



**Skagit County, Washington**

# **On-Line Voters' Guide**

**2004 General Election**

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### 1 STATEMENT FROM THE SKAGIT COUNTY AUDITOR

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

*Norma Brummett,*

Skagit County Auditor

### 2 VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### QUALIFICATION FOR VOTING

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

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

#### WHEN TO REGISTER

Register at anytime. However, registration files close 30 days prior to an election for voting at a polling place on Election Day. Mail-in registration forms must be postmarked no later than the 30-day closing date in order to be eligible to vote at a polling place on Election Day.

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

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINES

November 2, 2004 General Election

30 day deadline = October 2, 2004  
15 day deadline = October 18, 2004

### **WHERE TO REGISTER**

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

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

In addition, a registration form can be downloaded on line at [www.secstate.wa.gov](http://www.secstate.wa.gov) or requested by calling the Skagit County Elections Department at (360) 336-9305.

### **WHEN TO TRANSFER**

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

### **NAME CHANGE**

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

### **WHERE TO VOTE**

Upon registering to vote or transferring, voters are sent a registration card listing their assigned precinct and polling place. Polling places also appear in local newspapers the Wednesday prior to an election. If you have any questions regarding where you vote, please call the election department.

### **VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS**

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

### **3 ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION**

#### **WHO CAN APPLY?**

Any Skagit County registered voter or any out-of-state, overseas, or service voter may vote by absentee ballot in any general election, special election, or primary.

#### **HOW TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?**

A regular absentee ballot may be requested in person, by telephone, or by written request. Applicants for ongoing absentee status must apply in writing. Ballots may be requested no earlier than 90 days prior to an election and no later than the day before the election. Ballots are available over the counter at the Auditor's Office 20 days before an election. The date ballots will be available for the General Election is October 13, 2004. Either the voter or a voter's immediate family member can make an application for an absentee ballot.

The following information should be included:

- Name as registered
- Address at which the voter is currently registered to vote
- Address to which the ballot should be mailed
- Birth date for verification purposes

#### **REGULAR ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

The first day to obtain an absentee ballot for the General Election on November 2 is October 13. Regular absentee ballots can be requested up until the day before the election.

#### **ONGOING ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Registered voters who wish to receive an absentee ballot on a permanent (ongoing) basis can apply in writing by filling out a request form. These forms can be requested from the Auditor's Office at any time. A permanent, year-round mailing address is required. Ongoing absentee voters will automatically be mailed an absentee ballot for any election in which they are entitled to vote.

#### **ABSENTEE VOTING WHILE IN A HOSPITAL**

Registered voters who are hospitalized can receive an absentee ballot up to and on the day of the election. Please contact the Election Department to receive a ballot.

#### **SPECIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT (SUBMARINE BALLOTS)**

Any registered voter who completes an application stating that he or she is unable to vote and return an absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within

the period provided for by regular absentee ballot may request a special absentee ballot (submarine ballot).

## 4 COUNTY

### COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1

#### **Leo Jacobs**

Democratic  
10631 Farm to Market Rd.  
Mount Vernon WA 98273  
(360) 757-1943



My name is Leo Jacobs I am running for Skagit County Commissioner Dist 1. I am very excited to be running for this position because I love to work with people. I have always worked in the service sector whether it be private or government. We need to get leadership and organization into the position of Skagit County Commissioner. I have both those qualities. I will listen, not just claim that I will listen. If you want someone to make decisions and get projects done then I am your Commissioner. When you hire me I will be your employee. I will be working for all of Skagit County not just a few. I will have an open door policy. What sets me apart from the others?

I have worked for both the city of Mount Vernon and city of Sedro-Woolley respectively; I also have been a long time Burlington resident. This will help me with working and cooperating with all these cities to get projects done in a timely manner. I have also been involved with youth sports in Mount Vernon and Burlington. I will rise to any Challenge. I thrive on getting everyone involved. I will

**Background Civic:** President of the Burlington youth Football program, North Cascade youth football Representative ,Burlington youth baseball league head coach,I currently work for the city of Sedro-Woolley Solid Waste Department:

**Campaign Headquarters**-10631 Farm to Market Road Mount Vernon Washington

**Campaign Phone**-360-757-1943

**Campaign website** <http://mysite.verizon.net/res0x3f3/>

**Campaign E-Mail**- [leoforcommsioner@verizon.net](mailto:leoforcommsioner@verizon.net)

**Don Munks**

Republican  
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Don Munks is the 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner for Skagit County, Washington. In this county-wide elected position, Commissioner Munks and his two fellow commissioners are responsible to the voters of Skagit County to manage all facets of County government including 45 budgets totaling \$113.5 million and a county staff of 700. In addition, Commissioner Munks serves on numerous boards and commissions.

Commissioner Munks was elected to his first term of office in 2000. Active in the National Association of Counties (NACO) as a member of the sub-committee on Environmental Energy & Land Use, Don is designated as the primary County official Anacortes, La Conner, Bow, Edison, Alger, and surrounding rural areas.

In addition to serving as a Skagit County Commissioner, Munks owns and operates a successful cattle operation and manufacturing company. A 4<sup>th</sup> generation Skagitonian, the Munks family settled in Skagit County in 1859.

Commissioner Munks has been very active in 4-H and fairs his entire life. He previously served on the Board of the Northwest Washington Fair from 1976 to 1994.

Don and his wife Cathy reside on Fidalgo Island on the original Munks homestead and have four daughters and sons-in-law, and eight grandchildren.

**COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2**

**Kenneth A. Dahlstedt**

Democratic  
17126 Brook Court  
Mount Vernon WA  
98274  
(360) 422-6982

I am seeking re-election as your Skagit County Commissioner from District 2. Working as a team with my fellow commissioners, we are responsible to the voters of Skagit County to manage all facets of County government.

As a member of a fourth-generation Skagit County farming family, and as an insurance agent for 14 years, I understand the

needs and wishes of our constituency. Quality of life here is very important to me and my wife Flo, and our four children. (plus a new grandchild)



The past four years as your Skagit County Commissioner have been challenging but very enjoyable, filled with exciting opportunities. I promised to work towards a harmonious relationship with my fellow commissioners when I ran for office. The current relationship between commissioners and the mayors is the best it's been in many years.

Some of our accomplishments during my first term include forming a Public Facility District enabling Skagit County to bring more than \$9 million back to our community to help build the McIntyre Performing Arts Center. We have also made significant progress in the development of additional flood protection for our community. We continue with rural water rights negotiations to assure an ample supply of water for all citizens.

Protecting agricultural lands through our Farmland Legacy program, as well as our drainage infrastructure, has been very rewarding.

As a life-long farmer, food safety is very important to me. I was appointed the first chairman of the NACo Food Safety Sub-committee.

I would appreciate your support.

**Tom Schroers**

Republican  
33614 Bamboo Lane  
Mount Vernon WA  
98274  
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**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3**

**James (Jim) Cook**

26135 Minkler Road  
Sedro-Woolley WA 98284  
(360) 854-0065

Candidate for Commissioner, District No. 3,  
Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County

Personal:

Skagit County native and lifelong resident;  
Sedro-Woolley High School graduate;



Married to Terri Cook;  
 One daughter, Jordan;  
 Member and Deacon, Lyman Baptist Church;  
 Member, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Business background:

Logging contractor;  
 Shake Mill owner and operator;  
 Landowner and land developer;  
 Now, investor and semi-retired.

I believe that Skagit County Public Utility District No. 1 should provide a safe, adequate water supply and maintain affordable rates. I have had numerous contacts with the PUD relating to my own projects and to PUD projects on my land. My personal experience with the staff of the PUD has been positive. However, I have become increasingly concerned with certain policies and procedures that have led to cost inefficiencies and to conflicts with private landowners within the district. In order to continue providing an adequate water supply and affordable rates, the district must be operated in a business like manner. Critical to that is the need to review established policies and procedures with a view to maintaining high standards throughout the PUD. My background and experiences will serve the ratepayers well.

**Jones Atterberry**

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I am pleased to announce my plans to seek re-election to the Skagit Public Utility Commission.

Skagit PUD serves over 20 thousand homes and businesses throughout Skagit Valley. Drinking water is supplied to all major cities in Skagit County including Fidalgo Island with the exception of La Conner & Anacortes. Skagit PUD installs & operates satellite water systems throughout Skagit County, i.e.; Alger, Guemes Island, Cedar Grove, Rockport, and Skagit View Village. Water line construction will begin in Marblemount later this fall.

I serve as commissioner representing the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, which includes the cities of Burlington, Sedro-Woolley, & the communities and towns of Clear Lake, Lyman, Hamilton, Concrete, and



Rockport & Marblemount.

The next 6 years are so important to the citizens of Skagit County. The PUD right now is in the planing stages that will secure our water availability for the next 50 to 100 years. I wish to continue serving to secure these water systems upgrades for all of us.

Future construction projects I support include neighborhood water line upgrades, which meet all fire-flow requirements, transmission line replacement, which transports finished drinking water into our cities, Skagit River in-take structure, which will allow water to be taken from the river then, pumped to the district filtration plant for storage & distribution. These important projects will continue the reliability in PUD water service we deserve from our PUD.

Please support and vote for continued water reliability,  
Elect Jones Atterberry PUD commissioner.  
Contact number 360-708-8935

## 5 FIRE DISTRICTS

### SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 17

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1

#### AUTHORIZING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY INCREASE

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 17, Skagit County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 218 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2005 and for the five (5) years thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. Should this proposal be approved?

**LEVY YES**

**LEVY NO**

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2005 and five years thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050.