit County Regional Fire Authority and there is no further need for Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 10 to exist. Dissolving the Fire District will eliminate an unnecessary governmental entity.

Argument For

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditors Office to provide a statement. There are no statements for the ballot measure.

Argument Against

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditors Office to provide a statement. There are no statements against the ballot measure.

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Unopposed**Elected Experience**

Current Fire Commissioner. Appointed in January 2009; elected in November 2009, 2013, and 2019

Other Professional Experience

I owned/operated a small farm offering vegetables, eggs and honey. I also owned/operated a Garden Design and Maintenance business and am a former H&R Block tax preparer and office supervisor.

Education

LSEU-Chicago, Illinois: business classes and certification in Interior Decorating; Bellingham Technical College: Travel Consultant Certificate; SVC: Business Computing; Skagit FD#11: Firefighter and First Responder

Community Service

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

Statement

Mt. Erie Fire District #11 is all about neighbors helping neighbors. As a former volunteer firefighter/first responder with the district, I know the necessary and advanced training needed to assist our neighbors and visitors to our community. As your Fire Commissioner for the past 16 years, I've worked to ensure that our current volunteers are well qualified, professionally trained, properly equipped and have properly maintained fire/medical apparatus. I thank you for your support of our recent levy, enabling us to better fulfil these needs. Each decision I've made has been with judicious fiscal responsibility of our taxes. While remaining within our budgeted guidelines, I'm mindful to balance each decision between the wants and needs of the district.

I thank you for your support and ask for your vote once again.

Fire Protection District No. 13
Proposition No. 1
Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Skagit County Fire District 13 adopted Resolution No. 2025-07-01 concerning a proposition to authorize the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize the District's regular property tax levy to be \$1.11 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2025 (for collection in 2026) and would authorize an annual limit factor of 106% (not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000) for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2030, collected in 2031, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposal be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Written by Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 13

Skagit County Fire District 13 (the "District") seeks voter approval to restore its fire levy to \$1.11 per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation in 2025 (for collection in 2026) and to increase its annual revenue by up to 106% in each of the five (5) subsequent years. The dollar amount of the levy in the sixth (6th) year would be used to establish the base amount for calculating one percent (1%) increases in the future.

This levy is the primary source of funding for emergency services provided by the District. Voter approval of Proposition No. 1 will provide funding for the District to continue providing fire and emergency medical services at existing levels.

In the absence of voter approval, the District may only increase its annual revenue by one percent (1%) over the prior year. Approval of this proposition would allow the District to maintain the level of services it provides. Rejection of this proposition will impact the District's ability to continue the level of services.

Argument For

As a resident of Fire District 13, I've experienced firsthand the care and dedication this department provides to our community. Their commitment goes far beyond emergency response - they truly care about the well-being of the people they serve.

I participate in the Good Morning District 13 program. Every morning before 9 a.m., I call in and leave a message to let them know I'm okay. If they don't hear from me, they reach out. And if there's still no response, they come to my home to check on me. That daily check-in gives me real peace of mind. It's comforting to know someone is always looking out for me.

This program is just one of the many valuable services District 13 offers. Their 24/7 fire and EMS coverage is absolutely vital. They serve a large area and respond to many medical emergencies and transports every year. Their quick response time can mean the difference between life and death.

Fire District 13 feels like family - because they act like family. The safety and reassurance they provide allows me to continue living independently and confidently in my own home. Their presence in this community is something I'm truly grateful for.

I fully support the levy lid lift and I encourage others to support it as well. It's not just about maintaining emergency services - it's about preserving programs that keep people safe, connected, and cared for.

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Argument Against

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditors Office to provide a statement. There are no statements against the ballot measure.

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Unopposed**Elected Experience**

I am a life-long resident of Skagit County, and my wife Teri of 43 years and I have been residents of La Conner for the last 11. I had my first job (picking berries) at age 11; graduated from Sedro-Woolley, WWU, attended Seminary, been in business, served as a pastor, volunteered with a number of organizations, and my wife and I currently work with children in foster care providing visits for them with their parents.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

It has been my privilege to serve as a Commissioner with Skagit County Fire District 13 the last several years. The Team of my fellow Commissioners, Fire Chief, District Secretary, Officers, and men and women of the fire service are professional and dedicated servants to the community we serve. With a large response area and relatively small budget, it's remarkable the quality and quantity of EMS, Fire, and Preventative services provided. I am grateful to be a small part of that team, and along with my fellow Commissioners supporting and encouraging those who respond when people are in need.

We've all experienced the impact of inflation and rising prices; the fire service is no exception. The cost of everything associated with serving you has increase dramatically of late. The Fire District 13 Team strives to be diligent and careful with the revenue provided from your taxes, the generosity of the Swinomish Tribe, and other sources to continue to maximize every dollar entrusted to us.

Our priority is this: If you need to call 911, the well-trained and equipped women and men of Fire District 13 will respond with professional expertise and compassion; you are in good hands.

Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 15**Proposition No. 1****Restoring Regular Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 15 adopted resolution No. 230 concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would restore the District's regular property tax levy to \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2025 (for collection in 2026) and would authorize an annual limit factor of 106% (but not to exceed \$1.50) for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2030, collected in 2031, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposal be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Written by Fire Protection District No. 15

Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 15 (the "District") seeks voter approval to restore its fire levy to \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2025 (for collection in 2026) and to increase its annual revenue by 106% for each of the five (5) subsequent years. The dollar amount of the levy in the sixth (6th) year would be used to establish the base amount for calculating one percent (1%) increases in the future.

This levy is the primary source of funding for emergency services provided by the District. Voter approval of Proposition No. 1 will provide funding for the District to continue providing fire and emergency medical services at existing levels.

In the absence of voter approval, the District may only increase its annual revenue by one percent (1%) over the prior year. Approval of this proposition would allow the District to maintain the level of services it provides. Rejection of this proposition will impact the District's ability to continue the level of services.

Argument For

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditors Office to provide a statement. There are no statements for the ballot measure.

Argument Against

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditors Office to provide a statement. There are no statements against the ballot measure.

Fire Protection District No. 19

Proposition No. 1

Proposition to Dissolve Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19

The Board of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 adopted Resolution No. 2025-01 concerning a proposition to dissolve the Fire District.

This proposition would dissolve Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 effective on certification of the election result. All fire protection and emergency medical services previously provided by the Fire District will continue to be provided by the voter approved Skagit County Regional Fire Authority, which has been the exclusive provider of fire protection and emergency medical services within Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 since September 30, 2024.

Should this proposition be:

Explanatory Statement

Written by Fire Protection District No. 19

If this proposition is approved, it would dissolve Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19, effective on the certification of the election results.

Following voter approval of the Skagit County Regional Fire Authority Plan in 2024, Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 transferred all of its assets and operations to the Skagit County Regional Fire Authority and there is no further need for Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 to exist. Dissolving the Fire District will eliminate an unnecessary governmental entity.

Argument For

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditors Office to provide a statement. There are no statements for the ballot measure.

Argument Against

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditors Office to provide a statement. There are no statements against the ballot measure.



Cindy Marvin

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Elected Experience

First-time candidate.

Other Professional Experience

Over 30 years in state government focused on improving conditions in communities burdened by air pollution and vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. I was a member of the leadership team, reporting to a board of elected and appointed officials, while managing a division of 100+ engineers and scientists with an operating budget of \$50 million.

Education

Bachelor's degree in Environmental Toxicology from UC Davis. Extensive training in personnel management, strategic planning, building consensus, budgets and audits, and cybersecurity.

Community Service

Served on the City Natural Resources Commission for two terms, including as the first Chairperson conducting public hearings.

Statement

I feel so fortunate to have found a wonderfully supportive community of facility users and staff at the Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center since starting physical therapy there in 2020. Now retired, I can contribute time, leadership experience, and a spirit of collaboration to managing this well-loved community resource. I believe we should increase opportunities for more people to take part in fitness and therapy sessions now, while continuing to build the legal and financial groundwork for a new facility.

As a District Commissioner, I'd like to work with Friends of Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center, local businesses, schools, and new partners to ensure that kids who learned to swim here will be able to bring their own children (and grandchildren) back for generations. To raise public support for a new facility, we need to talk with a broader range of community members about their needs, plus hear and more directly address concerns with the proposed formation of a metropolitan park district. I would also like to see the Commission seek more user feedback and genuinely welcome public participation in its meetings.

I offer my commitment to transparency, integrity, respect, and accountability if elected to serve as a Commissioner.

No photo
submitted

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Elected Experience

Two terms as Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center Position 3 Commissioner

Other Professional Experience

25+ years real estate broker; US Navy Veteran

Education

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, University of Maryland

Community Service

Former Board member on Skagit County Boys & Girls Club; Volunteer Soroptomist Anacortes since 2017; Vice President of non-profit Friends of Fidalgo Pool

Statement

I have served two terms as Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center Commissioner Position 3 and am running again for the third term. In 2009, my children were taking swim lessons and through that I gained a greater appreciation and value of what the facility offered for me and my family. I will continue to strive to address the ongoing challenges to improve facility and user support. I'm running because I want this position to be filled by someone who is proactive, compassionate and understands what the role requires.



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Elected Experience

I have served as Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center Commissioner since 2003.

Other Professional Experience

I worked at Fidalgo Pool as a lifeguard and swim instructor during high school and managed the Aquatics Department while attending college. After graduating, I was a network administrator at a high-tech consulting company for several years, and for the last 24 years I have owned and operated a locksmith and security business.

Education

Anacortes High School Class of 1994 and a BA in Business Administration from Western Washington University.

Community Service

I have coached youth football, basketball, and baseball for the last 12 years.

Statement

I have either worked at Fidalgo Pool or been a commissioner since 1992. I learned to swim there as a child, lifeguarded, taught swim lessons, swam on the swim teams, managed the Aquatics Department, and now am a commissioner.

There are a few major decisions facing the pool in the next couple years including the potential for permanently funding the Maintenance and Operations Levy through formation of a Metropolitan Park District and whether to maintain our existing facility as is, or run a bond measure to expand or build a new facility.

I am the candidate with both the life experiences from running my own businesses and the long history with the facility needed to guide the pool and its staff on behalf of my constituents.



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Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

I have been swimming at the Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center 3 times a week for 48 years. I also taught my children and grandchildren to swim at the pool and have taken over 7500 showers there. I swam before my job out at Shell Oil Refinery at Marches Point. I was one of the first women in the maintenance department, where I was trained as an Instrument/electrician. With my background in industrial maintenance and knowing the ins and outs of the pool, I know I could be an asset as a pool commissioner.

Proposed Fidalgo Metropolitan Recreation District

Joint Proposition No. 1

Fidalgo Metropolitan Recreation District

Skagit County Commissioners adopted Resolution R20250168 and Anacortes City Council adopted Resolution 3184, concerning a joint proposition to form a metropolitan park district. If approved, it would create the Fidalgo Metropolitan Recreation District with the powers in 35.61 RCW to operate the Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center Campus. The District would be governed by a five-member board to be elected at large, with boundaries coterminous with the Anacortes School District. The District would levy a maximum property tax rate for 2027 of \$0.12/\$1000 of assessed valuation.

Explanatory Statement

Written by Proposed Fidalgo Metropolitan Recreation District

The Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center (FPFC) proposes transitioning from a Park and Recreation District to a Metropolitan Park District. This change would eliminate uncertainty tied to renewing maintenance and operations (M&O) levies every six years, improving the long-term sustainability of the current and any future facilities. With this transition, the district boundaries would expand to be consistent with those of the Anacortes School District for a more complete reflection of the community user base that is served. The new district would continue to operate independently of the City and County.

Currently, the facility is funded approximately 50% by user fees for specific programs and 50% by voter-approved levy funding for maintenance and operations. Transitioning to a metropolitan park district would provide more reliable levy funding—essential for qualifying for loans to address larger repairs and capital improvements.

This measure will NOT create a new tax. It will simply replace the current tax. If the change is approved, a newly elected board will set the initial levy rate, not to exceed \$0.12 per \$1,000 of assessed home value. For reference the 2021 voter-approved rate was \$0.1138, and the current levy rate for is \$0.0921.

A Metropolitan Park District still requires voter approval for any levy rate increase beyond the 1% annual cap. Community members will continue to have input through open monthly Board of Commissioner meetings.

The new district would continue to be governed by five commissioners elected from among district residents. A metropolitan district structure would make it more feasible for FPFC to finance major improvements using long-term loans—an option currently limited by the uncertainty of periodic levy renewals. This change supports continued operations and long-term planning for a 50-year-old community facility.

Argument For

Protect and Sustain our Community Pool

Let's preserve what we have and plan responsibly for the future. Vote Yes for a strong and sustainable Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center (FPFC).

Not a New Tax or New Pool Proposal

We believe you want Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center to survive and thrive. Voting yes for a Metropolitan Park District ensures our facility remains financially secure so we can stay open. This is not a request for a new pool. It simply transitions the district to a structure that allows stable, predictable funding for ongoing maintenance and operations. Neither is it a new tax. You already pay a Maintenance and Operations levy, a tax that must be passed every six years for basic operations.

Responsible Financial Planning

A Metropolitan Park District allows for consistent levy funding and access to long term loans – tools not currently available under the 6-year levy cycle. A new district can secure financing to fix the aging facility while minimizing impact on taxpayers.

Local Control and Community Oversight

You will not lose your right to determine what happens to FPFC. The new district will be independent and governed by five Commissioners that you vote for. You will be able to provide input at open monthly board meetings. The levy rate will be set after you elect the new board, with a target not to exceed 12 cents per \$1,000.00 assessed house value. Any future tax increase above the annual 1% cap requires your vote.

Rebuttal of Argument Against

A metropolitan park district is essential to keep our pool open for the future. Stable funding protects this 50-year-old community treasure and allows responsible planning. Refined boundaries reflect who uses the pool, spreading costs more equitably. You keep your vote—commissioners are elected locally, budgets are set in open meetings, and any major project still requires voter approval. This measure ensures fairness, accountability, and a sustainable future for our pool.

Committee: Friend of Fidalgo Pool & Fitness
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Argument Against

A metropolitan recreational district is a terrible idea for our community.

It forces the annexation of citizens outside of the city limits who voted convincingly last year (by over 60% for Guemes residents) against this measure. This overreach dismisses the will of voters who are not frequent users of the pool. This is not how our democracy works! This proposed annexation puts a future new pool bond measure at risk by including those who clearly voted against annexation the first time. Why risk a new pool?

This measure will increase taxes by 30% (from \$0.092 to \$0.12 per thousand assessed valuation). We support our pool, but this increase adds to the burden of all taxpayers, especially those living on fixed incomes. Anacortes' generous taxpayers have shown how much we love the pool, passing every levy for the last 30 years, providing a stable source of funding for pool operations and maintenance expenses.

Most importantly, this proposition (RCW 35.61) strips our voting rights, granting five commissioners sweeping powers, including the right of eminent domain, to tax, spend and operate without the safeguards in place under the current system. Vote to retain your citizen voting rights and defeat this threat to democracy!

The current system gives a vote to all citizens. Don't give away your voting rights for this power grab! Vote No to forced annexation. Vote No to increased taxes. Vote No to protect your voting rights. Vote No to the Metropolitan Recreation District!

Rebuttal of Argument For

This proposal represents a new tax for Guemes citizens and a 30% tax increase for everyone else. It strips citizens of the right to approve future pool levies and gives sweeping new powers to five commissioners (RCW35.61). We must keep our voting rights! This forced annexation was rejected last year by 60% of Guemes voters, and with thirty consecutive years of voter-approved levies, funding is already secure. Vote no to this dangerous power grab.

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

I am new to public office.

Other Professional Experience

I am retired, having worked all over the world for the Defense Department at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency as a cartographer and geospatial analyst.

Education

I hold an Associate of Arts degree from Skagit Valley Community College, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Washington.

Community Service

I am an active volunteer at the Anacortes Senior Center and past member of its Foundation Board, helping with Meals on Wheels, etc. I am secretary of the Anacortes Sister City Association and am past president and current local chapter officer of the Washington State Questers International.

Statement

I am a collaborative problem-solver who can work with people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Our pool is such an important part of our community, and I am looking forward to contributing my thoughts and ideas as we move forward. As a commissioner, I will work to ensure that taxpayer funds are spent on the most efficient plans and processes to benefit all people living in the Fidalgo Metropolitan Recreation District, including those in Anacortes, Guemes Island, and Fidalgo Island. I will work to ensure that they have a voice in future decisions. The essentials that make Anacortes a great place to live are already here. The Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center contributes to the health and wellness of our community, and with the proper financial oversight, it will continue to thrive for many years into the future.

Thank you for your vote!



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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Fidalgo Pool and Recreation District Commissioner since Dec 2018

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

MBA, University of Washington; MA Computer Resources and Information Management, Webster University; BA Psychology, University of Colorado

Community Service

Fidalgo Pool and Recreation District Commissioner since Dec 2018; Mt Baker Ski Patrol since Jan 2015; City of Anacortes Historic Preservation Board, Mar 2014 - Dec 2019

Statement

The Pool and Fitness Center is a community-owned asset providing a wide range of recreational opportunities for all ages. As a member of the Thunderbird Aquatic Club Masters Team, I am a regular patron to the Center and see the demands placed on our facility. I've also seen the impact of a failed Operations and Management levy that has shut down other facilities and believe a Metropolitan Parks District is our best option to ensure our facility is available for generations to come. We missed this vote by a few votes last year, and I hope the cap placed on this year's vote will provide the assurances our District members want.



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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Second-time candidate for commissioner (winning last year but the measure failed), having previously served as a member and president of the Riverview School District Board of Directors

Other Professional Experience

Anacortes Planning Commissioner, 2020 - present. Retired teacher, principal, superintendent. Recipient of the Washington State Robert Handy most effective administrator award.

Education

Doctoral degree; educational leadership, Seattle Pacific University. Master's degree; reading and language arts, Seattle Pacific University. Danforth Educational Leadership Program, University of Washington.

Community Service

Anacortes Planning Commission, HOA treasurer, Precinct Committee Officer, church children's teacher, director and member board of directors.

Statement

I have been an active member of the Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center for the past seven years. I want to see our pool flourish and expand. We are fortunate to have such an integral and valued part of our community. Whether teaching our third-grade students to swim, or helping our seniors stay active through the Silver Sneakers fitness classes, and everything in between, the pool offers a positive link to all residents interested in maintaining an active life style.

The pool is aging, and will soon need a new or renovated building. My experience with capital facility projects coupled with fiscally conservative values, will help guide this project to a conclusion that we will all be proud to see completed.

As commissioner, I will add my leadership and fiscal skills and be a voice for the citizens of our community. I am a collaborative team member who is not afraid to stand up for the best interests of all concerned. You will find me to be a no-nonsense, common-sense advocate for all of the citizens of Anacortes.

Thank you for your vote.



Sandi Phinney

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Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Sandi is the Chief Strategy Officer at Community Action of Skagit County, where she facilitates strategic planning, budgeting, and results oriented management. She has worked with the City of Anacortes to establish the Anacortes Resource Center and provide input on Comprehensive Planning. She has been a member of FPFC's Masters Swim Team and United States Masters Swimming since 2010. She has been a lifeguard and swim instructor and is a Certified USMS Level 3 Coach.

Education

Master of Public Administration (MPA), University of Washington

Community Service

Volunteering: teaching developmentally disabled adults, ESL, Special Olympics swimming. Her career is in service to the community.

Statement

Sandi is running for a Metro Park District Commissioner position because she is committed to supporting the development of a new improved pool and fitness facility that can serve the whole community and continue to be a safe, gathering place for friends and teammates. We need a new facility that has two pools to better meet the needs of our diverse population. Our top-ranked high school swim teams, year-round Thunderbird Aquatics team, and Masters swim team need a cooler pool and more lap time for intense workouts, while older adults, those in therapy, and young children in lessons need a warmer pool for health and comfort. This is the standard format for modern pools, and other communities have been able to make this happen. We can learn from them. Passage of the Metropolitan Park District ballot resolution will make this vision fiscally more attainable and will improve the sustainability of current and future facilities.



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Elected Experience

I am new to political office after many years of business management.

Other Professional Experience

Successful small business owner for 38 years. Past President of Woman Business Owners. First Woman President of the Seattle Executives Association. Past President of Union Harbor Condos.

Education

Born in Yakima, Washington and attended A.C. Davis High School, graduating with Honors. Studied at Highline Community College.

Community Service

Years of attending City Council, School Board, Transit, and Commissioner Meetings.

Statement

As a commissioner I would ensure that the taxpayers' dollars are spent appropriately. Budgets that are created must be realistic and adhered to. My leadership skills will enhance the ability of the newly formed board to perform it's duties in a timely, efficient, and economical manner. My business experience has taught me that getting the job done successfully is the primary focus of any project. A vote for me is a vote for common sense solutions.



Mark Pearson
Nonpartisan Office

Unopposed

Elected Experience

14 years

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

I have proudly called Big Lake my home for the past 35 years. During my time as a District Commissioner from January 2008 to December 2019, I gained invaluable experience, and I was honored to be reelected to fill a vacant seat in September 2023.

As a Commissioner, my focus areas include ensuring the Sewer District operates both efficiently and cost-effectively. I am also committed to addressing new development and its impact on our district, as well as promoting effective management practices.

Upper Skagit Rural Partial County Library District Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Trustees of the Upper Skagit Rural Partial County Library District adopted Resolution 2025-03 concerning its regular property tax levy. This proposition would authorize the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2026 to provide continued funding for the Library District's operation and maintenance. The resulting dollar amount of the 2026 levy would be used for the purpose of computing subsequent levy limitations as provided by RCW 84.55.

Should this proposition be approved?

Argument For

Good news: Our community is using the Upper Skagit Library more than ever! This proposal keeps that momentum going by allowing the Upper Skagit Library District to restore its tax levy rate to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. For a \$400,000 home (district average), the total would be \$16.67 per month—\$6 more than the current rate. This is the rate voters approved in 2010. But the state's levy limit law has forced the Library District's levy rate down to \$0.32, which is inadequate to meet current needs.

The number of patrons and items checked out have both doubled since 2021. Plus, the library has expanded critical services, such as serving the Concrete School District, which no longer has its own libraries. Also, our library now does interlibrary loans with other libraries in the county, giving us access to much more information.

But inflation has driven up costs of library materials, wages, and more. And we recently lost funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Washington State Library.

If this proposal fails, the Upper Skagit Library will need to: Close more days per week; Cut staff; Buy fewer books; Sponsor fewer programs; Reduce or cancel services to Concrete Schools; Postpone building/technology maintenance; Cut services such as printing, notary, hotspot lending, WiFi, and other technology.

Think of all the ways the library serves you.

Don't let these cuts happen!

Vote "Yes" to keep our Upper Skagit Library thriving!

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Explanatory Statement

Written by Upper Skagit Rural Partial County Library District
State law allows Upper Skagit Rural Partial County Library District d/b/a Upper Skagit Library to collect up to \$0.50/\$1,000 of assessed property value per year for general operations and maintenance. Over time, the Library's levy rate has dropped to \$0.32/\$1,000, and the funding has not kept pace with the Library's basic needs. Passage of this proposition, which is necessary to maintain the present and future levels of services and collections of the Library, would restore the levy rate to \$0.50/\$1,000 for 2026. The resulting 2026 levy amount would be used to calculate all applicable tax limitations thereafter.

Approval of this proposition would meet community needs by providing necessary funding for the operations and maintenance of the Library. It would preserve open hours, staffing, and programming, including services currently provided to the Concrete School District elementary school, and enable the possible addition of new Library services and programming, such as expanding services to the Concrete School District middle and high schools.

Rejection of this proposition would mean reduced funding for the Library, necessitating reductions to library services, materials and open hours. The Library would be closed one or more days a week and would be required to reduce staffing and eliminate staff education and training programs. Building and technology maintenance would need to be deferred. The Library would need to reduce funds spent on programming and collections. Certain Library services, such as printing, notary services, laminating, Wi-Fi and other technology assistance and services, and the District's hotspot lending program, would need to be reduced or eliminated. Services and outreach to the Concrete School District would be reduced.

Argument Against

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditors Office to provide a statement. There are no statements against the ballot measure.