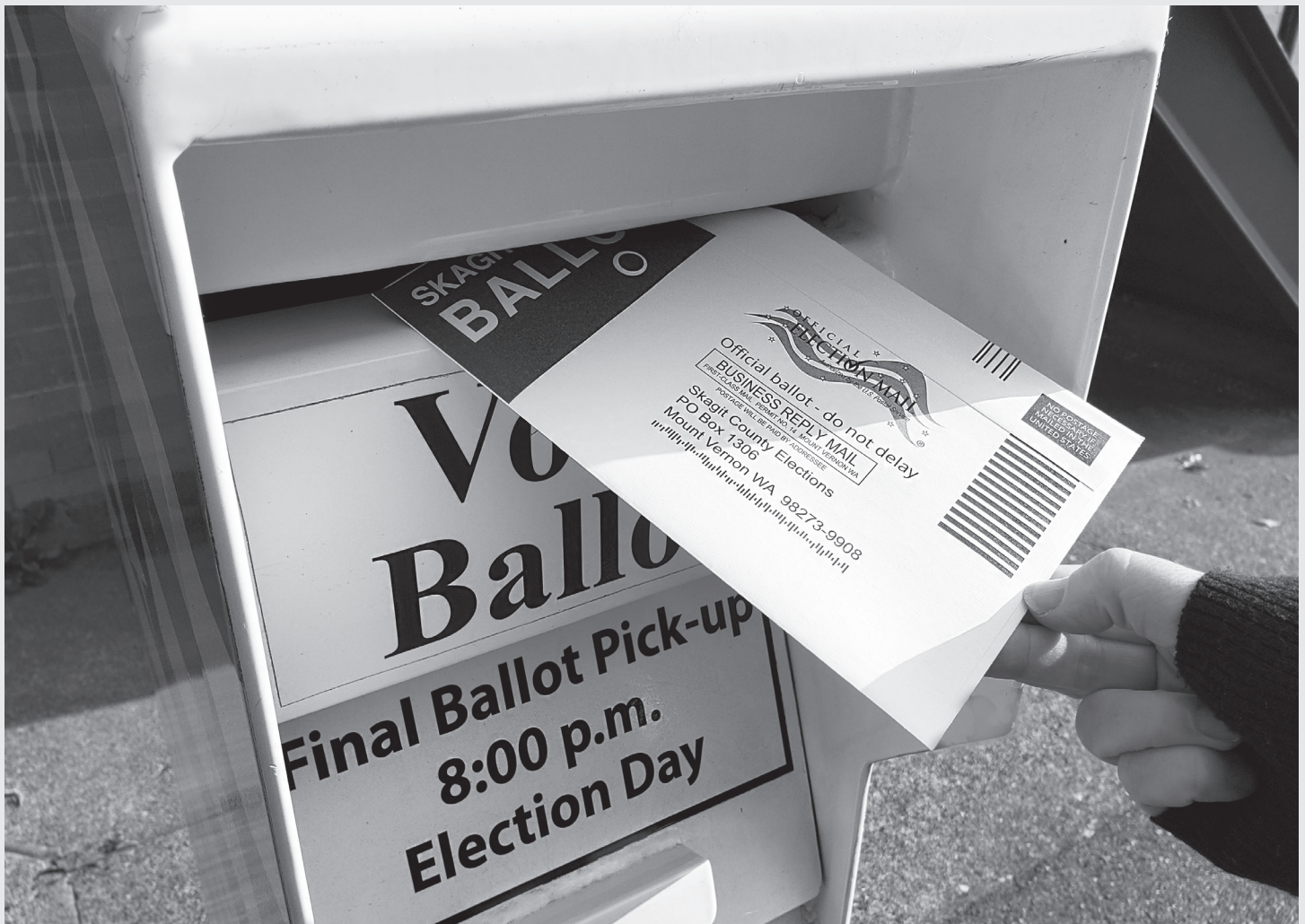


Skagit County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet

November 3, 2026 General Election



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

This election, candidates will be running for federal, state, and county positions.

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 Primary Election Day, November 3, 2026
- 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!

Skagit County Elections

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View Spanish voters' pamphlet online or Scan QR code to view the Spanish voters' pamphlet online



Ballot Instructions

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

Instructions

Vote for one in each contest

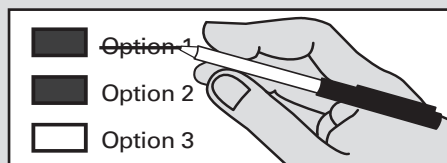


Fill in the box to the left of your choice using black or blue ink.

You may leave a contest blank; your ballot will still count.

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

Correcting a mistake



Draw a line through the incorrect candidate name or ballot. You may then you may make another choice.

Optional write-in

To vote for a candidate not listed in that contest, fill in the box to the left of the dashed line and print the name on the line.

Who donates to campaigns?

View contributors for candidates and measures

Federal Elections Commission

www.fec.gov
Toll Free (800) 424-9530

Public Disclosure Commission

www.pdc.wa.gov
Toll Free (877) 601-2828

Vote your ballot...

Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot.

You may leave a contest blank, your ballot will still count.

Put your voted ballot in the security sleeve.

Put the security sleeve in the return envelope.

Seal the return envelope.

Sign and date the declaration on the return envelope. If you are unable to sign, make your mark and have it witnessed by TWO people. *Ensure that both people sign the envelope.*

A power of attorney cannot be used to sign a ballot.

Place your ballot in a ballot drop box ...

Deposit your ballot in a drop box. Drop boxes are picked up by Elections department staff, not the USPS. See drop box locations on the next page.

Drop boxes open 20 days before Election Day. They remain open 24 hours a day until 8:00 PM Election Night.

Skagit County Elections strongly encourages using drop boxes.

Or return your ballot by mail...

NO STAMP required if mailed in the U.S.

*Ballots sent by mail **MUST** be postmarked no later than Election Day*

USPS recommends mailing your ballot at least 7 days before election day

Contact Skagit County Elections...

If you've lost, spoiled, or destroyed your ballot; or

To learn about the locations, hours, and services of voting centers and ballot drop boxes, including the availability of accessible voting equipment.

Phone: (360) 416-1702

Email: sselections@skagitcountywa.gov

Web: www.skagitcountywa.gov/elections

Remember to sign your return envelope!

Ballot Drop Box Locations

Drop boxes 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

**No stamp needed to
return your ballot**



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

You may also drop your ballot off in person at:

Elections Department

700 S. 2nd St, Rm 139

1st floor near elevator lobby

Mount Vernon, 360-416-1702

Open 8:30-4:30 Week Days

All Offices and Candidates

Skagit County offices and candidates in the November 3, 2026 General Election

Skagit County
Assessor Danny Hagen (Prefers Independent Party)
Auditor Jeremy Harrison-Smith (Prefers Democratic Party) Mark Hulst (Prefers Independent Party)
Clerk Melissa Beaton (Prefers Democratic Party) Amanda Toscano (Prefers Independent Party)
County Commissioner District 3 Keith L. Wagoner (Prefers Republican Party) Joe Burns (Prefers Democratic Party)
Coroner Alex Lathum (Prefers Democratic Party) Derrill Fussell (Prefers Republican Party)
Prosecuting Attorney Erik Pedersen (Prefers Democratic Party)
Sheriff Chris Baldwin (Prefers Independent Party) Cody Hart (Prefers Republican Party)
Treasurer Jackie Brunson (Prefers Democrat Party) Timothy Garrison (Prefers Republican Party)

Judicial Offices - Skagit County
District Court Judge Position 1 Patrick Eason
District Court Judge Position 2 Paul W Nielsen
District Court Judge Position 3 Jenifer Howson

Public Utility Distrct No. 1
Commissioner Position 1 Andrew Miller Spencer Roozen



You will not be voting on every item in this voters' pamphlet. Use your ballot to identify the races to review.



Danny Hagen

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Biography

Raised on Bow Hill and in La Conner, Danny spent eight years in the office before being elected Assessor in 2022. A Professional Member of the International Association of Assessing Officers, he's President of the Washington State Association of County Assessors and 2nd Vice President of the Washington Association of County Officials. A Leadership Skagit Class of 2018 graduate and seven-year volunteer, Danny chairs the boards of Community Action of Skagit County and Chinook Enterprises, and is a Rotarian and Special Olympics volunteer. He lives in Mount Vernon with his fiancée Falon and their blended family of six kids.

Statement

Serving as your Skagit County Assessor has been one of the great privileges of my career. I've committed to accurate valuations, consistent application of the law, and getting out into the community, with over 60 presentations to more than 2,000 Skagit County residents. That's what I'm committed to building on.

There is an important change residents should know about. Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6162, signed into law this year, significantly expands the Senior and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Exemption. The income threshold rises from \$48,000 to \$78,000, a new standard deduction of \$7,500 for individuals and \$15,000 for couples or domestic partnerships will apply, and access is expanded for disabled veterans. Many who didn't qualify before may qualify now.

Our office is leading the state in preparing for this expansion and will begin accepting applications for 2027 this fall. Visit the Skagit County Assessor's Office website to learn more and see if you qualify.

In four years, we've launched an online portal for exemptions, expanded bilingual services, and through technology and improved training, led the state in mass appraisal performance, with a smaller team.

Thank you for the trust you've placed in me and this office.



Jeremy Harrison-Smith

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Biography

I was born and raised in Skagit County and live in Clear Lake with my wife, Johanna, and our five-year-old daughter. As the Governor's Northwest Washington representative, I connect community members, businesses, tribes, and local governments with state resources. As Executive Director of the Scleroderma Foundation Northwest Chapter, I led operations across Washington and Idaho, including budget oversight, donor relations, and workplan development. I've also been a preschool teacher. My community service experience includes civic engagement, Skagit County Elections observing, English-Spanish interpreting, and voter registration.

Education: MA, Social Justice in Intercultural Relations; BA, Sociology and International Relations.

Statement

I have more than a decade of on-the-ground experience in leadership and community roles, serving with *transparency, integrity, and accountability*. As a fluent Spanish speaker, I'm a strong advocate for expanding language access and outreach to make sure services are available to everyone in our community.

As your Auditor, I will *protect our accurate, secure, and accessible elections* and collaborate with our state partners to safeguard Skagit County's vote-by-mail system. I will *modernize financial systems* and *improve customer service* so residents have reliable access to licensing and public records, meeting the needs of our growing population.

I'm running for auditor because I believe the future of our democracy is at a tipping point, and *we need to guarantee that every eligible voter's voice is heard* and our kids and future generations inherit secure, reliable elections. *I am committed to serving and working for the future of our county.* I would be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsed by: Skagit County Democrats, Skagit County Auditor Sandy Perkins, State Senator Liz Lovelett, Anacortes Mayor Ryan Walters, Mount Vernon City Councilmember Hannah Oliver, Sedro-Woolley City Councilmember Nora Pederson, and other community leaders.



Mark Hulst

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Biography

Mark Hulst is a Skagit County native with over a decade of public service experience. He served 12 years on the Mount Vernon City Council, including roles as Finance Chair and Public Safety Chair, working on budgeting, oversight, and operations. His service also includes the Mount Vernon Planning Commission and Skagit Transit Board of Directors. He serves on the board of Volunteers of America Western Washington. He is a local business owner with experience managing operations, budgets, and teams, and has coached youth basketball, reflecting connection to community. He is running to provide experienced, independent leadership focused on effective government.

Statement

I am running for Skagit County Auditor because the public deserves fair elections, accurate results, and an office they can trust. The Auditor's Office should be defined by integrity, professionalism, and service to the public -not politics.

Throughout my career, I have worked in complex organizations where accuracy, accountability, and trust matter every day. I have managed teams, overseen detailed systems, and understand that strong public service depends on clear processes, responsible oversight, and well-trained staff. Effective leadership means building systems that work reliably and treat people with fairness and respect.

The Auditor's Office is responsible for administering elections, maintaining public records, and safeguarding important financial processes. These responsibilities require precision, transparency, and strict adherence to state law. I will ensure our vote-by-mail system is administered accurately, consistently, and professionally -without unnecessary rhetoric or partisanship.

My priorities will include improving operational efficiency, strengthening staff development and ensuring county services are delivered professionally and reliably.

I am committed to fairness, accuracy, and public trust. I will work collaboratively with staff, elected officials, and the community to ensure the Auditor's Office remains professional, nonpartisan, and prepared to serve the people of Skagit County from day one. I respectfully ask for your vote.

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



Melissa Beaton

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Biography

Raised in Skagit County, I began my career in high school working for local law firms. I then spent two decades in Skagit County Superior Court before being elected County Clerk in 2019. I also serve on the Mount Vernon City Council and the Skagit County Law & Justice Council. I am a Certified Court Manager through the National Center for State Courts and a past president of both the Washington State Association of County Clerks and Skagit Rotary. A Leadership Skagit graduate, I am active in community service through Skagit Rotary, Community Action, the YMCA, and previous school committees.

Statement

I am honored to serve as your County Clerk and would be privileged to continue in that role. My career has been dedicated to the legal community, and public confidence in our justice system is more important than ever. The Clerk's Office operates within the executive branch, independent of the judiciary, serving as the administrative and financial office of Superior Court. Responsible for a \$3 million budget and 19 staff, I've worked to modernize services, implement e filing, and build a strong, effective team.

This work is highly technical and vital—ensuring the integrity, accuracy, and accessibility of court records. Yet it is also deeply human. We serve people during some of the most difficult moments of their lives, whether navigating family matters, grieving loss, or facing a legal system that can feel overwhelming.

I believe the Clerk's Office is about more than records and procedures. It is about helping people navigate a complex system with dignity, compassion, and respect. Skagit County deserves a Clerk invested in the community and working every day to make the justice system more accessible.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I would be honored to earn your vote again.



Amanda Toscano

(Prefers Independent Party)

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Biography

I am a lifelong Skagit County resident and real estate agent, raised in a rural working class family and proud graduate of Concrete High School. I later earned my degree in Vancouver, Washington, and built a career in corporate customer service with an emphasis on management and leadership. In every industry where I've worked, I've been trusted with leadership roles. Today, I successfully manage millions of dollars in property contracts, tight deadlines, and a diverse clientele from many income levels and backgrounds. I am a results oriented person who believes in honest, transparent collaboration with my community.

Statement

The County Clerk is the guardian of the Superior Court record and a vital link between the public, the courts, and other branches of county government. This office is responsible for receiving, processing, and preserving case filings, maintaining accurate dockets, and handling court related financial transactions with care and accountability. The work demands precision, confidentiality, and a steady focus on fairness so that every person engaging with the court system can trust that their documents and payments are handled correctly.

As your County Clerk, and citizen representative to the courts, I will listen to anyone who wants to be heard to ensure that our procedures are clear, consistent, and customer friendly at the counter and online. Drawing on my experience managing complex contracts, strict deadlines, and diverse clients, I will prioritize efficiency, accuracy, and accessibility in every aspect of the office. I will be a careful steward of public resources, prioritizing needs over wants and working daily to improve transparency and reduce barriers to justice. Together, we can strengthen trust in our courts and protect the integrity of the public record for our beautiful Skagit County.



Keith L. Wagoner
(Prefers Republican Party)

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Biography

Senator 39th Legislative District 2018-present (Minority Whip), Mayor City of Sedro-Woolley 2016-18, Sedro-Woolley City Council 2010-15

Served United States Marine Corps and U.S. Navy for 23 years as a Naval Aviator flying helicopters, including 13 years in overseas locations conducting resupply and Search and Rescue missions. Retired with the rank of Commander. Diplomatic assignment to U.S. Embassy Tokyo, Japan.

Washington State University (freshman year); United States Naval Academy, Annapolis MD. (BS, Physical Oceanography); University of San Diego (MS, Global Leadership)

Fraternal Order of Police 2020 Legislator of the Year, Sedro-Woolley Rotary; Fraternal Order of Eagles #2069, American Legion Post 41

Statement

My twenty-three-year military career as a naval officer coupled with executive experience as mayor and legislative experience as a state senator has provided a unique perspective on leadership and working with others to accomplish mutual goals. In an increasingly divisive political environment, now more than ever, we need people who reflect the values and needs of our rural communities and can provide steady, pragmatic leadership. Growing up in rural Skagit County, working in the fields, instilled a deep and personal connection to our county and its people. My Skagit roots run deep; my wife and I raised our children here. No state senator in the history of the legislative district has brought more of your hard-earned tax dollars back to east Skagit County for projects that improved our community. I understand the importance of promoting our farms and businesses and the need to reduce regulatory and tax burdens at all levels of government. No other candidate has my depth of experience or record of achievements for Skagit County. I humbly ask for your vote that I may continue to serve and improve our communities. I look forward to connecting with you and hearing your ideas for a better Skagit County.



Joe Burns
(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Biography

Current Skagit County Commissioner for District 3 and former Sedro-Woolley City Council member. Before public service, I spent two decades in the automotive industry, starting in trade school and serving nine years as shop foreman at Doyle Guffie's Rallye Auto Sales. I then taught auto shop at Sedro-Woolley High School as a union member, helping prepare students for the future. Studied Gas and Diesel Automotive Service Technologies at the College of Southern Idaho and earned the AWC Certificate of Municipal Leadership. Current Sedro-Woolley Lions Club member and former president, Loggerodeo Parade Foreman, and former Helping Hands Food Bank board chair.

Statement

Like any parent, I care about whether my children will be able to afford to live, raise a family, and build a future in Skagit County 20 years from now. Those concerns guide my work as your Skagit County Commissioner.

Before public service, I spent two decades in the automotive industry, where I learned the value of accountability, problem-solving, and doing the job right. Trust and respect are earned through integrity and diligence, a principle I bring to county government every day.

Skagit County should be a place where hard work pays off, local businesses can grow, and young families have a reason to stay. That means protecting taxpayer dollars, planning responsibly for growth, and focusing on solutions to affordability. I believe people deserve local leaders who listen, stay focused on the work, and follow through.

As commissioner, I have helped secure grant funding, supported local agriculture, and strengthened flood protection for our communities. I've traveled across the county, meeting residents where they are and hearing directly from the people I serve.

Endorsed by Rick Larsen, Lisa Janicki, Julia Johnson, and many others. I would be honored to earn your vote to continue serving as your Skagit County Commissioner.



Alex Lathum

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Biography

Lead Microbiologist, Data Consultant, and Management Analyst at Washington Public Health Laboratory. Laboratory technician at The Institute for Environmental Health.

Education includes B.S. Physics and Astronomy, minor in Microbiology, University of Washington. B.A. Mathematics, University of Illinois. M.S. Mathematics, Emporia State University.

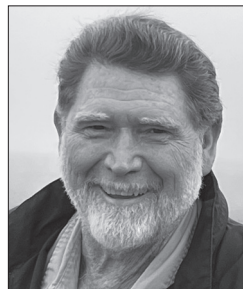
Current intern at Skagit County Coroner's Office.

Volunteer musician for local High School musicals.

Statement

I am running for Skagit County Coroner to provide our community with an essential public service. I will ensure the office continues its mission of providing independent, compassionate, and professional medicolegal death investigations, while cooperating fully with all investigative partners. Most importantly, I will ensure that every death is investigated thoroughly and with absolute respect for the decedents and their families. I will work with relatives to clearly explain the process and timeline of a death investigation and do everything possible to help families. I will be a coroner who actively responds to death scenes and participates fully in investigations.

I bring years of experience as a lead microbiologist and public health professional, directly managing day-to-day laboratory operations under strict state and federal regulations. I have always held my teams and operations to the highest scientific standards. I will prioritize clear, straightforward communication, ensuring families receive needed updates and that our partner agencies stay fully informed. Additionally, I will actively track and analyze Skagit County death statistics, making this data available to the public to help inform community safety decisions. I would be honored to serve the people of Skagit County and I respectfully ask for your vote.



Derrill Fussell

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Biography

Derrill Fussell has deep roots in Skagit County, where he and his wife raised three daughters in Mount Vernon. He farmed the Skagit Valley for twelve years and served as General Manager of one of the world's largest flower bulb farms, directing staff, budgets, and daily operations. As CEO of a technology company, he earned a U.S. patent for data-security hardware. He held the nation's highest civilian security clearance, serving as a contractor at the White House West Wing and Pacific Naval Command Center. He is the author of ten children's books promoting early literacy.

Statement

I am running for Coroner because Skagit County families deserve answers that are timely, accurate, and delivered with compassion. When my only son died in a car crash, I lived the long wait that grieving families endure. No family should wait in silence for the truth.

The Coroner's office succeeds on management, budgeting, and administrative oversight, and my career prepared me for exactly that. As General Manager of one of the world's largest flower bulb farms, I led large teams and complex operations. As CEO of a technology company, I built budgets, met deadlines, and answered for results. I held the nation's highest civilian security clearance, serving at the White House West Wing and Pacific Naval Command Center.

Our Coroner's department is understaffed; I will lobby for the full staffing this vital work demands. My compassion extends to every grieving family and to the coroner team carrying this work daily. As your Coroner, I will deliver timely, rigorous investigations; communicate clearly with every family, including our Swinomish, Upper Skagit, and Sauk-Suiattle neighbors; publish open data on overdose and fentanyl deaths; and complete every certification Washington State requires.

Truth. Transparency. Trust. I would be honored to earn your vote.



Erik Pedersen

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Biography

Education: Lakeside High School 1983; University of Washington Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration 1987; University of Puget Sound/Seattle University Juris Doctorate 1990;

Professional Experience: City of Aberdeen Prosecutor 1992-1994; 32 years with Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Deputy Prosecutor 1994-1999, Appellate & Senior Deputy 1999-2021, Chief Civil Deputy 2022-2026;

Community Service: Past President Skagit County Bar Association

Statement

As a Deputy Prosecutor for 32 years under 5 prosecutors, I worked to protect the citizens of Skagit County and support efficient local government. The Prosecutor's Office strives to protect victims and the community by holding offenders responsible, especially violent offenders. We balance the interests of victims and the community with compassionate accountability, recognizing the effects of drug use and mental illness. We are guided by "truth, equity and justice."

For 25 years, I prosecuted criminal trials and briefed hundreds of appellate cases including multiple homicide cases. I moved to the civil division striving to provide prompt legal advice on numerous issues affecting the county. I helped develop policies to improve efficiency, defended the county in numerous lawsuits and defeated those improperly seeking to undermine county officials.

I have strived to be open and direct, making decisions based upon all the evidence, and be an example of professionalism.

I am ready to take my experience and relationships I have developed to lead for the future. I raised my family here and will work hard to help Skagit County be an amazing and safe place for all residents to live, work, play and thrive. I respectfully ask for your vote.



Chris Baldwin

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Biography

32 years of Law Enforcement experience with the Skagit County Sheriff's Office. Current Chief of Field Operations, Commander North Cascades Regional SWAT Team, Crisis Response Team Commander, Skagit County Department of Emergency Management Unified Command, Past Chair Law and Justice Council, North Star Co-Response Task Force, Population Health Trust Committee, Nuisance Property Task Force, Courthouse Security Committee, and Workplace Violence Prevention Instructor.

Skagit Valley College, Washington State Correction & Basic Law Enforcement Academies, Command Level Tactical and Supervisory courses, Command level trained in the National Incident Management System.

Volunteers with individuals having special needs and disabilities, advocating for Autism Awareness.

Statement

It has been a privilege to serve my community for 32 years as your current Skagit County Chief of Field Operations. This dedication drives my desire to become your next Sheriff. I believe in practical, common-sense leadership that involves listening to our community, supporting staff, and making decisions based on experience and integrity rather than politics.

As your Sheriff, my responsibility is to every resident and visitor of Skagit County. I envision fostering a culture of accountability, honesty, and integrity within the ranks that extends into our community. That's how public service should function.

My priorities remain: Strengthening public safety while respecting the rights and dignity of every individual; Supporting and retaining well-trained deputies and staff; Expanding partnerships with local agencies and organizations; Addressing crime proactively; Ensuring transparency and responsible use of tax dollars.

Everyone interacting with the Sheriff's Office deserves dignity and fairness. We must serve all individuals equally, regardless of their background, disability or circumstances. Our badge represents our dedication to service and equality for all. These values will guide my decisions as your sheriff.

To all residents of Skagit County, I sincerely thank you and would be honored to receive your vote.



Cody Hart

(Prefers Republican Party)

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Biography

Cody is volunteering to serve as a Constitutional Sheriff for Skagit County, is committed to fighting for accountability and protecting and serving every resident. He is an independent investigator, public corruption expert, civil rights advocate, and has state and federal court experience. As a United States Navy veteran, Cody earned a Bachelor of Science degree with coursework through the U.S. Navy, FEMA, and Washington Emergency Management's Incident Command System. From a young age, Cody was taught that service matters, and his advocacy for accountability was recently rewarded with a letter of thanks from the *President of the United States*.

Statement

I am a Christian, a sworn defender of the U.S. Constitution, and a U.S. Navy veteran. I'm also a father of three daughters and a college graduate—and I'm running as a change-in-leadership candidate, not someone who has been part of the current problems in the Sheriff's Office. I understand what's at stake for taxpayers, Citizens, and families living in Skagit County.

I have proven experience confronting the misuse of public funds that has fueled the worst public corruption our county has ever seen, restoring election integrity, and fighting against lawyers and judges who violate the Constitution. I bring real experience defending civil rights, and reporting millions of dollars of waste, fraud, and abuse in government for those who want transparency and consequences.

As an independent investigator, my work has taken me through the Washington Superior Court, the State Supreme Court, the federal U.S. district court, and coordination with the Washington State Patrol, U.S. Department of Justice, FBI, U.S. Marshals, and the U.S. Attorney's office. I place resident's rights over protecting government every time.

Constitutional rights must be defended. I'm asking for your support to bring accountability and law and order back to Skagit County.



Jackie Brunson

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Biography

Elected Skagit County Treasurer 2018

Skagit County Treasurer 2019-Present, Chief of Administrative Services, Skagit County Sheriff's Office 2002-2018, Accountant, Skagit County Sheriff's Office 1996-2002, Skagit County Auditor's Office 1992-1996

University of Houston, Bachelors Degree-Accounting, Leadership Skagit 2013

Legislative Chair, Washington Association of County Treasurers, Board Treasurer Youthnet, Board member Chinook Enterprises, Secretary/Treasurer Washington Association of County Officials, Leadership Skagit Coach, 4-H, Special Olympics and numerous other volunteer positions usually in the role of Treasurer

Statement

As a lifelong resident of Skagit County, I would be honored to continue serving as your Skagit County Treasurer for another four years. For nearly 34 years, I have proudly served the citizens of Skagit County in a variety of roles, and I remain committed to providing responsible, efficient, and transparent public service.

Since taking office in 2019, I have implemented several improvements within the Treasurer's Office, including electronic excise filing, digitization of records, and cross-training staff to improve customer service and operational efficiency. I have also reduced banking costs and continue seeking innovative ways to streamline processes and better serve taxpayers.

In addition, I currently serve as Legislative Chair for the Washington State Association of County Treasurers. In this role, I work closely with legislators and stakeholders to support practical policies that improve services for taxpayers and provide counties with better tools to assist delinquent property owners.

I will continue to manage county resources with integrity, accountability, and fiscal responsibility while serving the taxpayers of Skagit County with dedication and professionalism.

Thank you for your support.



Timothy Garrison

(Prefers Republican Party)

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Biography

Timothy Garrison is a Skagit County small business owner with extensive experience in accounting and both federal and state tax matters. He earned a B.A. in Business Administration with an accounting concentration and an M.B.A. in Finance, bringing strong financial management skills to the Treasurer's Office. His work in commercial fishing and cattle ranching also builds practical budgeting and cash-flow experience. Garrison volunteers with Skagit Valley Church of Christ and supports youth and community assistance programs, as well as Shriners fundraising and Burn Center initiatives.

Statement

In today's fraud-rich environment, Skagit County taxpayers deserve responsible stewardship of public funds. Timothy Garrison brings private-sector accounting and tax experience, along with the financial discipline to review and challenge how public money is handled. His background across federal and state tax processes supports careful compliance, documentation, and accountability-core expectations of the Treasurer's role.

As a father of four, a college graduate, and a defender of the Constitution, Timothy will put Skagit County first and serve taxpayers with integrity. He supports constitutionally lawful, transparent operations and will not allow improper or unlawful transactions under his watch.

As Treasurer, Timothy's focus will be eliminating fraud and protecting every taxpayer dollar by thoroughly reviewing and scrutinizing transactions that come through the Treasurer's Office. He will promote transparency, deliver exceptional customer service, and bring practical innovation to the way the office serves the community-making it easier for residents to understand and engage with Treasurer services.

Timothy is running as a political outsider, motivated by results and service. He will bring a careful, professional approach to safeguarding public funds and strengthening public trust.



Patrick Eason

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Biography

Skagit County District Court Commissioner since July 2021; practicing attorney in private and public sectors for decades, primarily in Skagit County

Member of the Board of Governors, statewide District & Municipal Court Judges Association; former legal counsel for the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

J.D. cum laude, Seattle University School of Law 1998; B. A. Political Science, Western Washington University 1994, AA Degree Skagit Valley Community College 1992

Currently a Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club member; previously served as a Sedro-Woolley Youth Football volunteer

Statement

Pat Eason has served as the Court Commissioner for our Skagit County District Court since July 2021. In this important role, he has performed all the expected duties of a District Court Judge by presiding over criminal jury trials, guilty plea and sentencing hearings, criminal and civil pre-trial dockets, protection order hearings, small claims matters, and infraction hearings.

Pat has served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, an Assistant City Attorney, City Prosecutor, and represented private clients in civil litigation, domestic matters, and criminal defense while in private practice. Seeing how court participants' lives are affected by their experiences in our legal system through all these perspectives makes him uniquely qualified to serve you as District Court Judge.

Pat has deep generational ties with Skagit County. He and his wife, Rachelle, have raised their family here, and all six of their children have attended Sedro-Woolley District public schools. Both Pat and Rachelle are active Rotary Club members.

Endorsements: More than 20 past and present Skagit County judges; retired County Commissioner Lisa Janicki and Commissioner Peter Browning; State Senator Keith Wagoner; Mount Vernon Mayor Peter Donovan; Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney Rich Weyrich; International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers (IAM 751)

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Paul W Nielsen

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Unopposed

Biography

Professional Experience: Skagit County District Court Judge March 2024 - present. Skagit County District Court Commissioner January 2021 - February 2024. Skagit County Senior Deputy Prosecutor 2007 - 2020. Rusing & Nielsen 2001 - 2006. Education: Seattle University School of Law.

Statement

In January of 2021, Judge Nielsen was selected by the Skagit County District Court Judges to be their court commissioner. In February of 2024, Judge Nielsen was selected by the Skagit County Commissioners to fill the vacant judicial position.

Prior to moving to the bench, in January of 2007, Judge Nielsen accepted a job with the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Judge Nielsen handled a felony caseload, which encompassed everything from theft to murder cases. A good part of his caseload dealt with handling highly sensitive and difficult cases related to computer facilitated crimes, child victim crimes, and serious violent crimes.

From 2001 - 2006, Judge Nielsen's private practice consisted of representing clients in criminal cases, domestic relations cases, personal injury, and L & I.

Judge Nielsen strives to be very prepared, informed, and open-minded for those appearing in front of him. Court is often intimidating for individuals whether they are a party to a case or even a witness. It is important to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to be heard. Judge Nielsen's experience in private practice, prosecution, and on the bench makes him well equipped to continue to serve as a District Court Judge.



Jenifer Howson

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Unopposed

Biography

Skagit County District Court Judge since January 2021;
District Court Commissioner 2017-2020

Attorney with 27 years experience in the District and Superior Courts of Skagit, Whatcom, Island, and Snohomish Counties; Judge Pro Tem, Sedro-Woolley Municipal Court, Skagit County District and Superior Courts

J.D., University of the Pacific, McGeorge 1989; B.A. Political Science, University of Washington 1984

Skagit Rotary; Skagit Women's Alliance and Network (SWAN), 2017-2020; Hospice NW Board of Trustees, 2017-2021

Statement

Judge Howson has served as District Court Judge since 2021, following four years as Court Commissioner. She was the Court's Presiding Judge for four years, managing a judge's full courtroom workload as well as conducting the business operations of the four-court system.

With a passion for justice, fairness, and equitable access to the courts, Judge Howson is a champion for ensuring that the courts apply these critical concepts daily. Judge Howson led the team that developed a nationally recognized network of Community Courts throughout Skagit County. Therapeutic courts are successful in addressing socio-economic factors leading some criminal defendants to repeatedly engage in non-violent criminal behavior due to addiction, untreated mental health issues, and unstable housing.

Judge Howson was recognized by Skagit Women's Alliance and Network (SWAN) as the "Woman of the Year" for Transformational Leadership in 2022; the Community Partner Award by Skagit Legal Aid (for the Licensing Clinic) in 2025, and by the Skagit Bar Association in 2007, with the Hugh Ridgway award for Professionalism and Integrity.

Endorsements: Former County Commissioner Lisa Janicki; Retired Supreme Court Justice Mary Yu; Skagit County Judges Riquelme, Neidzowski, Shand, Crandall, and Gilbert; and attorneys: Loren Pirkle, Craig Cammock, Laura Minton Breckenridge



Andrew Miller

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Biography

Andrew Miller is a Skagit County native, Air Force veteran, and proven community leader. As PUD Commissioner since 2020, he delivers principled leadership—keeping water affordable, strengthening system reliability, and ensuring Skagit’s water works for farms and families. Backed by advanced degrees in law, business, leadership, and strategy from Seattle University, Pacific Lutheran University, Gonzaga, and the Naval Postgraduate School, Andrew pairs a strong educational foundation with extensive experience across global corporations, government, and agriculture. Locally, he serves as CEO of United Way of Skagit County; Board director, Skagit Valley Chamber; and operates Tulip Valley Farms with his wife, Holly.

Statement

Safe, affordable water is the PUD's most important promise to its customers. Honoring that promise takes disciplined planning and collaborative leadership. For six years, that has been my standard — and my record.

Together, our board has navigated rising costs without compromising affordability, built a long-range Strategic Plan to secure our water future, and forged a durable water-sharing agreement that keeps Skagit farms irrigated through summer droughts while protecting the instream flows our rivers and salmon depend on.

As CEO of United Way of Skagit County, and a farmer, I see every day what water costs mean to working families and businesses. I am committed to stretching every dollar — using every funding tool available so the cost of modernization never falls solely on our ratepayers.

Every decision in this seat involves tradeoffs — between farms and rivers, between infrastructure and affordability. Getting those tradeoffs right takes experience: the credibility to bring every stakeholder to the table, the consistency to keep them there, and a track record of turning competing interests into shared solutions.

Affordable. Resilient. Sustainable. Results worth sustaining — a record worth continuing — and my commitment to doing right by every ratepayer we serve.

Re-elect Andrew Miller, Skagit PUD Commissioner



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Biography

As a proud third-generation Skagitonian, I have a deep appreciation for the people, traditions, and values that make Skagit Valley special. The grandson of Dutch immigrants, I was raised with a strong work ethic and commitment to giving back to the community. I graduated from MVHS and Washington State University with a degree in Agriculture Technology and Management. For the past 12 years I've been a broker with Windermere Real Estate in Mount Vernon. My wife Alana and I have been married seven years and are raising our two children while staying active in community service and local leadership.

Statement

I care deeply about the future of our community. My roots here have shaped my commitment to public service, responsible leadership, and protecting the quality of life that makes Skagit County such a special place to live.

Throughout my career I have been actively involved in organizations that strengthen our community and support local families. I have served on multiple boards, including Camp Fire Samish and the North Puget Sound Association of Realtors, where I continue to work collaboratively to support community growth, leadership, and service. In addition, I have proudly been a member of Skagit Rotary for the past 10 years, helping give back through volunteerism and local initiatives.

As a P.U.D Commissioner I will bring a strong work ethic, rate transparency, and a practical approach to decision-making. I am committed to ensuring reliable utility services, responsible stewardship of public resources, and thoughtful planning that benefits both current and future generations of Skagit County residents.

City of Mount Vernon
(Mount Vernon Transportation
Benefit District)

Proposition No. 1

Renewal of Sales and Use Tax for
Transportation Improvements

The City of Mount Vernon having assumed the role of the Mount Vernon Transportation Benefit District of Mount Vernon, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 1097 concerning sales and use taxes for transportation improvements, maintenance and repair. This proposition would authorize renewal and continued imposition of a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.2%), within the District pursuant to RCW 82.14.0455 for a period of ten years for the purpose of paying or financing costs of transportation improvements in the City of Mount Vernon identified in Resolution No. 1097.

Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Written by City of Mount Vernon

The City of Mount Vernon approved Ordinance no. 3679 on May 25, 2016, creating the Mount Vernon Transportation Benefit District. The District was authorized to impose a sales and use tax for the purpose of financing certain transportation improvements in the City in the amount of 2/10th of 1% (.0002) for a period of 10-years upon approval of a majority of voters. On November 8, 2016, the ballot measure to impose the tax was approved by the voters. Unless renewed collection ends in April 2027.

If approved, this measure would continue the local sales tax at the same rate for an additional 10-year period to fund costs of transportation improvements in the City of Mount Vernon and can be used for no other purpose. The revenue generated will fund unmet transportation needs including street repair, preservation and maintenance, maintenance and capital improvements for roads, bike, pedestrian mobility infrastructure projects identified in the City's Capital Improvement Program and Transportation Element of the City Comprehensive Plan.

The sales tax is estimated to generate \$2,300,000 per year. More information about the improvements is available at Mount Vernon City Hall, Mount Vernon Public Works and the City's website at www.mountvernonwa.gov.

Argument For

For Safety and Smoother Travel, Vote Yes on Proposition 1

What is it? The Transportation Benefit District is a fund voted for by Mount Vernon citizens that pays for transportation improvements, and only transportation improvements. It's 0.2% of the sales tax we are paying now, so thousands of tourists and visitors to our city contribute to it. Voters approved it ten years ago and the city is simply asking us to continue to support it, at the same rate, for the next ten years.

What has it given us? District funds have been used as necessary matching funds for state and federal grants. Matched grants have turned \$12 million dollars into nearly \$27 million dollars in state and federal grants. Those funds have paid for the widening of College Way/I-5 interchange, the Hoag Road/LaVenture intersection traffic light, resurfacing of 18th St, as well as Freeway Drive improvements. Mount Vernon has been able to overlay about 14 miles of city streets, improve 436 crosswalks and curbs, update or replace city sidewalks, and accomplish significant design work for future city road projects. The life-saving Fir/30th St intersection 4-way stop is just another example of a project paid for with Transportation Benefit District funds. Every Transportation Benefit District dollar has been spent on advancing infrastructure, making driving and walking safer and smoother.

Vote for safety and smooth travel. Vote "Yes" on Proposition One.

Committee: Mount Vernon Transportation Benefit District Pro Committee
Committee Spokesperson: LuAnne Gordan Burkhart
Contact: 360-412-2896; vbeancounter@msn.com
Committee Members: Gary Molenaar, Suzanne Butler

The Skagit County Auditor is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).

Argument Against

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

City of Sedro-Woolley Proposition No. 1 Annexation Into Central Skagit Rural Partial-County Library District

The City Council of Sedro-Woolley adopted Resolution Number 1191-26 concerning annexation into the Central Skagit Rural Partial-County Library District. The Central Skagit Rural Partial-County Library District (Central Skagit Library) covers the surrounding rural areas within the Sedro-Woolley School District boundaries but does not include Sedro-Woolley city limits. Library service provided to Sedro-Woolley residents is based on an agreement between the City and the Central Skagit Library with fees tied to the Central Skagit Library levy rate. Voter approval of Proposition 1 will result in Sedro-Woolley becoming a part of the Central Skagit Library.

Should the City of Sedro-Woolley be annexed to and become a part of the Central Skagit Rural Partial-County Library District?

Explanatory Statement

Written by City of Sedro-Woolley

If approved, City residents would remain eligible for library services and, beginning January 1, 2027, would be eligible to vote on library district ballot propositions. Because taxing district boundaries for the following tax year are set on August 1, the library district could begin levying property taxes within the city limits in 2028. The City would continue paying for library services through 2027. The City estimates that in 2028 the library district levy rate would be \$0.2320 per \$1,000 of assessed value and that the district would collect approximately \$517,255 from property within the City. Therefore, the City shall reduce its budgeted property tax levy by up to \$474,115 in 2028 to offset most of the new library district property tax. Based on current estimates, a home with an assessed value of \$519,450 would pay approximately \$11.00 more in property tax in 2028. If the proposition is rejected, the City would remain outside the library district and library services would continue to be governed by the interlocal agreement, unless changed by the City and the district. If rejected, City residents would be ineligible to vote on library district ballot propositions, including library district property tax propositions (levy lid lifts).

Argument For

Library annexation makes sense for the residents of Sedro-Woolley. It simplifies how we fund library service. Right now the City of Sedro-Woolley pays the Central Skagit Library District so we can use the library at no charge. Annexation means we will be a permanent part of the District and that can't be changed in the future unless voted on by us.

We are already paying for the library - this allows us to pay the District directly. And the Sedro-Woolley City Council has committed to lowering City property taxes when we approve this ballot measure. Voting yes gives us a say on future District measures - such as bonds or levies. Without annexation, we have no say.

Our library is doing great things for everyone in our community - programming for all ages, resources for job seekers, computer access, low-cost printing, notary services, meeting spaces for large and small groups, board games, mystery night boxes and of course books and movies! The beautiful space on State Street creates a welcome environment for all of us as well as visitors to the area. Annexation allows us to contribute directly to all the resources the library offers.

Join me in voting yes.

Committee Spokesperson: Millissa Macomber
Contact: 360-333-2036; macomberml@gmail.com

Argument Against

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

La Conner School District No. 311
Proposition No. 1
Educational Facility Modernization
and Technology Levy

The Board of Directors of La Conner School District adopted Resolution No. 26-14 concerning facility modernization and technology levies. This proposition authorizes modernization of existing buildings and replacement and upgrades of technology systems; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 <u>Assessed Value</u>	Levy <u>Amount</u>
2027	\$0.307	\$350,000
2028	\$0.308	\$365,000
2029	\$0.308	\$380,000
2030	\$0.308	\$395,000

all as provided in Resolution #26-14.
Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Written by La Conner School District No. 311
The Board of Directors of La Conner School District 311 requests approval of a capital levy as described in Proposition No. 1, approved by the Board of Directors in Resolution No. 26-14. The proposition authorizes the collection of a levy of \$350,000 in 2027, the collection of a levy of \$365,000 in 2028, the collection of a levy of \$380,000 in 2029 and the collection of a levy of \$395,000 in 2030 to undertake modernization of existing buildings and the replacement and upgrade of technology systems within the District. Such funds may be used only to support the construction, modernization, remodeling to school facilities, technology improvements and training.

The total amount to be collected will be \$1,490,000, to be collected in each of the four years commencing 2027 through 2030. The estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value will be \$0.307 per \$1,000 for 2027 collection, \$0.308 per \$1,000 for 2028 collection, \$0.308 per \$1,000 for 2029 collection and \$0.308 for 2030 collection. The exact levy rate will be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, call the Skagit County Assessor at 360-416-1780.

Argument For

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

Argument Against

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

Fire Protection District No. 5 Proposition No. 1 Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 5 (the "District"), adopted Resolution No. 2026-1 concerning a proposition to authorize the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$0.78 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2026 (for collection in 2027) and would authorize a limit factor of up to 103% (but not to exceed the \$1.50 rate) for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2031, collected in 2032, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Written by Fire Protection District No. 5

Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 5 (the "District") seeks voter approval to restore its fire levy to \$0.78 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2026 and to increase its annual revenue by an amount up to 3% in each of the five subsequent years. In the absence of voter approval, fire districts may only increase their annual revenue by 1% over the prior year. State law allows voters to expressly authorize a larger increase. This proposition would allow the District to exceed the limitation imposed by state law and to restore its levy in 2026 to \$0.78 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

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.

Argument For

Skagit County Fire District 5 provides fire, medical and other emergency services to Allen, Bow, Edison, Samish Island, Chuckanut Drive, and the surrounding areas. As a rural district, emergency services are carried out entirely through the efforts of well trained and properly equipped local volunteers who leave their homes and jobs to answer a call to service.

Fire engines have a limited service life, and the cost to maintain and eventually replace them continues to climb. Inflation has also driven up the cost of other firefighting and medical equipment, communications, fuel, and operating expenses. Because Washington State law limits annual property tax revenue growth to 1% without voter approval, funding has not kept pace with the rising costs associated with providing services.

This levy safeguards the area's fire protection classification rating and helps homeowners avoid costly spikes in insurance premiums by allowing District 5 to replace aging equipment and maintain response times.

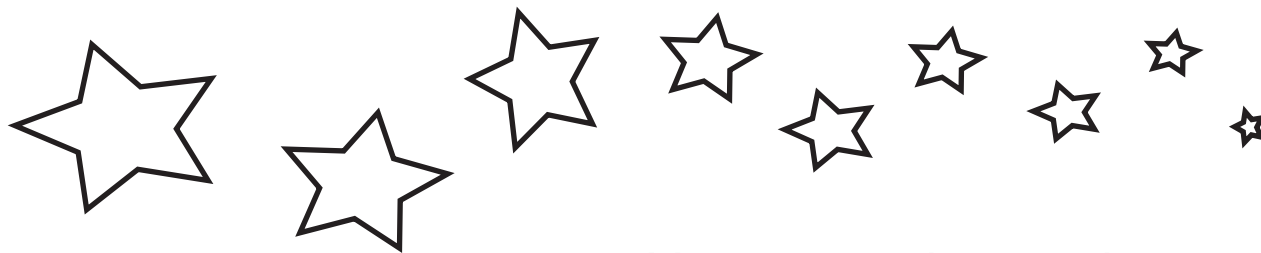
The funds from this levy will equip and prepare volunteers to continue providing safe, reliable and effective emergency services to the residents of District 5. To maintain a local fire department and restore essential purchasing power to the district, vote Yes on the Fire District 5 Levy proposition.

Committee: Citizens for District 5 Fire Levy
Committee Spokesperson: Andrea Leebron-Clay
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Committee Members: Connor McGreevy, Tom Pasma

Argument Against

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

Have you moved?



Have you changed your name?

Make sure you receive your ballot!

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

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

You can update your information by calling our office at 360-416-1702, visiting votewa.gov, or by filling out the form on the following page and mailing it to our office or bringing to:

Skagit County Elections
PO Box 1306
700 S. 2nd St., Room 139
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Your vote is your voice!



Skagit County

Voter update form

I have

- ☐ moved
- ☐ changed my name
- ☐ a different mailing address

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

Printed Name

date of birth

New physical address

city/state/zip

New mailing address (if different)

city/state/zip

- ☐ I am currently serving in the military -
Includes National Guard and Reserves, and spouses or dependents away from home due to service.

Name change - If you have changed your name please:

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

New name (please print)

Old name (please print)

I declare that the facts on this voter registration update form are true. I am a citizen of the United States, I am a Washington state resident, and I am at least sixteen years old. I am not disqualified from voting due to a court order, and I am not currently serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony conviction, and I am not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.

X

Signature of voter

Date