

Skagit County Official Local
Voters' Pamphlet

November 5, 2019 General Election



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Message from the Auditor

As of July 1, 2019, new conveniences and increased accessibility to voting in Washington are now law. The State Legislature passed a number of bills during the 2018 and 2019 sessions that changed significant dates and deadlines for registration and voting. Those changes include:

- **Pre-paid postage:** Every mailbox is now a ballot drop box! Every ballot will now come with a pre-paid ballot-return envelope. We recommend that you mail your ballots no later than the Friday preceding an election day, and earlier is better, to ensure it gets postmarked in time. If you mail your ballot the last day or two before the election, have your ballot dated stamped (hand canceled) at a local post office.
- **Online voter registration:** Eligible residents can complete their voter registration, or make changes to their registration online at www.votewa.gov. Online and mail-in voter registrations must be mailed or completed online 8 days before an election. 7 days prior to an election, the voter must register in person at their county elections office.
- **Same-day registration:** If potential voters can't get registered online or by mail before the 8 day deadline, they can visit their county elections office in person during regular business hours and any time before 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- **Future Voters:** 16 and 17 year old residents can now enroll in the Future Voter program to automatically be registered to vote on their 18th birthday. Future voters who turn 18 on or before Tuesday, November 5th can vote in the 2019 General Election.

In addition to the above improvements, each county in Washington shares voter registration information with each other in the new VoteWA system. This will increase transparency and help safeguard the security and integrity of our elections.

Our future will be influenced by your vote. Thank you for your participation in our elections!

Sandy Perkins
Skagit County Auditor

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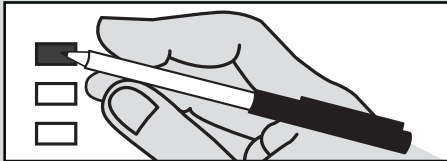
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Ballot Instructions

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

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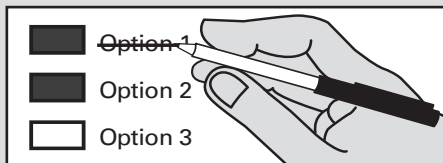
How to vote



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

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

If you make a mistake



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

Then you may make another choice.

Optional write-in

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

- **View the voters' pamphlet online** at www.skagitcounty.net/elections
- **Tear off the ballot stub and throw it away.**
- **Vote your ballot...**
 - Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot.
 - Leave a contest blank if you want - your ballot will still count.
 - Put your voted ballot in the secrecy sleeve.
 - Put the secrecy sleeve in the return envelope.
 - Seal the return envelope.
 - Sign and date the declaration on the return envelope. If you are unable to sign, make your mark and have it witnessed by TWO people. *Ensure that both people sign the envelope.*
 - 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 are 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 USPS **MUST** be postmarked no later than 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.

NO STAMP
needed to return
your ballot

Phone: (360) 416-1702

Email: sselections@co.skagit.wa.us

Web: www.skagitcounty.net/elections

Remember to sign your return envelope!

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 Street

Anacortes - Skyline

Skyline Beach Club
6041 Sands Way

Burlington

Burlington Parks and Recreation Building
900 E. Fairhaven Street

Concrete

Skagit Upriver Services/Library
45770 A Main Street



No stamp needed to return your ballot

La Conner

La Conner Regional Library
614 E. Morris Street

Mount Vernon - Continental

Mount Vernon Police Department
1805 Continental Place

Mount Vernon - Courthouse

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

Sedro-Woolley

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

Swinomish

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

You may also drop your ballot off in person at:

Elections Department

Skagit County Auditor's Office
2nd & Kincaid Streets (700 S. 2nd Street)
Mount Vernon, 360-416-1702
Open 8:30-4:30 Week Days

All Offices and Candidates 2019

Following are the Skagit County offices and candidates in the November 5, 2019 General Election. Candidates with an (*) after their name submitted information for this voters' pamphlet.

City of Anacortes
<u>Anacortes Ward 1, Council Position 1</u>
1. Ryan Walters*
2. John W. Schryvers
<u>Anacortes Ward 2, Council Position 2</u>
1. Christine Cleland-McGrath*
2. Dom Tor Fleming*
<u>Anacortes Ward 3, Council Position 3</u>
1. Jeremy Carter*
2. James Finley
<u>Council At-Large Position 6</u>
1. John Espinoza
2. Carolyn Moulton*

City of Burlington
<u>Mayor</u>
1. Steve Sexton*
2. Joe DeGloria*
<u>Council Ward 1</u>
1. Scott K. Green
<u>Council Ward 2</u>
1. Keith Chaplin
<u>Council Ward 3</u>
1. Rick DeGloria

Town of Concrete
<u>Council Position 1</u>
1. Rob Thomas
<u>Council Position 2</u>
1. Elizabeth Easterday*
<u>Council Position 4</u>
1. Marla Reed

Town of Hamilton
<u>Mayor</u>
1. Joan Cromley*
2. Carla R Vandiver*
<u>Council Position 1</u>
1. Billy Fisher
2. Timothy Morrison
<u>Council Position 2</u>
1. Theresa Boots
2. Travis M. Patrick*
<u>Council Position 3</u>
1. Dean H Vandiver
2. Lisa R. Johnson
<u>Council Position 5</u>
1. Geoff Perkins

Town of La Conner
<u>Mayor</u>
1. Ramon Hayes
<u>Council Position 1</u>
1. Jacques Brunisholz
<u>Council Position 5</u>
1. Mary Wohleb*

Town of Lyman
<u>Mayor</u>
1. Edward Hills
<u>Council Position 3</u>
1. Mike Swanson
<u>Council Position 4</u>
1. Mike Couch
<u>Council Position 5</u>
1. Ron Hodgin

City of Mount VernonMayor

1. Sarah Nuanes*
2. Jill Boudreau*

Council Ward 1, Position 1

1. Erin Moberg*
2. Shelley Acero*

Council Ward 2, Position 1

1. Mark Hulst*

Council Ward 3, Position 1

1. Mary Hudson*

City of Sedro-WoolleyMayor

1. Dennis O'Neil*
2. Julia Johnson*

Council Ward 1

1. Brendan McGoffin*
2. Dave Bates*

Council Ward 4

1. Pola Kelley*
2. Glenn Allen*

Council Ward 5

1. Corrin Hamburg*
2. Charles (Chuck) Owen*

School DistrictsAnacortes School District No. 103

Director Position 3

1. Miri Levi*
2. Marilyn Hanesworth*

Director Position 4

1. Jennie Beltramini*
2. William Shaw*

Director Position 5

1. Matthew Cutter*
2. Connie Pangrazi*

Burlington-Edison School District No. 100

Director District 1

1. David D. Lowell*

Director District 3

1. Bill Wallace*
2. Holly Nielsen*

Director District 4

1. Rich Wesen*
2. Karen Molenaar Terrell*

Concrete School District No. 11

Director District 2

1. Michael Brondi*

Director District 4, At-Large

1. Sue Watts

Director District 5, At-Large

1. Dolores Elliott

Conway School District No. 317

Director Position 1

1. Thom Sicklesteel*

Director Position 4

1. Wade Melton*
2. Jennifer Smith*

Director Position 5

1. Nathan Wolfe*

Darrington School District No. 330

Director District 1

1. Jennie Requa

Director District 2

1. Marree Perrault

Director District 3

1. Larry Boyd

La Conner School District No. 311

Director District 1

1. Kate Szurek*
2. John T. Agen*

Director District 2

1. Marlys Baker*
2. Janie Beasley

Director District 4

1. Lynette Cram

Director District 5

1. Susan Gardner Deyo

Mount Vernon School District No. 320

Director District 1

1. Laura Cailloux

Director District 2

1. Robert Coffey*

Director District 3 1. Jessica J Samora* <u>Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101</u> Director District 2 1. Christina Jepperson* 2. Eric Lodjic* Director District 3 1. Danielle Baird Russell* Director District 5 1. Brandon Bond*
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Hospital District Commissioners
<u>Hospital District 1</u> Commissioner Position 1 1. Frei Burton* Commissioner Position 2 1. Jeffrey J. Miller* Commissioner Position 4 1. Dale Ragan* 2. Linda Eiford* <u>Hospital District 2</u> Commissioner Position 4 1. Lynne M. Lang* Commissioner Position 5 1. Chip Bogosian* <u>Hospital District 304</u> Commissioner Position 3 1. Morgan Steele* 2. Gary L. Kent Commissioner Position 5 1. Robert M. Stanley

Port District Commissioners
<u>Port of Anacortes</u> Commissioner Position 3 1. Joe Verdoes* Commissioner Position 4 1. Bonnie Bowers* <u>Port of Skagit</u> Commissioner Position 1 1. Kevin E. Ware*

Fire Protection District Commissioners
<u>Fire District 1</u> Commissioner Position 1 1. Stuart Skelton* <u>Fire District 2</u> Commissioner Position 1 1. Rolla (Skip) Ritchey* <u>Fire District 3</u> Commissioner Position 1 1. Edward Kemper* 2. Steve Boon Commissioner Position 3 1. Tony Pratt* 2. Matthew Stratton* <u>Fire District 4</u> Commissioner Position 1 1. Tami Mattox* <u>Fire District 5</u> Commissioner Position 1 1. Dani Hoskinson* 2. Kirk Damon <u>Fire District 6</u> Commissioner Position 1 1. Kenneth Pike <u>Fire District 7</u> Commissioner Position 1 1. David Searing* <u>Fire District 8</u> Commissioner Position 1 1. Jim Kennedy <u>Fire District 9</u> Commissioner Position 1 1. Mike Gubrud* 2. Tom Taylor* <u>Fire District 11</u> Commissioner Position 1 1. Cheryl Dennis* <u>Fire District 12</u> Commissioner Position 1 1. Garth Frazer*

Fire Protection Districts - continued

Fire District 13

Commissioner Position 1
1. Bruce Shellhamer

Fire District 14

Commissioner Position 1
1. Chris England

Fire District 16

Commissioner Position 3
1. James (Jim) Haehn

Fire District 17

Commissioner Position 1
1. Thomas R. Murphy

Fire District 24

Commissioner Position 1
1. Mickey J. Coleman

Commissioner Position 4
1. Robert (Bob) Jubie

Cemetery District Commissioners

Cemetery District 1

Commissioner Position 2
1. Eric (Rick) L. Anderson

Cemetery District 2

Commissioner Position 2
1. Lyle Mooney

Cemetery District 3

Commissioner Position 2
1. Andy Leech*

Cemetery District 5

Commissioner Position 2
1. Richard Frank

Commissioner Position 3
1. Mickey Zitkovich

Cemetery District 6

Commissioner Position 2
1. July Andre

Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center District Commissioners

Commissioner Position 1

1. Jeremy McNett

Commissioner Position 2

1. David Way

Commissioner Position 4

1. Kenneth Hansen*

Sewer District Commissioners

Sewer District 1

Commissioner Position 1
1. Loren Bogart

Commissioner Position 3
1. Gary Lowe

Sewer District 2

Commissioner Position 1
1. Brian McMahan*
2. Mark Pearson*



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

City of Sedro-Woolley

Proposition No. 1

Public Safety Levy

The Sedro-Woolley City Council adopted Ordinance 1927-19 concerning a proposition to provide for continuous police services. This proposition would increase the City's regular property tax rate by \$0.5602 to a total authorized rate of \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2020 and exempting all eligible senior citizens and disabled low income persons from this increase as allowed under RCW 84.36.381. The maximum allowable levy in 2020 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by RCW 84.55.050.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by City of Sedro-Woolley

The City of Sedro-Woolley requests voter approval of a levy-lid lift to support public safety. This proposition would increase the City's regular property tax rate by \$.05602 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the increase of the regular property tax levy to pay for continual public safety services. The money is to be collected into the City's general fund to be applied for the purpose of increasing public safety services.

Services to be funded by the levy increase include, but are not limited to: three additional police officers, the City's share of a School Resource Officer, and an expanded public safety administrative support position.

The additional annual cost for Sedro-Woolley property owners would be \$.5602 per \$1,000.00 assessed value. The estimated total amount to be collected will be \$557,706.33 for the first year. The increased levy will be the base for future years.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners like eligible senior citizens, veterans and persons with disabilities. To determine if you qualify, call the Skagit County Assessor at (360) 416-1780.

Argument For

When I was hired at the Sedro-Woolley Police Department in 2004, we had 14 commissioned officers. Now in 2019 we have 17 commissioned officers. At the time I was hired our department was already known in the community as being understaffed. Since I was hired the city has seen a large amount of growth all around our hyphenated city and is forecasted to see even faster growth in the future. The requirements and responsibilities of police officers have drastically increased over the last 10-15 years. This has taken officers off the streets to documents incidents. The department has become unable to maintain the level of service which is expected by the community and the officers working here.

The city of Sedro-Woolley budget was cut and was cut again during the late 2000s. The thought of finding the money from current funding sources is not realistic. Prop 1 provides a catch up to missed opportunities of funding from the past. The monies raised by Prop 1 will allow new officers directly on to the street. The monies raised can only be used for Public Safety. These new officers and support staff will allow for further adjustments within the Department to provide needed service within the city. These services will include officers patrolling neighborhoods looking for people committing crime instead of just responding to calls for service, a school resource officer working directly at our schools and further opportunities for community engagement.

Vote Yes on Prop 1 for Public Safety!

Argument Prepared by

Committee Spokesperson: Paul Eaton

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Committee Members: Josh Carpenter

Argument Against

No information submitted.

Mount Vernon School District No. 320

Proposition No. 1

Supplemental Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Mount Vernon School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 27 /18-19 authorizing a supplemental levy for education. This proposition would fund district educational programs and school operations, and authorizes the following tax levy, in addition to the levies approved by the voters in the February 2019 election, on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2020	\$0.79	\$3,565,000
2021	\$0.54	\$2,580,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Mount Vernon School District No. 320

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to collect a supplemental levy recently approved by the state legislature in order to provide essential educational District programs and services. The additional levy amount is \$3,565,000 for collection in the year 2020 and \$2,580,000 for collection in the year 2021. In accordance with Resolution No. 27/18-19 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Mount Vernon School District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. General expenses of the District include employee costs (such as salaries), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$0.79 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2020 and \$0.54 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2021. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District and the legal limit of the levy amount at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Skagit County Assessor at (360) 416-1780.

Argument For

No information submitted.

Argument Against

No information submitted.

Fire Protection District No. 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. 431 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition authorizes Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 8 to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2019 and authorizes annual increases of up to 3% each of the five succeeding years to maintain fire protection, emergency medical services and to provide for firefighter safety. The maximum allowable levy in 2024 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Written by Fire Protection District No. 8

Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 8 provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its citizens. If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to restore its regular real property tax levy rate to \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2019 for collection in 2020 and will establish an annual growth rate of up to 3% for following five years as limited by the statutory levy limit of \$1.50. The District's current tax levy rate is approximately \$.97 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The dollar amount levied in 2024 shall serve as the District's tax levy base and in 2024, absent further voter approval, the tax levy will be subject to the statutory one percent limit.

The District's 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. Approval of this measure will allow the District to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens.

Argument For

No information submitted.

Argument Against

No information submitted.

Fire Protection District No. 9
Proposition No. 1
Restoring Regular Property Tax Levy

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 9, Skagit County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 19-228 re-authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.00 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to restore and maintain its regular property tax levy of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2019 to be collected in 2020 (the same levy that existed in 2004) and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050.

Should this proposal be approved?

Levy Yes

Levy No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Fire Protection District No. 9

This measure renews and maintains the levy for Skagit County Fire District 9 at the level previously approved by voters. This levy is the primary source of funding for emergency medical services provided by Fire District 9. State limitations on funding increases do not allow the Fire District to keep up with increasing labor, equipment and operational costs. Passage of Proposition No.1 will allow the Fire District to restore the levy rate to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as otherwise authorized by law. Such approval will provide funding for the District to continue to provide fire and emergency medical services at existing levels.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

Argument For

Please vote “yes” to better protect our community, volunteer firefighters, EMTs. Big Lake Fire District 9 (BLFD9) needs safer, dependable equipment. One fire truck is 35 years old. Firefighter stipends should be paid for training, calls. 159 incidents in 2008; 263 in 2018; more calls mean more costs for equipment, maintenance, fuel, medical supplies. Incidents increase as populations - and aging - increase. Big Lake’s population in 2018 was 2,940 within a protection area covering 20 square miles – including Walker Valley’s rugged terrain. BLFD9’s response time averages 11:43 minutes, maybe half if adequate staffing. Mount Vernon’s response time to Big Lake averages 16:45 minutes; longer if on other emergencies.

Incredible family, friends, neighbors voluntarily staff BLFD9; willing to put themselves in harm’s way. Daytime coverage is sparse; most volunteers have jobs; no guarantees of quick responses. How long to wait if you, a family member, friend, or a Big Lake student is barely holding on to life?

BLFD9’s last levy lid lift of \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 property valuation was in 2002. (Levies pay for equipment, services, operating expenses.) Levy rates can decrease as property values increase, which has happened. Currently, we’re assessed \$.6048 cents per \$1,000.00 valuation. BLFD9 needs an increase of \$.3952 cents per \$1,000.00 to get up to \$1.00. Taxation example: Property valued at \$400,000.00 would be taxed about \$160.00 more yearly. (BLFD9’s bond of \$.37 cents per \$1,000.00 for the new fire hall expires in 2032. Bonds finance specific needs.) For more details, check BLFD9’s website.

Rebuttal of Argument Against

\$500,000.00 property example: \$.6048 of the \$1.00 BLFD9 levy, per \$1,000.00 valuation, equals \$302.40 currently. Needing a full \$1.00, this new fire levy adds \$.3952, which equals \$197.60 more yearly; \$500.00 total. The countywide Medic 1 (EMS) system and taxation requirements are separate from BLFD9. Medic 1 (EMS) does send an ambulance here, from Mount Vernon if not busy; however, if busy, an ambulance could come from Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, or Anacortes. Help BLFD9 help you.

Argument Prepared by
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Committee Members:
Darla O'Malley, Katy Olson

Argument Against

This proposition will increase property owner taxes by approximately 60% above the current Fire District tax rate. Annual emergency service taxes on a \$500,000 home with proposed levy will amount to \$909.40. If approved, BLFD will have highest tax of any Skagit County volunteer fire district.

In 2018 BLFD loyal volunteers responded to 263 calls including many outside our district. Only 8.75 % of the total calls were fire related, 72% were medical emergency calls. We pay taxes to Medic 1 Services, now part of Mount Vernon Fire Department. Beginning in 2019, MVFD EMS units respond to all Big Lake medical emergencies faster or on par with BLFD.

Just one example of unnecessary spending: Two years ago, BLFD purchased a ladder truck and fully equipped it at a significant cost, yet this truck has never been used on a call. For a community of less than 2000, a budget of over \$500,000 (includes bond for station), mutual aid agreements with neighboring cities and fire districts, and a reduction in calls, the argument for new expensive equipment and additional paid positions is simply untrue.

They did not make the case for a 60% tax increase in 2017 when the Big Lake/Clear Lake merger was overwhelmingly voted down. They have failed again to make a case that a huge tax increase will make our community safer. We should work to control costs instead of building a department beyond the needs of the community it serves. Reject Prop 1.

Rebuttal of Argument For

Don't be fooled by scare tactics. 75% of BLFD calls are for EMT and you pay taxes separately for that with service out of MV. Response times are on par with BLFD. There is an agreement with MV to respond to fires if needed. BLFD gets revenue increases yearly based on property taxes which are going up significantly. We can continue to have excellent service from our great volunteer fire department with *no levy increase*.

Argument Prepared by
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Contact: friendsofbiglake@gmail.com
Committee Members:
Jana Hanson, Mark Pearson

Fire Protection District No. 11

Proposition No. 1

Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

The Board of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 11 adopted Resolution No. 1-2019 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition authorizes the District to establish its regular property tax levy \$.61 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2019 and collected in 2020. The funds will maintain and improve fire protection, emergency medical services and facilities, support the volunteer firefighter program and fund a full time fire chief position. The maximum allowable levy in 2019 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Argument For

No information submitted.

Argument Against

No information submitted.

Explanatory Statement

Written by Fire Protection District No. 11

The District's 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 and increasing service demands. Approval of this measure will allow the District to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens.

Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 11 provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its citizens. If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to establish its regular real property tax levy rate at \$.61 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2019 for collection in 2020 (the current levy is approximately \$.42 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation).

This is the first tax levy increase requested by the District in 25 years. The District is committed to operating under a balanced budget and to maintaining its apparatus, equipment and supplies without incurring debt. The District has experienced a 60% increase in call volumes over the past 10 years and the Board of Commissioners have determined that in order to maintain services with the increased demand, the District should hire a full time paid fire chief. The revenues generated by this proposition will also allow the District increase volunteer stipends to retain more volunteers to serve the community, improve volunteer training and to fund necessary apparatus, equipment replacements on a debt free basis.

If approved by the voters, the amount levied in 2019 shall serve as the District's tax levy base and in 2020, absent further voter approval, the tax levy will be subject to the statutory one percent limit. The financial impact on the owner of a \$500,000 home would be approximately \$90.00 per year or \$7.50 per month.



**Ryan
Walters**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Anacortes City Councilmember, Ward 1, 2012-present, Anacortes Mayor Pro-Tem, 2016-2017, Association of Washington Cities Certificate of Municipal Leadership, 2015

Other Professional Experience

Samish Indian Nation Planning and Community Development Director, 2018-present, Skagit County Planning Department Assistant Director, 2016-2018, Skagit County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, 2007-2016

Education

BA, University of Rochester, New York, JD, University of California, Davis

Community Service

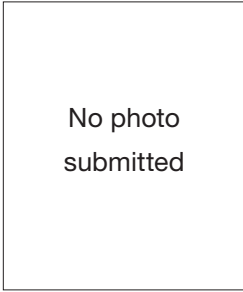
Skagit Land Trust web designer 1998-present; Evergreen Islands Board of Directors, 1998-2011

Statement

As a fifth-generation resident and Anacortes City Councilmember, Ryan has led the way to sustainable infrastructure spending, pushed for an all-new Comprehensive Plan, and spearheaded a complete rewrite of the City's land use and civil enforcement code. Ryan Walters has advocated transparency, long-term financial security, and professional land use planning for the City of Anacortes. Ryan will continue advocacy for neighborhoods and responsible budgeting and rate setting. Learn more at www.ryanwalters.com.

Contact

campaign@ryanwalters.com



**John W.
Schryvers**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

no information submitted

Education

no information submitted

Community Service

no information submitted

Statement

no information submitted

Contact

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Christine
**Cleland-
McGrath**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

I was raised in my family's business, Similk Golf Course (est. 1930), where I learned hard work, financial management, leadership, and problem solving. Since 2014, I have worked as a Realtor at Windermere, in both commercial and residential properties.

Education

Anacortes High School, 2003; B.A. Art History, Whitman College, 2007

Community Service

Anacortes Planning Commissioner (2015-present), Anacortes Rotary, Anacortes Arts Festival Board Member, Former President (2013-Present), Port of Anacortes Event Center Advisory Committee, Anacortes Landlord Tenant Coalition, Fidalgo Dance Works Gala Celebrity Dance Winner (2017), Fidalgo Elementary Volunteer (2007-2013). Longtime supporter of Island Hospital, Anacortes Family Center, MoNA.

Statement

Quality of Life - As a fourth-generation Anacortes resident, I have been fortunate to live in this dynamic and supportive community. Our forests, beaches, schools, library, and community spaces are where we connect and engage with our neighbors. Providing multi-modal opportunities, preserving the integrity of our natural resources, and community engagement are among my highest priorities.

Smart Planning - During my time as an Anacortes Planning Commissioner, I helped guide the 2016 Comprehensive Plan and subsequent Development Regulations. I understand the importance of citizen involvement and long-term planning. Budgeting for infrastructure, public safety, and environmental changes are crucial for our future livability. We must continue to use best available science to minimize our environmental impact and embrace new technology, such as our municipal broadband.

Partnerships - Our city, port, and county must collaborate to foster sustainable industry, livable communities, and our unique character. Having worked in real estate, I am acutely aware of our housing challenges. We must increase the available options to accommodate our workforce, families, neighbors needing government assistance, and citizens experiencing homelessness. Through partnering with government agencies, nonprofits, businesses and individuals we will develop and implement a plan. I look forward to the privilege of serving you.

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Dom
Tor Fleming

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

No public elections. Elected VP of NAMI Skagit and President and VP of Mt. Erie Elementary PTA

Other Professional Experience

Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Chief People Officer.

I have served 25+ years in large and small businesses helping them grow and improve management and decision-making in areas of finance, strategy and planning. I can bring financial discipline, executive management and strong business development acumen to the City Council.

Education

MBA - University of Chicago, BA - University of Illinois at Chicago

Community Service

National Alliance on Mental Illness, Mt. Erie Elementary PTA, Cat's Meow Shelter caregiver, Lead for Dads of Great Students.

Statement

I am focused on ensuring that our children and grandchildren will be able to find meaningful careers and affordable housing in Anacortes while retaining the natural beauty and richness of our forestlands, parks and waters.

Our beautiful and thriving city is increasingly under pressure to balance population growth with protecting our character and environment. I believe we can achieve that with specific policies and efforts in these areas:

Healthy development: create new businesses, drive economic growth and generate desirable and meaningful careers for people in Anacortes.

Affordable housing: use innovative housing concepts, restoration and careful development to expand desirable affordable single and multi-unit housing while protecting the beauty and appeal of our town.

Responsible and responsive government: I want our government to listen and be responsive to the needs and concerns of residents; to be conscientious about the careful use of resources, tax dollars and the impacts of development and changes on our citizens lives.

Conservation: I want to preserve and expand our protected forestlands, parks and trails to keep Anacortes beautiful.

My skills and experience in finance, planning and managing healthy growth in complex organizations will be unique and can contribute to our success on the Anacortes City Council.

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**Jeremy
Carter**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

none

Other Professional Experience

Local business owner (Red Salon, Shannon, and Beatty buildings)

Education

current studies in Organizational Leadership

Community Service

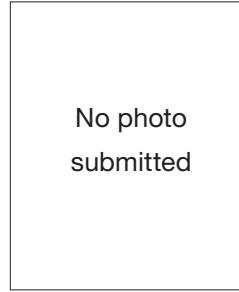
Skagit County Search and Rescue, Anacortes Chamber of Commerce

Statement

Being in the National Guard for over fifteen years, Jeremy Carter has learned how to be a leader and mentor to others in different communities around the world. Understanding how to listen and communicate effectively are two of his most substantial assets. Elected as city councilman Jeremy Carter will be a liaison for the community, taking their needs and concerns to the city for implementation. Being a local business owner, he is dedicated to successful and sustainable economic growth. Advocating for a green future, he will help Anacortes set the example in conservation and renewable energy efforts. Jeremy Carter believes that together, we will continue to keep Anacortes a beautiful and safe town to all for generations to come.

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**James
Finley**

Nonpartisan

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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No photo
submitted

John
Espinoza
Nonpartisan

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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Carolyn
Moulton
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Appointed to Anacortes City Council, Position 6. I currently serve on the Anacortes Public Works Committee, Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee, Traffic Safety Committee, and the Skagit County Homeless Housing Plan Task Force.

Other Professional Experience

Small business owner/manager, Bookseller, Bicycle mechanic, Landscape gardener, Non-profit housing assistant, Children's events coordinator, Food server.

Education

B.A. in English, Sonoma State University.

Community Service

Anacortes Community Forest Lands Advisory Board, Anacortes Parks Foundation, Anacortes Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Statement

I am honored to represent the people of Anacortes. As a City Councilmember, I work to maintain Anacortes' unique character while developing the infrastructure and support services that are vital to our thriving community.

As the manager of a downtown bicycle shop that serves individuals from all walks of life, I am an engaged listener who carries the voice of the people to City Hall. My decades of work at successful independent businesses fuel my enthusiasm for building relationships and promoting our vibrant local economy.

I am an avid bicyclist, camper, hiker and gardener. My passion for the outdoors inspires my advocacy for active transportation and environmental protection. I treasure the natural beauty of our region and am committed to the educated and responsible stewardship of our shared resources.

One of my highest priorities is increasing affordable housing options for working families, the backbone of our community. I will continue working diligently to strengthen our historic downtown business district, improve our multi-modal transportation system, and ensure a bright future for our children and our town.

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**Steve
Sexton**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Mayor: 2012-Present, City Council: 2010-2012, Planning Commission: 2005-2009, 2019 Awarded Certificate of Municipal Leadership from Association of Washington Cities, 2016 Awarded Paul Harris Fellowship from Burlington Rotary, Skagit Council of Governments Board: 2012- Present, Skagit Transit Board: 2012-Present, Skagit Transportation Policy Board: 2012-Present, Growth Management Agency Steering Committee: 2012-Present, Solid Waste Governance Board: 2012-Present

Other Professional Experience

General Manager Mitzel's American Kitchen: 1991-1994, Real Estate Broker Century 21: 1994-1997, Mortgage Broker/Owner 1800valoans.com: 1997-2017, Insurance Agent: 2017-2018

Education

B.A. Political Science Western Washington University 1990, A.A. Skagit Valley College 1988

Community Service

Community Action Board Member 2017-2018

Statement

It has been an honor to lead the City of Burlington the last 8 years, through times both good and bad. We have a wonderful community and in that time, our city has come a long way as an organization. I am proud of the Department Directors we have brought onboard that make up our Leadership Team, and proud of the commitment to service to our citizens I see from them daily.

From Fire/EMS, Police, Library, Parks and Rec, Public Works, and IT; we have raised the level of service to our citizens, businesses, and visitors to an all-time high with no tax increases. This did not happen by accident, but through thoughtful planning by my administration and support from the City Council.

Over the next 4 years, some of my plans include: Public safety programs to effectively deal with our increasing homeless issue, additional early childhood literacy programs at our library, parks and rec programs that reach out to underserved portions of our community, Public Work projects that reduce traffic and improve quality of life, and plans to bring city provided wi-fi, extending internet connectivity to all. Thank you for your continued support and your vote, Mayor Sexton

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**Joe
DeGloria**

Nonpartisan

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

Bayview Elementary School, Burlington-Edison Youth Soccer Club, Burlington Public Library

Statement

Burlington has been my family's home for four generations because it's a great place to live, work, and play. My wife, Jana, and I are the proud parents of 3 children, LJ, Ryanne, and Evan. All enrolled within Burlington-Edison School district.

As a council member, I am proud of the work we have achieved together these past five years. Our meetings are conversations that raise questions, often requiring additional information, which then leads to a deeper understanding, making us stronger public servants. As a result of our mutually respectful and successful debates, four of my fellow council members have endorsed my campaign (*the other two council positions are currently up for election).

I'm sincerely committed to open discussions and transparent outcomes. Increased communication will restore a balance in our city government where the voices of many will contribute to Burlington's future, rather than just one. Collaboration and participation will unify our community.

While serving on city council, I have demonstrated vigilant stewardship over public funds. I am committed to stabilizing our finance department as well as standardizing our budgeting process, which will provide accountability, efficiency, and overall transparency.

It would be my honor to lead Burlington as your new Mayor.

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Elizabeth

Easterday

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Town of Hamilton Treasurer/Clerk Skagit County Assessors Office, Exemption Specialist

Education

no information submitted

Community Service

no information submitted

Statement

I am honored to serve the Town of Concrete on Council. In the past year, I have been an effective advocate for the residents of Concrete in asking for the answers to questions that seem to plague the town's reputation. It is important that residents don't get their information about Concrete's government from social media without checking the accuracy first. Our Town Hall is always available to help. And we value diverse perspectives; just attend a Town Council meeting; you will see that we all are approachable people. I'm not afraid of bridging gaps or ruffling feathers when others fear speaking with our council and mayor. I help bridge the gap between residents and council and I will always look out for people over policy. I am the co-chair of the Angele Cupples Community Garden and have partnered with the Farm to School Program and the Boys and Girls Club to plant and harvest fresh organic produce for our Food Bank. See you out in the sun. Thank you for your vote for "Beth".

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Joan
Cromley

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Hamilton Town Council 5 years, Mayor 7 years

Other Professional Experience

Earned Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities which includes training on budgets, public utilities, and government roles; Emergency Management classes on various issues, Finance Assistant, Skagit County Community Action; retail

Education

Bachelor of Science, Millersville University of Pennsylvania 1991

Community Service

Booster Team for Evergreen Elementary in Sedro-Woolley (Treasurer, 6 years), Girl Scouts (Leader, Event Director, 9 years), Community Action of Skagit County Board alternate (2 years), help with the Hamilton Christmas party every year, volunteer at various events

Statement

We've made great steps forward. I rewrote the Comprehensive Plan, as required by the State – the first update in over 10 years. The Town has no debt. There's always more to be done, such the work to replace blocked culverts, improving our communication, and dealing with state-wide problems of drug addiction and homelessness on a local level.

I've attended trainings on various topics like project management, emergency management, and budgeting to find new ways to protect and improve our community and its government. The budget is more than a list of numbers, and we routinely increase our savings.

I've served as an officer of the Skagit 911 Board, and attend meetings about Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, Regional Transportation and others to make sure Hamilton's voice is represented when County-wide decisions are being made.

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

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

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Carla R
Vandiver

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

no information submitted

Education

no information submitted

Community Service

no information submitted

Statement

My name is Carla R. Vandiver, I work in road construction and have spent most of my life in small towns, I have always loved the way people take care of each other, looking out for your neighbors and this is why I bought my house in Hamilton. I am the type of person that is right there if you need a hand with anything just ask.

I feel I would make a great Mayor for our town as I will always put the town and its people first. I want to know what you want and will do my best to do what ever I best for our town. I'm on your side,

I spent 2 years at Perry Technical Institute in Yakima Washington in the Business Technology and Accounting program. I have worked in the public view and know how to treat people. I have been a supervisor in my field for 15 years and feel this will help me with communicating with our community should I be fortunate enough to be elected as your mayor.

There are a lot of families that have spent their entire life in Hamilton and I want to hear from them.

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No photo
submitted

Theresa
Boots
Nonpartisan

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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Travis M.
Patrick
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Sedro-Woolley High School/District 1 FFA Offices (2006 to 2010)

Other Professional Experience

Adult Corrections, Juvenile Corrections, Security, Emergency Transport, FEMA/Disaster Management

Education

Sedro-Woolley High School (2006 to 2010); Skagit EMS Commission Emergency Medical Technician Program (2012)

Community Service

Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department SCFPD #25 (December 2018 to Current), Skagit County Fire Protection District #8 (2016-Current), Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department SCFPD #9 (2008-2015), Sedro-Woolley High School Mentorship Program (2008), Camp Oralia Youth Counselor (2009)

Statement

Salutations. The beautiful Skagit County has been my home for the past 27 years; my wife and I have two beautiful girls whom are extremely active outdoors. I have a few hobbies such as hunting, fishing, boating, golfing, etc. My number one priority is investing in my community now and for the future. My philosophy is we have to invest in our Town and hold those in public service accountable to answer to the people of Hamilton. You, as the voter deserve answers and need results. If you have a question or concern I will bring it before your town and address the issue. As an individual who works for the State of Washington I understand the frustration between the government whether it be local, state, or federal. Let's work together to ease the frustration and mend the bridge between the voters and the Town Of Hamilton. I am asking for your vote for the Town of Hamilton Council Position 2. Thank you for your support. God Bless...

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No photo
submitted

Mary
Wohleb
Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Appointed by the Town of La Conner Council to fill vacated position # 5.

Other Professional Experience

Twenty-three years with King County Government as a project manager with the Wastewater Treatment Division and program manager for King County Water and Land Resources Division. Washington Trails Association Volunteer.

Education

Graduate of William Winlock Miller High School, Olympia. Bachelor of Science in Audiology, University of Washington, Seattle. Certified Project Manager from the Project Management Institute.

Community Service

Served on the Town of La Conner Planning commission.

Statement

I lived and worked in Seattle and later moved in La Conner and commuted off and on to Seattle for twenty-three years. I made that choice because housing was too expensive in Seattle and livable wage jobs were scarce in Skagit Valley. We are now experiencing the impacts of Seattle's overpriced housing. More people are making the same choice as I did and commute to work. There continues to be a shortage of affordable housing for young families as well as for our aging population. I often get inquiries from folks looking for a place to rent or buy in the Town of La Conner. Our municipal codes should encourage mother-in-law apartments and accessory dwellings that provide housing for extended families or as a long-term rental.

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Sarah
Nuanes

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

President Mt. Vernon High School Band & Orchestra Boosters, Board Member Children of The Valley, Past Council Member for Mt. Vernon Boys & Girls Club

Other Professional Experience

Branch Manager at Key Bank (2016-current). Manages operations, new business, customer service and employee activities while adhering to regulatory compliance, internal policies and procedures. Achieves results through empowering teams. Results driven, utilize prospect/client interactions, networking, production reports and customer feedback to reinforce standards of customer service. Maintains a flexible team dynamic as personnel float between locations.

Education

University of Wyoming, BA Elementary Education

Community Service

Girls Scouts Leader, Team Captain Relay for Life, Northwest Harvest

Statement

Having lived in Mount Vernon 14 years, with 3 daughters in Mount Vernon schools, Sarah has seen the city change. It is very apparent new leadership is needed. Improving Mount Vernon's infrastructure requires immediate attention. We've seen critical failed projects due to bad negotiations, dramatically increased project costs and disinterest in the betterment of Mount Vernon.

Affordable housing is essential for Mount Vernon. Sarah will advocate for more streamlined housing opportunities and encourage business growth, creating better wage jobs. Leadership should be working with our business community to help them thrive. They contribute jobs and revenue to improve our community.

Drug addiction contributes to our homeless and transient population. Those using drugs need treatment to end addiction and help getting back into productive society. Those refusing treatment must be dealt with through our law enforcement and legal system.

Sarah will lead the effort to partner public and private entities on proven solutions to improve lives, community and public's safety without burdening taxpayers.

Sarah will work with county, state and private partners to help fund needed improvements. She will work with other local governments and create a team mentality to build needed facilities without burdening taxpayers. Sarah asks for your vote.

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Jill
Boudreau

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Mayor of Mount Vernon: 2012-Present

Other Professional Experience

Skagit Transit Board, Skagit Council of Governments Transportation Policy Board, Member of Governor Inslee's SR530 Landslide Commission. Outreach & Education coordinator/Hospice of the Northwest, Community Service Officer/Mount Vernon Police

Education

Master of Science Business Administration (MBA) Bachelor of Science/ Management, Advanced Certificate in Municipal Leadership & All Star Advocacy Award/ Association of Washington Cities

Community Service

Volunteer Mediator, Board Member/ Washington State Crime Prevention Association, Trustee/ Hospice of the Northwest Foundation, Volunteer Chorus Member/Skagit Opera, USMC Key Volunteer. Jill and her husband Dan, of 28 years have two children.

Statement

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

Through Jill's direction, public safety programs have expanded including fire-based ambulance, drug enforcement operations, homelessness outreach efforts including a social worker with police.

Under her leadership, the City's administrative and technological operations have been streamlined with online permitting, mobile apps, and industry leading tools that have *boosted efficiency and saved tax-payer dollars*; including significant productivity boosts in the City's Parks, Solid Waste, and Streets Departments.

Jill secured \$7.4 Million in State funding to complete the Waterfront & Flood Protection Project and began the Mount Vernon Library Commons project for increased parking & development in downtown. The City was awarded 3 Opportunity Zone designations from the Governor in 2018 due to Jill personally writing the application for this economic incentive program.

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

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Erin Moberg

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Appointed to the Mount Vernon City Council in January 2019

Other Professional Experience

Registered Nurse at Cascade Ear, Nose and Throat in Mount Vernon and a Maternity Support Services Provider in Skagit County.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Western Governors University, 2019, Associates Degree in Nursing, 2013 and Licensed Practical Nurse Degree, 2010 from Bellingham Technical College, Mount Vernon High School Graduate, 2004

Community Service

Volunteer Coach For Girls On The Run At Centennial Elementary School, Skagit Transit Board Member And Volunteer At Summersun Montessori School.

Statement

I was born in Skagit County and feel fortunate to have grown up in Mount Vernon. My husband and I now look forward to raising our children in this great community. As a Mother, Registered Nurse and Homeowner, I want to see Mount Vernon continue to be a great place to raise a family.

Since being appointed to City Council, I've seen the challenges that Mount Vernon faces along with exciting opportunities for our City. I believe being transparent and open minded to our community's opinions and concerns is essential when making decisions that impact us all.

Public Safety remains a top priority and I will continue working to ensure adequate funding for our Police and Fire Departments without overburdening taxpayers. I will continue working collaboratively with all stakeholders finding solutions to affordable housing and the growing need for mental health and homelessness resources. I look forward to working together to support businesses and continue to develop our historic downtown. This will benefit our city now and into the future. I promise to remain committed to listening to the citizens of Mount Vernon and making your voices heard.

I hope to continue serving you and would appreciate your vote.

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Shelley Acero

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Past President of the Washington State Chapter of PRIMA (Public Risk Managers Association); Skagit Valley College Paralegal President; Advisory Board of the College Paralegal Program; WCIA Long Range Planning, WCIA Loss Committee

Other Professional Experience

I have worked in local government for over 30 years for Skagit County and currently for the City of Burlington as a Paralegal/Risk Manager.

Education

Eden Prairie Vo-Tech College. ATA (Associate Technical Arts Degree) with the emphasis on Paralegal Studies.

Community Service

Twenty+ years outreach to indigent people. County Migrant Program. Leadership Skagit. Skagit Law Day. Chairperson Mount Vernon Planning Commission for the past 6 years.

Statement

Mount Vernon is a great place to live and work. My family has lived here for over 4 decades now and I have seen quite a few changes.

The last six years I have served on the Mount Vernon Planning Commission and made decisions that create opportunities for businesses and citizens. There are certainly challenges that our City faces; the need for more affordable housing and the increasing homelessness issue. These challenges will require transparent leadership that will foster community partnerships not only now but into our future.

My experience working in local government, volunteering and being active in my community has given me the opportunity to meet and interact with community members from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds and life experiences and I will strive to create an environment where citizens and businesses feel welcomed and supported.

It is important to have clean, vibrant neighborhoods where our citizens are safe from crime and blight. By partnering with Police and Fire we can ensure more peaceful neighborhoods.

Safety, infrastructure and economy are my main focus points. This includes increasing affordable housing and development of our downtown.

I earnestly want to thank you for your vote!

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Mark
Hulst

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

First elected to the Mount Vernon City Council in 2012, Mark currently serves as Mayor Pro Tem, Chair of the Finance Committee, and Council representative to the Traffic Safety Committee and Law Enforcement Officers' & Firefighters' Retirement Board. Previously Mark served as Chair of the Public Safety Committee and Parks & Recreation/Library Committee.

Other Professional Experience

Mark is a local family business owner.

Education

Sedro-Woolley High School, Washington State University
Enology - 2018

Community Service

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

Statement

It has truly been an honor and a privilege serving the past 8 years on your City Council. Since the beginning of my first term, I have made Public Safety a top priority working with Council, Staff, and the Community to ensure the required funding for both our Police and Fire Departments. I remain a strong proponent for both better roads and safe routes to school for our children. I have consistently worked to find efficiencies and innovative ways to continue funding essential services while striving to not raise taxes and maintain reserves. In addition, I will continue to work towards creating a prosperous business environment to keep property taxes from increasing on working families. By continuing to listen to your concerns I can address the issues that affect our community. The most rewarding experiences as an elected steward of this community are when a concerned citizen contacts me and I am able to go to work with all the stakeholders to bring resolution to the issue. I ask for your vote so I can continue working for you.

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**Mary
Hudson**

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

City Council Mount Vernon 2016-present, Skagit County Farm Bureau, Treasurer, Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation, Past President

Other Professional Experience

AWC Municipal Leadership Certificate, Leadership Skagit, Class of 2017

Education

La Junta High School, La Junta, Colorado

Community Service

Home Trust of Skagit County, Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation, Skagit County Farm Bureau, Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland, Seattle Children's Burkland Johnson Guild, Immaculate Conception Regional School, MoNA, Community Action of Skagit County, Skagit Transit Board

Statement

Mary has been a Mount Vernon resident for about 43 years. Raised in an Air Force family, Mary's parents decided to retire here in 1976 to be near family.

Mary worked for Sears in Mount Vernon and Bellingham for 15 years before coming to work for Wells Nursery in Mount Vernon. She celebrated 26 years with Wells in November 2018.

As a current city councilmember, Mary has provided valuable leadership as Mayor Pro Tem (2018), Development Services Committee Chairperson, Parks and Library Committee Co-Chairperson, and the Mount Vernon Commons Committee. She is also a graduate of the Citizens Academy.

'I have been honored to serve as your City Council member for Ward 3, Position 1 for almost 4 years now. The business of the city is multi-faceted and I learn something new all the time. Our work is never done! I have supported the city's strategic goals, 2016 Comprehensive Plan, Ambulance Response integrated in the Fire Service and ordinances to assist homeless persons. I have supported our work on reduction of impact fees and zoning ordinances. We are working to attract new businesses to the city as well as housing on every level.

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**Dennis
O'Neil**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Managed a 6,000-acre diversified family farm-ranch in Montana. Hands on business experience in employment, financial management and business ethics. Looking for the bright lights...

Education

I left the farming and pursued college studies...graduating with a four-year degree in Business and Economics. This led to a career in bank lending (agricultural--commercial/business-mortgages) his lasting over 20 years in Washington State.

Community Service

Yes. Various years of community service during my years in banking in Washington State. Later I volunteered at St Vincent de Paul in Sedro Woolley and assisted at the Senior Center in Sedro Woolley in trying to be of help to others.

Statement

We have to live within our means and the city should also!!
I have heard many complaints in Sedro Woolley about the actual "never ending" higher property taxes, utility taxes/fees & assessments. I filed for mayor's position believing things can get better. Our city costs are high ... examples the city supervisory position now pays \$137,688 yearly, the city financial director position \$117,000 yearly and there's quite a few others...oh well, right? Though we are fortunate that these positions have attracted good people this is not a wealthy community...we do not live in SEATTLE nor do we want to. Unfortunately, the income for most of us is not sufficient to continue paying the city's higher and higher billings. Given the hopeless I feel in the community I did file for the mayor's position. Truly we are literally getting priced out of our homes. Much more of our income is going for house payments/taxes, renters-retirement homes occupants...less is left for retirement plans, college tuition, etc.

*Sort of funny but seriously the city now has started collecting a fee for yard sales and garage sales.

Please really make your vote count...for change.

I would appreciate your vote. Thanks.

Together let us go forward.

Contact

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**Julia
Johnson**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Elected Sedro-Woolley City Council, 2015; Appointed Mayor of Sedro-Woolley, 2018.

Other Professional Experience

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

Education

Graduate of Sedro-Woolley High School; MA in Counseling Psychology, Northwest University; BA in Social Sciences, Antioch University; Chemical Dependency Certification, Skagit Valley College; Graduate of Leadership Skagit, 2017.

Community Service

Board member of United General Auxiliary and Skagit Community Action; Member of Sedro-Woolley Rotary and Soroptimist International; Served on Developing Committee and volunteered at The Landing: A Healing Place for Kids; Councilmember and Council President at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Statement

I was born and raised in Sedro-Woolley and have experienced the vibrant city it can be. Having raised my children here I feel strongly about preserving the historic character while continuing to work towards the creation of innovative opportunities for future generations. Though economic times have challenged our unique city, the charm and hometown feel has remained; it is my firm belief that we can preserve Sedro-Woolley's character while supporting the development of technology within our community. Staying true to the goals I set four years ago, I have worked with law enforcement and first responders to increase public safety, which impacts all citizens. This includes the overseeing of our fire department's transition from all volunteer based to full-time fire/EMS staffing. As your Mayor I have promoted downtown revitalization with an ordinance created to support the Sedro-Woolley Downtown Association and have remained devoted to the fostering of new businesses. With residential growth and development of the SWIFT Center underway, we have continued to support the improvement of city infrastructure, added a new park and increased staff and services at city hall to better serve our citizens. It is my honor to represent you. Together we are making a difference.

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**Brendan
McGoffin**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

The city council position will be Brendan's first experience as a publicly elected official. However, he served on the Board of Directors for the Treacy-Levine Center for three years, a local non-profit organization. He also served on the Sedro-Woolley High School Student Council for two years.

Other Professional Experience

Brendan has worked in cybersecurity and I.T. system administration for four years.

Education

Brendan graduated from Sedro-Woolley High School in 2010. In 2014, he graduated with a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Gonzaga University.

Community Service

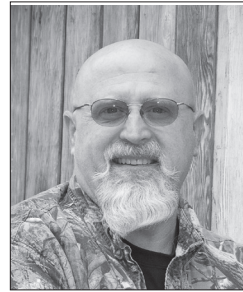
Brendan volunteered at a nonprofit organization called The Artisans where he supported people with disabilities.

Statement

Brendan has deep roots in the Sedro-Woolley community where his family goes back four generations. He moved here with his wife to raise their one year old daughter and to work at a local manufacturing company. Brendan understands the value of economic growth and development for Sedro-Woolley while preserving our natural environment. Businesses bring the ideas, employment, and energy a town needs to thrive. Brendan cares about creating a safe learning environment for all children in the Sedro Woolley School District. He wants to work with school officials and city police to make sure students are safe at school. As a former high school athlete, he values the importance of teamwork, and bringing out the best in everyone. Brendan believes these leadership qualities can be applied with city government, businesses, and working with the residents of Sedro-Woolley. Given the ransomware attacks in other cities, Brendan wants to ensure that Sedro-Woolley city government is using the most up-to-date procedures and policies to protect against cyber threats. Brendan believes in listening to all sides, conducting research and making informed decisions based on facts and sound information. He will bring these skills to the city council position.

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**Dave
Bates**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Sedro-Woolley Fire Department, Lieutenant, Ret. Also served in sales in local John Deere outlets and managed Sears Auto in Burlington, Wa. Now manages a retail store in Bow, Wa

Education

Graduated High School in Des Moines, Wa. Graduated Highline College in Des Moines, Wa with Associate of Applied Science in Administration of Justice.

Community Service

Sedro-Woolley Volunteer Fire Dept for 26 years. Achieved rank of Lieutenant and served on the Board of Directors. On duty Officer responding to the Sedro-Woolley and surrounding District several shifts per month. Also served as chaperone on several local church youth outings.

Statement

As a council member I plan on serving with integrity and honesty while representing Ward 1, just as I did the city and entire District while serving on the Fire Dept. I welcome all input from all residing within the Ward in order to act and vote on their behalf. I am interested in the challenge of change and wish the best thing for the community and encourage city growth. Recent topics discussed and voted on have influenced my decision to run, so that those challenges may be better met.

To know me is to know I enjoy the outdoor sports in fish and game. I care about people and am committed to make Sedro-Woolley the pleasant place to live that I believe it is and can be.

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**Pola
Kelley**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Currently serving as City Council Member Ward 4

Other Professional Experience

10 years as Executive Director, Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce

Education

BA from Gonzaga University Political Science/Speech Communications Post graduate studies in Organizational Leadership SWHS graduate

Community Service

Served as Vice Chair during the forming of the Sedro-Woolley Downtown Association 2018-2019 5 years on the Community Relations Board for PeaceHealth United General Medical Center/2 years as Chair of the board, and for six years before that with United General Hospital prior to the transition. Serving on the board of the Cascade Loop Association for 6 years SCCEDA for 10 years

Statement

Part of my personal mission is to serve the community of Sedro-Woolley. Not only on the Council, but through the work at the Chamber of Commerce and serving on boards that service the community. In the past ten years we have come through the recession with the tenacity one expects from the people who live and work here. We have weathered other economic setbacks and always bounced back. I am currently very excited about the growth in our city.

Our downtown district is vibrant with unique shops. Shops that people will come to because they are just another market for overseas goods, but actually sell finer and often locally produced goods. For those who wish to find that local flavor.

Meanwhile through our work on the council we are also committed to providing the best governance for the citizenry, including a well-trained and staffed fire and police department. Building on the successes of our parks department, administrative and all of the departments we all depend on from planning to solid waste.

I will always serve with integrity and a commitment to the public. I believe ethical civil discourse is vital to informed public decisions.

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**Glenn
Allen**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Sedro-Woolley City Council 1993 – 1997, Port of Skagit County Commissioner 1998 – 2009

Other Professional Experience

U.S. Army - Active 2 Years, U.S. Army - Active Reserves 2 Years, Sedro-Woolley Business Owner 20 Years

Education

SWHS Graduate, Western Washington University

Community Service

Rotary Club, S.W. Youth Soccer Coach, Downtown Community Development Committee, Eagles Member, Church Counsel

Statement

2nd generation in Sedro-Woolley schools. 3rd generation downtown business owner. Though many dynamics in our town have changed, the development of the old Northern St. Hospital is positive for economic stability in our community.

The addition of police officers in our city is needed. My wife & I would like a vote of the people on this proposal. We feel 1st responders are critical to our safety.

The current City Council's pay is fair and raises are not justifiable. It amounts to wasted spending. City Council positions are Public Service, not "Day Jobs". I want to welcome input from the residents of Ward #4. I have the time, energy and desire to work through the issues that affect the city and its people. Thank you and please vote.

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Corrin
Hamburg

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Ms. Hamburg is a fifth generation Skagitonian who grew up on her family's farm in Mount Vernon. Growing up she enjoyed volunteering and giving back to her community and continues to today. After graduating from WSU with a degree in Environmental Science, Ms. Hamburg became the Laboratory Manager for the Environmental Conservation Department at Skagit Valley College. She was involved in the school's safety committee and worked diligently to promote interdepartmental collaboration within the college. Ms. Hamburg now supervises the City of Anacortes Wastewater Treatment Plant laboratory and enjoys the creative problem solving strategies that she gets to utilize.

Education

no information submitted

Community Service

no information submitted

Statement

As a fifth generation Skagitonian and a third generation civil servant, I am deeply connected and devoted to maintaining and enhancing the sense of community in this historically rich place. I will serve as a dedicated city council member who promises to ensure that all current and future impacts and benefits of city decisions are considered.

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Charles (Chuck)
Owen

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

He successfully served four years with Sedro Woolley City Council.

Other Professional Experience

Chuck has experience leading and serving people. He served in the US Navy, worked in the local logging industry, held management positions at Intalco Aluminum Company 13 years, and Hansen Boat Company for 14. After retirement, Chuck was Area Manager over Forest Service parks in Mt. Baker, Snoqualmie National Forest for 6 years. Until elected to the council, Chuck worked at Sedro Woolley Yard Waste and Recycle.

Education

Academic achievements in Industrial Relations, Effective Presentation, and Public Speaking

Community Service

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

Statement

I have enjoyed my service as council member to this community for 4 years. My main objective has been to listen to and serve the people, and be a voice to their concerns. Sedro Woolley is my home, and has been for the past 61 years. I raised my family here, and I believe this is a great place to live and raise a family. I have worked together with the citizens of this community and the other elected officials to improve the economy and standard of living in this city, today, and for future generations. I support any reasonable plan to attract business, we need jobs and tax revenue from businesses if Sedro Woolley is going to thrive. Some of the issues that are important to me are keeping taxes low, employment opportunities, economic development, visual appearance and up keep of the city, and integrity in government. A council member has to have common sense, and be able to speak up for the people they serve. If re-elected I will continue to work hard to serve to the best of my ability. Vote Chuck Owen so I can continue to serve and be a voice for the people.

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**Miri
Levi**
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

VP of MBNPA, VP of IBA, Chair of BBC, Treasurer of NJ-ACNM.

Other Professional Experience

Nurse practitioner and healthcare executive. Medical experience in a variety of clinical settings.

Education

Bachelor/Dual Masters of Science from Columbia University, Sigma Theta Tau in Midwifery/Women's Health. Certificate as a Family Nurse Practitioner from UMass. MBA in Healthcare Management to be completed December 2019. BFA in Musical Theater from New School University.

Community Service

Coach Anacortes youth sports, lead Challenger Program through Anacortes Little League. Volunteer on boards/committees of camps, medical associations, and hospitals. Member of the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce. Volunteer at Island View and Whitney PTA.

Statement

I'm passionate about supporting students and families in our school district. I will continue ASD's high level of excellence in education while seeking opportunities for increased student equity, teacher support, and district efficiency. Public education is the heart of our community and our educational resources are a critical investment. Robust support for our children, no matter their background or socioeconomic status, has the ability to affect the direction of our society. I can continue to steer our youth in the direction of success as an ASD Board member, inspiring a new generation to love learning and pursue meaningful education. Successful schools create a love of learning that will continue after students have graduated. It's important for ASD to help students grow into independent, emotionally stable and well rounded individuals who become productive members of society. As a board member, I'll focus on enhanced personal support for teachers, individualized options for all students, detailed communication with parents, health and safety for students, and engaged leadership by the school board. I will be a strong representative for your interests on the ASD Board and work tirelessly to affect change and improvement within our school district. Thank you for your vote

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**Marilyn
Hanesworth**
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Anacortes School Board Director, 2015 – present.

Other Professional Experience

Software Developer, Integra. Mechanical Engineer, Boeing.

Education

B.S. General Engineering, Harvey Mudd College. M.S. Mechanical Engineering, Univ of Washington.

Community Service

Girl Scout leader - 12 years. Soccer coach - Parks and Rec, Anacortes Middle School. Anacortes Family Center - teach regular art workshops with grade schoolers. Fidalgo PTA - classroom volunteer, Yearbook Club, Reflections Art program coordinator, Golden Acorn award recipient. ASF STEM committee - Celebrate the Season auction committee, AMS STEM Sampler instructor/registrar, STEM Camp instructor, AHS Career Day committee chair/registrar.

Statement

My family has had the privilege of living in Anacortes for almost 20 years and my children have attended Anacortes schools K-12. I have been actively involved as a volunteer in the district since my children first crossed the threshold at Fidalgo Elementary.

I am running for a second term for several reasons. The legislature's "McCleary fix" for school finance left our district in a tough financial situation. As an incumbent, I have been actively involved in detailed fiscal discussions over the last year. I can offer a sounding board and ask the tough questions to help shape priorities and maintain financial health. I have also been the school board representative on the District equity committee during this past year as we have worked on defining what equity means to us as individuals and as a district. Next year this work will move outside of the committee, and I want to be a part of this outreach and champion the work as we make sure all of our students feel valued and supported in ways that make sense for their individual situations and needs.

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**Jennie
Beltramini**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Anacortes Education Association President; WEA Board Director

Other Professional Experience

Mathematics Specialist, Student Achievement Partners. Coordinated, supported, and facilitated statewide professional learning on Washington State Learning Standards. Teacher, instructional coach, and teacher-leader in school districts in WA for 19 years; 9 years in Anacortes. National Board Certified in Early Adolescent Mathematics.

Education

BA in K-8 Education, Washington State University; MEd in Curriculum and Instruction, Lesley University; Certificate of Teacher Leadership, University of Washington.

Community Service

Member of PTAs, school and classroom volunteer; involved at Sacred Heart parish, La Conner; supporter of Anacortes youth sports and Anacortes Young Life; volunteer, Fidalgo DanceWorks.

Statement

I am an experienced educator, an advocate for public education, and committed to the Anacortes community. I moved to Anacortes 13 years ago because of the excellent schools and the welcoming small town. Anacortes is a special place where I choose to work and raise my children. I have three children who attend Anacortes schools, one elementary, one middle school, and one high school. I have devoted my entire 23-year career as an educator to improving outcomes for all students. I was a classroom teacher for 14 years (7 years in Anacortes), and worked in teacher leadership positions for 5 years (2 years in Anacortes). I've worked with legislators and lobbied in Olympia and Washington DC in support of public education and educators. Currently I am a math specialist for a national nonprofit dedicated to improving student achievement. If elected to serve on the ASD Board, I am committed to ensuring student-centered decisions are made, planning is equity-based, teachers are supported, and the district strategic plan becomes a reality. I believe all kids deserve access to an education that prepares them for a successful future.

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No photo
submitted

**William
Shaw**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Director, Anacortes School District (2016-present)

Other Professional Experience

Research Professor, Naval Postgraduate School (2005-present)

Education

Ph.D. in Oceanography, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (2000), B. Sc. in Civil Engineering, Princeton University (1993)

Community Service

Assistant Coach, Anacortes Youth Football (2015 and 2016), Lead Petitioner and Founding President, Bay View Academy (a public charter school in Monterey, CA, 2010-2011), Director, Bay View Academy (2010-2013), Volunteer, Local science fairs and science competitions

Statement

I believe in public education. From my experiences as a public school student, a scientific researcher and educator, a director on school boards in two states, and a parent, I continually *appreciate* the power of education. I have learned that young students thrive with connections to peers and teachers, with support through life's challenges, and through engagement in classwork. I *know* that connection, support, and engagement require a deep understanding of students: their interests and dreams, their strengths and challenges.

I am proud of the work the board has accomplished during my first term: a new strategic plan that provides a framework for excellence; the implementation of social-emotional health programs; an equity policy to ensure all students have access to educational resources and opportunities; contracts that value the work of school employees while maintaining responsible budgets; and the close monitoring of the high school project to ensure successful completion.

My approach as a board member is to be well informed, review relevant data, ask good questions and actively engage in solution-oriented discussions. In a second term, I will commit my best to supporting our 2,700 students – so all students benefit from their education, just as I have.

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**Matthew
Cutter**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Appointed to the Anacortes School Board, March 2019

Other Professional Experience

Current Site Manager for instruction of EA-18G aircrew at NAS Whidbey Island. Previously served as a Naval Officer for more than twenty years and commanded or led multiple large organizations during that time. Roles ranged from command of an EA-18G squadron to being in charge of the Operations Department of a nuclear powered aircraft carrier.

Education

Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, United States Naval War College, Newport, RI, *Bachelor of Science Degree*, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD

Community Service

Youth baseball coach, Knights of Columbus

Statement

In March 2019, I was selected from among 10 candidates to an open seat on the school board. I truly believe in service and making a difference in our great community. My wife, Elise, and I appreciate the benefits of our fantastic school system with three school-age children.

The role of public education is to produce graduates who can contribute to society in a meaningful way. I believe this is accomplished through the whole-person concept. Public education must develop students mentally through a challenging course of academics and technical training, physically through health programs and competitive athletics, and emotionally through relationship building, the arts and leadership opportunities for all students.

If given the opportunity, I would continue to use my talents and experience strengthening and implementing a strategic vision for the ASD so that we can maintain the standard of excellence that we enjoy. We must be forward-focused, identifying potential improvements so that every child in our community can receive the education and training required to help them be successful and productive members of society.

I am honored to serve you. I ask for your vote so that I may continue to serve the community and students of Anacortes.

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**Connie
Pangrazi**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Over 30 years of educational experience – both public and private. Parent, past PTO President, Teacher, Curriculum Director, University Faculty Member. Retired from Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at Arizona State University - Assistant Dean of Academics. Leadership Skagit Class of 2018, Skagit Valley College faculty adjunct.

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Education – Arizona State University, Master of Education in Educational Administration – Arizona State University

Community Service

Soroptimist International of Anacortes member and board member, Salish Sea Deaf School Board member, Leadership Skagit 2019 Coach, Anacortes School District Ready to Learn Fair Clothing Drive Coordinator, Island Hospital Therapy Dog Program Coordinator.

Statement

Connie believes that each school board decision should be made only after answering the question, “Is this decision in the best interest of students?”. She believes the school board role should be one of empowerment; providing the guidance, fiscal responsibility and support to ensure that a world-class education is a reality for all.

Connie has dedicated her entire professional life to education. She believes in the value and potential of all children, and that in order for them to reach their full potential, students must have equal access to a world-class, holistic education, delivered to them in the modality in which they best learn. This will allow them the realization of their highest capabilities, to be college and career ready, and ultimately become contributing members of society. Administration must have the tools to recruit and retain the most qualified and capable teachers, and students and teachers alike should feel a sense of connection to the educational community, affording each the means of achieving success. This, in turn, will result in contributions from both student and teacher, in their own unique way, to the betterment of not only their individual goals, but to the achievements of the world around them.

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David D.
Lowell

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Burlington-Edison School Board (10 years).

Other Professional Experience

Attorney for 27 years. US Army Reserves (JAG Corps) for 12 years.

Education

Graduate of Anacortes High, Seattle University (business degree) and law degree at Creighton University.

Community Service

I volunteer as the Judge Advocate for the Burlington American Legion, help coach Burlington youth soccer and Little League baseball and I am a member of Rotary

Statement

I have served as a Board member since January 2010. Difficult financial issues face our district. The arena of public school finance is complex and requires prudent analysis when making decisions affecting budgeting and bond/levy analysis. I believe a conservative approach to fiscal spending is prudent while we fully deal with the implication of the McCleary fix. I will continue to be a thoughtful steward of your tax money.

As we look to the future, I will diligently gather opinions from all community members on if we should try another bond and for what purpose. I want to restore greatness in the Burlington schools.

As a parent of two district children, I am visible at athletic and school events. I will continue to make myself available to hear from you.

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**Bill
Wallace**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

12 Years B-E School Board (past president and current legislative representative)

Other Professional Experience

36 years Washington State Department of Natural Resources (21 years as Northwest Region Manager, now retired)

Education

Bachelor of Science, Oregon State University

Community Service

Current Service: B-E Kiwanis (past president); Past Service: B-E Education and Alumni Foundation; Various B-E School District committees including: Facilities Committee, Technology Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee.

Statement

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

I have learned a lot over the past 12 years. Education is a complex business with many standards and expectations at the federal, state and local levels. I will continue to work hard to help the Burlington-Edison School District maintain a long tradition of successfully preparing students for a changing world.

I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

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**Holly
Nielsen**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

I worked in the Seattle Public School system as a teacher, Reading and Math Specialist, and as the lead outreach coordinator for homeless children. In 2002, I began working in the Burlington Edison School District as a school counselor at Edison Elementary and remained in the position for 15 years. I currently work as the Clinical Manager at Skagit Regional Health's Mental Health Center.

Education

BS, Elementary Education, MA, Counseling, PhD, Clinical Psychology

Community Service

Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees, Children's Hospital Guild, Volunteer and donor to Skagit Valley's Children's Museum, Volunteers for BEHS wrestling and football boosters

Statement

I am excited to run for School Board because I believe I can be a positive voice and advocate for the students, teachers, and the community members in our district. Because I have been an educator in many capacities, I am familiar with federal and state education laws that protect students' rights to a fair and appropriate education. I want to be a part of a school district that promotes a well-rounded, solid education for all students, and prepares them for successful futures. My current position in the public hospital sector requires that I maintain good management, efficiency, and fiscal skills. It also necessitates that I work closely with a large and diverse group of leaders toward achieving common goals. These skills will be assets while serving on the school board.

In addition, my husband and I have two children that attend Burlington-Edison School District: One at Edison Elementary and the other at B-EHS. I have a vested interest in the Burlington-Edison School District and its future and am respectfully asking for your vote in this election.

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**Rich
Wesen**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Director for the Burlington-Edison School District for nine years.

Other Professional Experience

Partner in our family dairy farm

Education

Graduate Burlington-Edison High School, 1973, Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics and Astronautics University of Washington, 1979

Community Service

Burlington-Edison Kiwanis for thirty six years (Club Secretary 20 years), B-E Citizens' Advisory Committee for three years, President of the Burlington-Edison Education Association for Kids (Back to School Fair Committee) for sixteen years, Edison Booster Club for ten years, Dual Language Committee, Burlington Healthy Community Coalition. Family - Married with four grown children

Statement

I am a lifelong Burlington-Edison School District resident whose four children attended B-E Schools and went on to higher education. My grandmother taught in the B-E District as does my daughter. I am dedicated to serving on the school board having only missed one meeting in the nine years I have served. I have been Board President for three years. I attend conferences, district events and special meetings beyond what is required to build on my knowledge of our district. This helps maintain an overall view of what is best for our students and make difficult decisions.

There have been significant budget challenges over the past years and I have watched our budget closely. I am proud that we have been able to maintain student programming including our Arts and Vocational programs, and have not laid off teachers. This has been done without raising local taxes.

In the future I would like to increase mental health support and to implement security measures suggested by our consultants. I will also be working on a bond to upgrade some of our facilities. I would be honored to continue my service for four more years.

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**Karen
Molenaar
Terrell**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

08/12 to 6/19: Contract Based teacher at Emerson High School. 8/92 to 6/12: Worked as a teacher in the Burlington-Edison School District. Taught 7th/8th grade social studies and language arts; fifth and sixth grade (reading, writing, math, science, social studies); served as a literacy specialist.

Education

MS degree in *Literacy in the Content Areas: Grades 6-12* (2/05 to 8/06) from Walden University. Studied history and education at Washington State University. Graduated cum laude 6/78. Earned teaching certificate and completed fifth year at University of Puget Sound, 8/84.

Community Service

no information submitted

Statement

I've been a teacher in Skagit County's schools since my husband and I moved here 34 years ago. I taught in the Burlington-Edison School District from 1992-2012. For the last seven years I've taught at Emerson, a nonprofit alternative high school in Mount Vernon. Recently, I wrote a health supplement on teen drug abuse for an educational publishing company. Working for the publishing company gave me an opportunity to recognize the challenges students and teachers face today in education.

As an educator my mission has been to help my students build a solid foundation of knowledge and skills they can bring with them into the future; and to help them see the power they have to make the world a better place. I retired from teaching in spring of 2019. I'd like to bring my teaching experience with me to the Burlington-Edison school board.

Our sons are Burlington-Edison graduates. I appreciate the dedication of the teachers who gave them the skills they need to achieve their goals in life. I'd like the opportunity to give back to the teachers of Burlington-Edison now, and to support our young people, by serving on the school board.

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No photo
submitted

Michael
Brondi
Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

no information submitted

Education

no information submitted

Community Service

no information submitted

Statement

Thank you for this opportunity to serve on the Concrete school board. Our public schools are enormously important to children and for the future of our community. Please get involved with your schools and support them to do the best for our kids.

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Thom
Sicklesteel

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

2003 - Current | Conway School Board

Other Professional Experience

2017 - Current | General Manager | Leavitt Cranes USA, Inc., 2015 - 2017 | Branch Manager | Barnhart Cranes, 2000 - 2015 | President & CEO | Sicklesteel Cranes, Inc., 1989 - 2000 | Vice President & CFO | Sicklesteel Cranes, Inc.

Education

BA in Business Management and Accounting | Whitworth University

Community Service

no information submitted

Statement

In these times, experienced leadership is needed to guide school districts. Conway has built an excellent leadership team focused on efficient and effective student learning.

2 years ago, Conway converted the Superintendent and Principal positions from being part time to full time. This was to bring a longer term approach to the leadership of the district while focusing on student and staff development and growth. The results have been positive.

The ability to bring in out of district students to maximize classroom enrollment has been a key to enhancing Conway. This model allows Conway to maintain 2 teachers per grade and offer programs that include art and music while also providing for staff focused in areas of expertise such as math and science.

Conway students are performing well on the state tests. Last year, Conway's 8th graders ranked 1st in the county in English Language Arts, 1st in Math, and 2nd in Science. Job well done!

Conway taxpayers have among the lowest tax rates for schools in Skagit County. We have been good stewards while ensuring that the District is in a healthy financial position.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Conway. I appreciate your vote.

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Wade
Melton

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

I am currently a Conway School Board member and am running for re-election. I have served on the Board since 2014.

Other Professional Experience

no information submitted

Education

M.S. Environmental Science, University of Idaho, B.S. Soil Science, Washington State University

Community Service

Volunteered as a member of the Facility Committee. That work resulted in a beautiful renovation of the 1000 building, and upgrades to infrastructure and technology, all while maintaining the character of Conway School. Over the years, I have volunteered my time carrying tables in for school auctions, clearing nature trail brush, renovating the baseball field, weeding the parking lot, and more.

Statement

I've put one daughter through Conway School to graduation and my second daughter is currently in 6th grade. Having "skin in the game" is important, and my philosophy is shaped both by what is best for the kids and what is best for the taxpayers in the district.

My work on the School Board has included teacher contract negotiations, superintendent hiring, budgeting, crafting the language/scope of levies, decisions regarding school security, staffing, and other important issues. I believe experience matters.

One of the current discussions at Conway is the presence of out of district students, and I support bringing in a limited number of these students. Managing class size this way enables us to have two teachers per grade and offer high school graduation requirement courses. The Conway taxpayer benefits because state funding entirely covers the cost of the additional teachers and administration.

Conway School has continuously improved over the past several years, and we are in an especially strong place currently. Academic performance is excellent against other schools in Skagit and the state, we have maintained fiscal discipline through trying times, and our leadership is strong. I would like to maintain that momentum and appreciate your vote.

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Jennifer
Smith

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Skagit Farmers Supply Board of Directors, Secretary 2015-Present

Other Professional Experience

Co-owner FloralSmith (Floral design boutique and farm), Co-owner of S & B Farms Inc. (Smith family farm), Co-owner of Skagit Valley's Best Produce (Potato packing and marketing facility), Co-owner of Northwest Lime (Ag lime supplier)

Education

Washington State University, 2001 Bachelor of Science majoring in Agriculture and minoring in Business and Agriculture Technology Management.

Community Service

Supports: Mount Vernon Christian School, Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland, Western Washington Agriculture Association. Has served: Former Sunday School teacher, Former 4H leader

Statement

I have lived on Fir Island for 11 years. I am committed to serving the community in which I live. I was raised in a small rural community and I know firsthand the benefits a rural school can offer its students.

I am an open-minded person with an affinity for business management who believes our school needs leadership that will focus on providing a solid education to all of its students. We also need administration with the will and ability to support and empower teachers to provide the best education possible.

In order to make these visions a reality, our school needs to not only rely on the state and local tax payers, but also manage its funds wisely and optimize all of the funding resources available.

"It takes a village to raise a child" is an old saying that I hold near to my heart. I truly believe that the community environment that a child is raised in has a deep and lasting impact on their attitudes and values as adults. If we provide stable leadership and a safe learning environment, all of our students will have the skills they need to be successful in life.

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Nathan
Wolfe

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Currently serving as a Conway School Board Director, Position 5 appointed in May of 2018.

Other Professional Experience

Member of the Conway School Facilities Improvement Committee, Board Member of the Conway Youth Soccer Association, Project Manager, Principal of TRICO Companies, LLC.

Education

EDASC Next Exec program, Karass Effective Negotiating, Bachelor of Science, Pacific Lutheran University, Anacortes High School Graduate

Community Service

Conway School field rehabilitation project, Conway School path projects, YMCA coach and assistant coach for youth activities, Proud supporter of local charitable groups including Boys and Girls Club of Skagit County, YMCA, Have a Heart Foundation, and others.

Statement

Nathan Wolfe is a solution focused, diplomatic leader with a 20 year track record of success. Creative problem solver able to effectively bring teams together to solve complex issues while focusing on bottom line solutions and results. Skilled in project and business budgeting, policy implementation, and risk management.

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No photo
submitted

Kate
Szurek
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Onion Creek School District Board of Directors, Colville School District Board of Directors, La Conner School District Board of Directors

Other Professional Experience

Attorney at Law, admitted to bar in 1997

Education

Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington, Juris Doctorate, Gonzaga University School of Law, Legal Masters in Taxation, University of Washington

Community Service

Alternatives to Violence volunteer, Colville, Washington, Member and officer, Northwest Washington Estate Planning Council, Board of Trustees, Hospice of the Northwest

Statement

I am deeply committed to public education. Our system of public education is unique in the world. In our country, we believe every child deserves an education. In our state, we believe education is constitutionally our paramount duty. In our district, we believe every child thrives in a safe and caring setting. I believe our system of publicly-elected school board members helps keep our educational system adaptive and accountable to the community.

It is my privilege to be a part of the good work of school governance, and I am grateful for the involvement and passion of the La Conner community. I truly value your vote.

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No photo
submitted

John T.
Agen
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

I have had a successful career in sales and sales management for more than 25 years.

Education

La Conner High School, Whitman College, University of Washington

Community Service

I have enjoyed countless seasons coaching (youth through high school level) basketball and baseball. For ten years I have had the privilege of serving as Vice President on the La Conner Community Scholarship Foundation board of directors.

Statement

Having lived in the La Conner area for the majority of my life and having attended La Conner schools from first grade through high school; I have enjoyed a lifelong attachment to our school district. I believe I can make a positive contribution to ensuring the children of our community continue to attain a quality education and positive overall experience.

Value to the community includes a great educational experience combined with fiscal responsibility. To that end, my business experience has included significant budget responsibility.

I would consider it a privilege to serve our community as a school district board member!

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**Marlys
Baker**
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

This is my first experience running for school board.

Other Professional Experience

I am a Registered Nurse, mother, and wife. I have been a student for many years all while raising 5 sons.

Education

Associates R.N. and currently working towards my B.S.N.

Community Service

My family and I attend all community dinners and events. We also attend many cultural events such as canoe journey and canoe racing. I am a first-generation college graduate and I hope to serve as example and inspire the next generation of learners to continue on with their educational goals. I am currently a member of the sub-education committee with the Swinomish tribe.

Statement

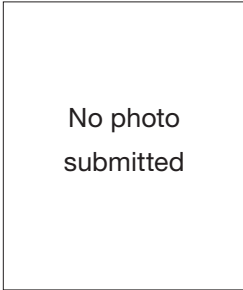
Hello Voters,

My name is Marlys Baker. I am a Swinomish Tribal member. I have five sons. My oldest graduated from LaConner last year. One is in 1st grade. One in 7th the other two are in high school. I am currently employed at the Swinomish Indian Health Clinic as a Registered Nurse. My husband served in the Army for over 11 years, being deployed 3 times to Iraq. He is currently taking classes at the University of Washington and I am working towards my Bachelor's degree from WGU.

We have been married for 19 years and have supported each other's educational goals while raising our boys. I am honored to be running for the school board and hope to be a positive voice and enable continued success for our students at LaConner. My family is very involved in the community. With four sons currently attending LaConner school, I have a personal investment not just in their success but in all student's success.

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**Janie
Beasley**
Nonpartisan

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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No photo
submitted

Robert
Coffey
Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

12 plus years as a member of the school board of the Mount Vernon School District

Other Professional Experience

25 years practicing medicine in Mount Vernon

Education

B.S and M.D.

Community Service

Tutoring math as a volunteer at Mount Vernon High School and Skagit Valley College for a total of over 15 years

Statement

I'm a retired Mount Vernon physician and have served for over 12 years on Mount Vernon School District's Board of Directors. I would like to serve another four year term to use my experience and high level of interest to help ensure that our school district continues to offer the best possible education for the resources available.

Contact

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Jessica J
Samora

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Appointed School Board Director Mount Vernon School District 3

Other Professional Experience

Clinic Operations Manager Skagit Radiology. Patient Access Manager Skagit Regional Health. PTA President, classroom volunteer, committee member for selecting principles, participated in levy and bond initiatives

Education

Burlington Edison High School, Skagit Valley College, Utah Valley Community College

Community Service

Junior Achievements, Coach MV Youth Soccer, Leadership Skagit 2012, Church leadership for primary age children

Statement

I grew up in Skagit County and have seen the changes throughout the years. I have lived in other parts of our country, but chose to come back to Skagit County to raise my family. My husband and I have four children who all graduated from Mount Vernon High School. I have had the opportunity to volunteer in our schools and see firsthand the successes and challenges that are very real for our students, teachers, principals and district leaders. I feel as a mother and responsible community member it is important to support our local school district. Our children need to see us involved in their schools showing we support their education and the things that are important to their future. I have been in leadership roles over the past 17 years. These roles have taught me when to stand strong, when to be compassionate, while mentoring and train future leaders. I understand the pressures of making hard choices during times of redesign to better future outcomes. I would be honored to have the opportunity to use my management and volunteer skills to help support our schools and community.

Contact

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Christina
Jepperson

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Sedro Woolley School District Board President

Other Professional Experience

Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner

Education

University of Washington, Seattle Pacific University, Gonzaga University.

Community Service

Local: Volunteer as a Parent Helper at many different school events throughout our district. Girl Scout travel advisor summer of 2018. International: I have had the honor of helping people both as an RN and ARNP in various countries including Haiti after the earthquake and as an ARNP during the 2016 Olympics in Rio De Janerio.

Statement

Hello, my name is Christina Jepperson and I am running for Sedro Woolley School District Board Director Position 2. I am proud to have held this position for the last four years. During the last four years we have seen tremendous growth in the number of students in the Sedro Woolley School District. To meet these demands we have added more staff, more classes and expanded the class offerings available to the students in all schools. We added back music and art in the elementary schools. Kids at the middle school can learn about 3D printing and programming in technology classes. High School students get to have expanded opportunities for AP classes and CTE classes such as Welding, Sports Medicine, Auto Shop, Computer Programming, and AG classes. All of this while maintaining historic low local levy and bond rates and a healthy fund balance in order to maximize student learning. I have two children in the district. My son attends Sedro Woolley High School and my daughter is at Cascade Middle School.

Contact

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Eric
Lodjic

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Owner of Air Health Services since 2004, Branch and Service Manager at Sears Home Services 1996-2004, served on the Advisory Board for Renton Vocational and Technical College 2000-2004.

Education

Graduate of Peninsula High School, Gig Harbor, WA, Graduate of Whitworth University, Spokane, WA, 1988 Bachelor of Arts Business Administration.

Community Service

Currently serving on the SWHS Ag. Dept. Advisory Board, in the SWHS FFA Booster Club, assisted with FFA fundraisers and activities and formerly served as a Cub Scout Den Leader.

Statement

I have been a resident in the Sedro Woolley School District for the past 26 years. All of my children went through the Sedro Woolley schools. During that time, I have seen the school district experience many challenges and changes. One of the biggest challenges I see ahead for the school district is the need to replace or update our school infrastructure, not only to accommodate the influx of new students, but also to address the much-needed repairs. My business experience would be a beneficial addition to the school board to assist in finding alternate sources of funding for school renovations, while avoiding additional burdens on taxpayers. I can find and implement a common-sense approach to funding building repairs and updates without causing property taxes to skyrocket.

I will also ensure school board decisions become public knowledge and encourage more parental and community involvement in educational decision-making. Parents, students, and community members should be well aware of the movements of the school district that their tax dollars pay for, especially when changes within it can have huge impacts on the youth of our district. If elected, I will make sure transparency becomes a defining characteristic of the Sedro-Woolley education system.

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Danielle Baird
Russell

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

This is my first time running for office.

Other Professional Experience

WA State Real Estate Broker since 2004. Co-owner of John L. Scott Skagit & Sedro-Woolley. Member of the North Puget Sound Association of Realtors.

Education

Graduate of Sedro-Woolley High School, 2002. Graduate of University of Oregon, B.S., Political Science, 2006.

Community Service

Sedro-Woolley Rotarian, Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation Board Member, Leadership Skagit 2014 Graduate, Mount Vernon Boys & Girls Club Community Council, Sedro-Woolley HS Fastpitch volunteer coach, Big Lake Parent Group participant, Skagit Valley College Cooperative Education Mentor, University of Oregon Student-Athlete Development Mentor Program volunteer.

Statement

I am the mother to a current kindergartener attending Big Lake Elementary, a school in which I attended 20+ years ago. My second child will become a student there in the fall of 2020.

It is my belief that all children deserve to be loved, supported, valued and ensured that their basic needs are met, including that of access to a quality education. As a former K-12 student and graduate of the Sedro-Woolley School District, I have personally witnessed the growth in how far our district has come. It is imperative that we continue to make strong investments in our schools. Prioritizing not only academics but also the commitment to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for both our students and staff. The future impact and contributions that our students will make in our community will be a direct reflection of the investment we choose to make today.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve our community with compassion, transparency and the diligence needed to ensure the continued success of our district now and looking to the future.

Thank you for your support, your trust and your vote.

Contact

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Brandon
Bond
Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Sedro-Woolley School District Board Member (appointed in March 2018). President Burlington Firefighters IAFF Local 4111.

Other Professional Experience

Lieutenant- Burlington Fire Department

Education

2002 Graduate of Burlington Edison High School, EMT-B, certified Fire Officer, and several other professional certifications.

Community Service

Operation Warm, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Girl Scouts of Western Washington, Mary Purcell Elementary Parent Group.

Statement

I am a lifelong community member of Skagit County. I moved to Sedro-Woolley in 2008 and I'm proud to call it my home. I can't think of a more welcoming town to raise my family. My two children currently attend Mary Purcell Elementary. I am passionate about education and providing many diverse and impactful opportunities for the youth of our community. By investing in our children we are helping them achieve their highest potential.

Since my appointment to this board in March of 2018, I have learned that this truly is a special district which values each and every student and staff member. The District is continually striving to make improvements. We currently have a low tax rate, and a healthy financial fund balance. I am dedicated in my continuation of collaboration with parents, students, community members, and fellow board members. Not only will I work hard to provide the best educational experience for every student, but I will continue to ensure the voices of our community are heard and valued.

I have been proud to serve this board and our District, and would love the pleasure of continuing to do so. I, humbly, ask for your vote.

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Frei
Burton

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Currently appointed Hospital Commissioner

Other Professional Experience

Treasurer and Co-Owner of Arrow Insulation & Arrow Electric

Education

Bachelor of Science and Nursing

Community Service

Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation Board, Conway School PTA

Statement

I have resided in Skagit County since 2006 with my husband and our three daughters. Along with being the currently appointed Commissioner, I am Treasurer and Co-Owner of Arrow Insulation and Arrow Electric.

I believe that the role of Hospital Commissioner is to place the best interest of the community's healthcare at the forefront. We deserve excellent and cutting-edge healthcare locally. As a Commissioner, I will bring a depth of experience in both business management and feet on the ground medical experience to help deliver the medical care the citizens of this valley deserve.

I am acutely aware and sensitive to helping balance the needs of employee benefits, advancement of technology, patient care and safety, and fiscal responsibility.

Along with my family, we place the betterment of our community and its healthcare as one of our highest priorities.

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Jeffrey J.
Miller

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Served as a Skagit County Hospital District #1 Commissioner since April 2011

Other Professional Experience

Executive officer of three publicly traded public companies and CEO of two private biopharmaceutical companies. Past and present board member of five biotechnology companies. Licensed attorney since 1979 (Washington, California, US Patent and Trademark Office)

Education

University of California, Santa Cruz, Ph.D. (Biophysics) 1976. Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, J.D., 1978

Community Service

Emergency Medical Technician (retired). Skagit County Department of Emergency Management Volunteer. Skagit County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

Statement

I have served as one of your Skagit Regional Health Commissioners for more than 8 years. I am very pleased and honored to continue to make a meaningful contribution to our community as one of seven elected Commissioners.

I have devoted more than 40 years to the quest for healthcare solutions that will benefit Americans. My leadership experience in the health sciences includes executive-level positions in several Northwest biotechnology companies developing therapies for cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, diabetic wounds, neurological disorders, osteoporosis, AIDS, and hepatitis C. During my career, I have solved numerous complex business problems and have dealt successfully with significant corporate financial issues. I will continue to use that experience to assist SRH administration with the pressing issues facing Skagit Regional Health.

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

Contact

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**Dale
Ragan**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

At Large Council Position, Mount Vernon City Council-16 Years

Other Professional Experience

Karl's Paints-Owner 28+ Years

Education

Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, Accounting Certification, Masters of Business Administration (MBA)

Community Service

Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation, Mount Vernon-Skagit Rotary Club, Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce, Salem Lutheran Church

Statement

Health - an important part of our lives that we must protect. Skagit County is fortunate to have established hospitals. The success of these facilities relies on good, solid, experienced management. It is important that the millions of dollars that flow through our hospitals are well managed and address the needs of the citizens they serve. That requires people with education, experience and community involvement. Hospital Commissioners must be able to manage resources to provide the tools and facilities for a hospital to function well and meet the needs of the community.

I have a degree in Chemistry, an Accounting Certificate and a Masters in Business

Administration (MBA) as well as having owned and managed my own local business for over 28

years and have served many local organizations and city government. My background provides

me the ability to serve as a hospital commissioner, work with the other six commissioners and

to provide a strong hospital organization for the citizens in Hospital District 1.

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**Linda
Eiford**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Washington State Misdemeanor Corrections Association, Treasurer (about six years)

Other Professional Experience

Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Skagit State Bank, Skagit County District Court Probation. At the latter, I was a Compliance/Probation Officer for about ten years and Director of the department for about eleven years.

Education

Graduate Anacortes High School; Washington State University 1998 (summa cum laude)

Community Service

Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services, Community Accountability Board, Mount Vernon Police Department's Citizens on Proactive Patrol volunteer and board member, Skagit County Sheriff 's Department Civil Service Oral Board, Mount Vernon Church of the Nazarene Sunday School teacher.

Statement

As a resident of Skagit County for more than forty years, I've had numerous experiences with healthcare facilities and providers. My interests are drug and alcohol treatment, mental health care, and the frequent changes in medical treatment and costs and how they affect consumers. I have served on several boards of directors during my work and retired life. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Board of Commissioners and to represent your interests and the needs of our community.

Contact

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Lynne M.
Lang
Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

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

Other Professional Experience

Accounting Business-Founder/CEO (24 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 (11 years)

Education

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

Community Service

Anacortes Family Center; Hospice NW Foundation 2010-2016 (President 3 yrs., Treasurer 2 yrs.); Soroptimist 2011-2014, Treasurer; Fidalgo Rotary; Dr. Carskadden Hospital Guild President; Friends of Home Health; Anacortes, Mt. Vernon, Oak Harbor Chambers

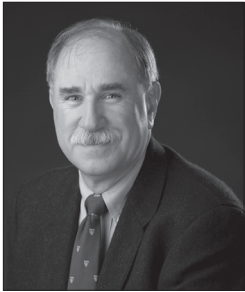
Statement

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

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

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Chip
Bogosian

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

no information submitted

Education

no information submitted

Community Service

no information submitted

Statement

I am current running for my third term as a hospital commissioner for Island Hospital. It is a trying time in medicine and we are all working very hard to provide the best medical care as well as an excellent referral base for our patients. I have personally had two major surgeries at Island Hospital and having worked at the Massachusetts General Hospital as well as the Swedish Hospital Medical Center i would rate my experience at Island as excellent and after a correction of a broken hip I was very impressed.

I will keep working for our patients.

Contact

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Morgan
Steele

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Ten years of experience in public health policy advocacy and electoral campaigns.

Education

B.A. Political Science Certified Grant Writer

Community Service

Board of Directors Member, Riveters Collective Volunteer for King County Sexual Assault Resource Center

Statement

I'm running for Hospital Commissioner because I believe that healthcare is a human right. I'm a dogged advocate for healthy communities, a tenacious organizer, and a relentless optimist. I was raised by nurses who taught me the importance of accessible health care and motivated me to fight for economic justice. My ten years of experience in campaigns and public health policy taught me the best practices for outreach, engagement, and coalition building. My direct experience and insight make me well prepared to engage Americans working to change lives for the better.

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Gary L.
Kent

Nonpartisan

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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Joe

Verdoes

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Port of Anacortes Commissioner 2016 to Present

Other Professional Experience

I have been self employed for most of my life as a businessman, farmer and fisherman. I have also been a local government's Economic Development Officer.

Education

Skagit Valley College- transfer of credits, University of Washington- Bachelors in Business Administration, Deakin University Australia- Masters in Development Studies

Community Service

Port of Anacortes Marina Advisory Committee- 2007-2015,
Skagit County Planning Commission 1986-89

Statement

I have enjoyed being a Port Commissioner these past three and a half years. I believe that the Port is achieving its stated mission by fostering and encouraging new economic activity, maintaining and creating community access to its waterfront and related facilities, by improving and planning more commodity and community infrastructure, and by improving the quality of life of its citizens. I would like to continue working as a commissioner to help this ongoing process.

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Bonnie

Bowers

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Skagit County Sheriffs Office 1984-2006, Anacortes Police Department 2006 -2017, Retired Police Chief

Education

Skagit Valley College AA, Washington State University BA, FBI National Academy

Community Service

Anacortes Family Center Board of Directors, Anacortes Rotary Board President, Port of Anacortes North and West Basin Advisory Committee

Statement

Public Ports in Washington State were a radical concept when they were first established in 1911. The Port of Anacortes was formed in 1926. Forming a new tax district to provide public access to the waterfront, promote economic development, infrastructure, and family wage jobs was an innovative and risky step for our community.

Today, the Port of Anacortes boasts a deep-water port, a general aviation airport, a world-class marina, and provides property leases to private business, who in turn provide family wage jobs in the community. We should be proud that our Port has been a leader in the environmental clean up of our shoreline.

In the second century of the Port of Anacortes, the commission must ensure that our Port remains diligent in providing new and diverse business opportunities, while maintaining and improving our existing marine terminal, marina, and airport. In addition we must explore innovative new opportunities and partnerships to enhance our communities economic diversity. We need to continue to mitigate environmental impacts on the marine ecosystem. Finally, we need to protect public access for recreational boaters, and all our citizens who work and play near the Salish Sea.

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Kevin E.

Ware

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Port of Skagit County 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 holding an FAA Airline Transport Pilots license and currently employed on a part time basis flying business jets.

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, and volunteer pilot for disabled American Veterans.

Statement

The Port of Skagit was created by the voters in 1964 for the purpose of enhancing local economic growth by making improvements to the areas public infrastructure. The thinking at the time was: “If we don’t do things that lead to the creation of good local jobs today, in the future our children and grandchildren will have to move away just to get work...and we don’t want that to happen”. That motivation still drives everything the Port does today, and its goals are the main reason I am again running for the office of Commissioner.

In pursuit of those goals, the Port currently operates or is working on: The Skagit Regional Airport, The La Conner Marina, The Bayview Business Park, The Sedro Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow Center. County wide broadband project, Nature Trail System on all Port properties.

This wide ranging activity on the public’s behalf is managed by a dedicated Port staff team of only 33, and yet has currently resulted in 1743 well paid local jobs. I would count it a privilege to continue as a member of this hardworking team for another term as a Port Commissioner

Dr. Kevin E. Ware

Contact

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Stuart
Skelton

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Commissioner Skagit County Fire District 15 Lake McMurray, Commissioner Skagit County Fire District 1

Other Professional Experience

General Contractor, Skelton Construction, Farm Manager, Hollybrook Farm, Facility Manager, Riverside Health Club

Education

Chief Sealth High School, Seattle, WA. Bachelor of Science, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA, 1981.

Community Service

Skagit County Fire District 15 Lake McMurray Volunteer Fire Fighter & EMT, Mount Baker Volunteer Ski Patrol.

Statement

While residing in Lake McMurray, I served Fire District 15 in every position from firefighter to commissioner. As fire commissioner, I was tasked with making sure that the taxpayer money was being used wisely and that the district received the best service possible. This was a responsibility that I took seriously.

Having since moved to Fire Protection District 1, I was appointed in October 2017 to fill the then empty Commissioner seat one.

In the last two years I've had the opportunity to learn about the unique circumstances of Fire District 1 and its relationship with the City of Mount Vernon. I take seriously the responsibility of representing you, the voters of Fire District 1 and welcome communication about any concerns that you may have. I appreciate your vote.

Contact

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No photo
submitted

Rolla (Skip)

Ritchey

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Currently filling a vacated Fire Commissioners position

Other Professional Experience

Served Skagit County Fire District as a fire fighter/officer.
Served 15 years as Fire District #2 Chief.

Education

no information submitted

Community Service

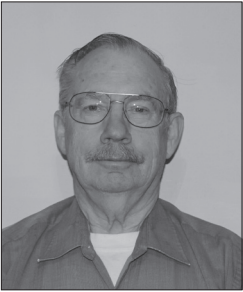
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Statement

no information submitted

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Edward
Kemper

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

12 years Commissioner Skagit County Fire District 3

Other Professional Experience

20 years U.S.Navy, 25 years inspector for Boeing Commercial Airplane Division, 4 years member of 911 Fire/Tech committee, 3 years secretary/treasurer for Skagit County Fire Commissioner's Association

Education

B.S. degree from Embry-Riddle University

Community Service

5 years leader for Camp Fire Girls and Boys, 5 years driver for Mount Vernon Meals on Wheels

Statement

When I first became commissioner, the district was having budgetary issues. Now with short and long range planning and with close oversight, the District has adequate reserves to manage emergencies along with apparatus, equipment and facilities. With a new and very experienced Fire Chief, the District assures the citizens of Fire District 3 that their funds will be used wisely. Making sure your firefighters are trained and equipped with the proper tools to not only help in that time of need but to come home after every call is my priority.

We purchased a second brush truck designed primarily for fighting small brush fires but also can be used for wildland fires on state mobilizations. The state reimburses us for the use of our trucks, so it paid for itself the first year. Since then it has allowed for new Battalion and Chief's command vehicles. We added two large truck bays to the Conway station to accommodate larger vehicles plus the search and rescue craft of the George Larson Marine Rescue (GLMR) group. The GLMR has now become part of Fire District 3 and the boat and hovercraft are run by our personnel.

I appreciate the honor to serve.

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submitted

Steve
Boon

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

no information submitted

Education

no information submitted

Community Service

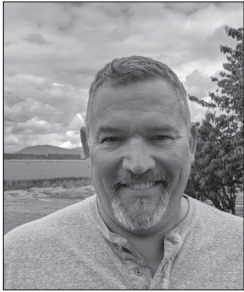
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Statement

no information submitted

Contact

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**Tony
Pratt**
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

President Mount Vernon Volunteer Firefighter Association, several terms, President Conway Volunteer Firefighter Association, 2 terms

Other Professional Experience

Currently own and operate a small general construction company with a specialty in remodel, custom cabinets and residential glazing products. Prior employment as general manager, project management/estimator with various companies.

Education

1989 graduate Mount Vernon high school. 2year Skagit valley college.

Community Service

Mount Vernon Volunteer Firefighter 15 + years, Skagit County Fire District #3 Conway station 11 + years

Statement

As a member of Skagit County Fire District #3 I served 5 years as station 1 Captain and 5 years as station 1 Battalion Chief. During my service I was actively involved with the board of commissioners for long rang and budget planning. As a Battalion Chief my responsibilities included operation and oversight of station 1 personal, facilities and apparatus. Nearing my 25 years of service mark I jumped at the opportunity to accept an appointment to fill a vacancy for the board of commissioners continuing my service in the governance capacity. The currant board of commissioners lead the district into a strong position of operation with both personnel and fiscal responsibility. My goal is to continue the currant long range plan and move the district into the future with the best service to the taxpayer and providing the membership with the tools, training and support required for safe return home after every call. Fire district 3 is home to my family for 15+ years. I am dedicated to best service, the safety of our membership and the well being of our community. I will be honored to earn your vote.

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**Matthew
Stratton**
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

No elected experience.

Other Professional Experience

Federal Agent:United States Border Patrol 1996-1999 / NOAA Office for Law Enforcement 1999-2010 / Federal Air Marshal 2001-2002 / FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force 2002-2010 / EPA Criminal Investigation Division 2010-2019

Education

Conway School Graduate 1984 / Mount Vernon High School Graduate 1988 / Bachelor's Degree - Washington State University - Criminal Justice 1993 / Master's Degree - Washington State University - Political Science (Constitutional Law) 1995

Community Service

Volunteer Firefighter District #3 Cedardale and Conway Fire Departments. / Volunteer for outdoor projects with Conway School on a regular basis.

Statement

At the age of 16, alongside my father, I first began my work as a volunteer firefighter in District #3. Even though my studies took me away from the Valley, I would always return during school breaks to serve the community.

During those formative years, I was mentored by many quality people that formed the basis of my life and dedication to the service of my community and this nation. It was from the firefighting volunteers of District #3, that I learned the lessons of public service and the strength of community through volunteering.

A career as Federal Agent (Criminal Investigator) forced me to leave the valley and now retired after nearly 24 years, I've witnessed waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayers' money. As a fire commissioner for District #3, I will be a dedicated steward of the people's money in the pursuit of obtaining the best quality fire and medical services to the district.

My return to District #3 will be one of community service and a thanks to the men and women of Skagit County who helped me succeed in my education and career. Your questions and comments are welcome at my email address or on Facebook.

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No photo
submitted

Tami

Mattox

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Over 10 years managing large teams of employees and associated budgets in both public and private sector organizations. Owned and operated a safety training company providing customized emergency response training for several large state agencies and many private companies from 2003-2015. Trained and employed as an EMT-Paramedic. Instructional faculty, Skagit Valley College, Health Sciences department 2008 to present.

Education

Bachelor of Applied Science, Professional Technical Education & Adult Learning, Bachelor of Science and Business, Technology Management

Community Service

Volunteer at Pioneer Center North, Skagit County Substance Abuse Board Member, Volunteer Skagit County Fire District 4

Statement

I would consider it an honor to serve as a fire commissioner for Clear Lake Fire, District 4. My experience as a manager, educator, EMS professional and volunteer firefighter provide a good foundation for this position. Since being asked by officers in the department, as well as community members, if I would consider being a candidate, I've been attending meetings and drill nights in order to reacquaint myself with the department. The work our volunteers do to maintain the equipment and training levels required to protect our community is never-ending. I believe a commissioner's job is to serve the taxpayers of the community as well as the firefighters and the department. Input and experience from both sides is crucial for strategic planning and operational prioritization. I will keep communication open between the public and department, perform research to understand issues, and communicate reasoning for all decisions. I believe public agencies should be welcoming to the public they serve and as transparent as possible regarding any decisions or expenditures. Questions from all members of the community will be welcomed by me and answered with respect.

Contact

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**Dani
Hoskinson**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Owner of Hoskinson Insurance Agency, Inc., our family’s Farmers® Agency. Former branch manager and licensed financial registered representative for KeyBank.

Education

Washington State Insurance Producer Licensed, FINRA Licensed Investment Broker.

Community Service

Dani has volunteered and fundraised for the Walk to End Alzheimer’s, WoodFest, Festival of Trees, Kiwanis’ Daffodil Parade and Salmon BBQ. She is currently Vice-President on the board for Sedro Woolley Chamber of Commerce and Treasurer for Tulip Festival Board. Dani also served as Treasurer for Skagit Women’s Alliance and Networking. She has volunteered for Whoolleyville, Football, Cheer & Dance Team Booster Club and Junior Achievement

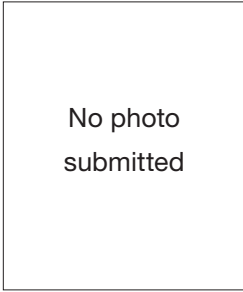
Statement

Dani is a very well organized, high energy person, who is perfectly suited for this administrative position. This Commissioner position is not about firefighting experience. It is an administrative role, which would benefit from her excellent managerial and team building skills. She works well with others, from both sides of an issue to achieve results. Her goal is to improve the Fire Protection Class of our Fire District from its present 8A rating. She would use her experience in organizing, negotiating and fundraising to bring additional capabilities to Fire District 5 and refining response times. If successful, this would potentially lower the commercial insurance rates and homeowners insurance premiums for many of the residents, and business owners of Skagit County Fire District 5.

Endorsements - Keith Wagoner, Senator, Washington Legislative District 39, Lisa Janicki, Skagit County Commissioner, Pola Kelly, City Council - Sedro Woolley Ward 4, Executive Director Chamber of Commerce City of Sedro Woolley

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**Kirk
Damon**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

no information submitted

Education

no information submitted

Community Service

no information submitted

Statement

no information submitted

Contact

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No photo
submitted

David

Searing

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

District 7 commissioner 6 years

Other Professional Experience

no information submitted

Education

no information submitted

Community Service

Commissioner for the past 6 years, volunteer firefighter past 10 years.

Statement

I would like to continue my service as your comimisioner.

Contact

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Mike Gubrud
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Appointed District 9 Fire Commissioner in April 2016, and reelected in 2018 to complete a resigning commissioner’s term.

Other Professional Experience

Own and operate a successful insurance agency for over 26 years.

Education

Graduate of Mount Vernon High School. Attended Central Washington University.

Community Service

Served as an Assistance Scout Master and Committee Chairman for the Big Lake Boy Scout Troop for 10 years.

Served on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club s of Skagit County for 15 years. Currently serving as Board Vice President.

Statement

In April of 2016 I was asked to complete the unexpired term of a commissioner that was unable to finish due to an illness.

The seated commissioners were looking to fill the vacancy with someone that possessed extensive business experience. I was elected in 2018 to finish the unexpired term.

I have owned and operated my own successful insurance agency for over 26 years and this experience makes me deeply qualified to make sound budget and expense decisions on behalf of the residents of the Big Lake Community.

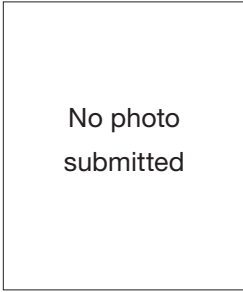
My family has lived in Big Lake for 17 years and consider this our forever home. My endorsements include Big Lake District 9 Volunteer Fire Fighters and both of the other seated fire commissioners.

The Big Lake Fire Department is considered to be one of the finest volunteer fire departments in Skagit County, but continues to need upgrades for equipment and personnel.

Running a great fire department does cost significant money to operate, and with your vote I will see that your tax dollars continue to be spent wisely.

Contact

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Tom Taylor
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

no information submitted

Education

no information submitted

Community Service

no information submitted

Statement

I have been a resident of Big Lake since February 2008. In that time I have served as a Watch D.O.G. at Big Lake Elementary, a Little League coach, business manager, business owner, VIP fundraiser for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and served as a Firefighter/ EMT with BLFD for over 5 years.

Transparency, accountability, and proper governance are paramount qualities that should be expected from any leadership group. I intend to be the person that keeps these traits at the forefront in our community.

When it comes to taxation and increase, I believe you first manage your annual budget properly prior to any other measures being taken. Once proper budgeting has been attained, you exhaust all other potential avenues prior to looking at increasing levy amounts.

I want to encourage all residents to get involved in our community, have a sustained presence, a voice, and to be educated on all measures requiring a vote.

I look forward to continuing my service to our community as I have done for many years, and to be YOUR representative on the Board of Commissioners who always puts community first in all decisions.

Thank you for your support

Tom Taylor

Contact

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Cheryl
Dennis

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

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

Other Professional Experience

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

Education

LSEU-Chicago, Illinois: business classes and 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

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

As your Fire Commissioner for the past 10 years, I've worked to ensure that our current volunteers are well qualified, professionally trained and properly equipped and have properly maintained fire/medical apparatus.

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. My priority is to provide the district with the best available property protection resources and medical assistance affordable.

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

Contact

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No photo
submitted

Garth
Frazer
Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

no information submitted

Education

no information submitted

Community Service

no information submitted

Statement

I have be in the role of Fire Commissioner for the past two years. He was appointed in January 2018 by the county council to the position vacated by the previous Commissioner. I am your independent voice on the Board of Commissioners for District 12. I brings an outside perspective to the position as I am not also a fire fighter with the department. I am a long time resident of the district, living in the area since 1999. I would appreciate your vote to continue in this position.

Contact

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Andy
Leech

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Cemetery District Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience

Thirty years in the Air Force; retired Colonel. Ten years Director, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS), Naval Station Everett.

Education

BA, University of the South, Sewanee, TN. Phi Beta Kappa.
MA, Ball State University, Muncie, IN.

Community Service

NMCRS volunteer caseworker, NAS Whidbey; St. Vincent DePaul Society caseworker; Marriage Advocate, Archdiocese of Seattle. Former Pastoral Council chair; Vestry member and church treasurer.

Statement

After a two-year "trial run" on the Cemetery Commission, I'm convinced of the importance of Edens Cemetery to residents and families of Guemes Islanders. I am committed to working with the other commissioners and the Guemes Community in providing a well managed cemetery that meets current and future needs. While respecting tradition and commitment, I am open to new ideas for honoring family and friends at Edens Cemetery.

Contact

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**Kenneth
Hansen**

Nonpartisan

Unopposed

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Naval Flight Officer, 21 years; Skagit County Facilities Coordinator

Education

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

Community Service

Anacortes Historic Preservation Board, 5 years; Mt Baker Volunteer Ski Patrol, 4 years

Statement

The Fidalgo 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. We are in the middle of a fundraising campaign for a new facility that will improve capacity and recreational options, and I am excited to be a board member during this time. My experience with Budgets, Capital Forecasting, Contracts, Operations, Planning, and Capital Projects are contributing significant value to the Board of Commissioners and this Recreation District. I am motivated and rewarded by the mission of this municipal corporation to provide leisure time activities and recreational facilities, of a nonprofit nature, as a public service to the residents and guests of our District.

Contact

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**Brian
McMahan**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Fire Commissioner, Snohomish County Fire District 1, 1997-2010. Experience working with voters on bonds and levies. Refinanced bonds and improved bond rating, *saving taxpayers* hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt payment and reducing years of repayment on bonds.

Other Professional Experience

Thirty-five years working in local government agencies, including fire service and management experience. Currently employed as a Fire Chief.

Education

Bachelor of Science – Columbia Southern University, Associate of Arts – Bellevue Community College, Municipal Management Certificate, Bellevue Community College

Community Service

Volunteer Firefighter, Big Lake Fire Department. Current and past experience as board member and officer in numerous non-profit organizations in the Pacific Northwest.

Statement

Brian McMahan has been active in government for the last 35 years. He understands working with the public and providing *transparency*, being *fiscally responsible* and providing *customer service* to both internal and external stakeholders.

His years as an elected commissioner have provided him with both education and experience in dealing with service delivery, understanding and dealing with unpopular issues and the importance of seeking input from all stakeholders to create solutions to problems in a *professional* manner.

His financial background provides a strong base from which to find alternative solutions to funding issues. He believes in *planning and preparing* for long-range financial stability to minimize the impact of maintaining and enhancing services. *Rate stabilization* is essential and must be considered while ensuring current and future service delivery issues are addressed.

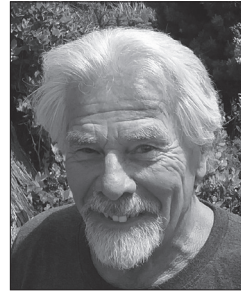
Brian believes strongly in listening to the voice of the community while providing reasonable and essential services.

Please consider carefully as you choose your next commissioner. Your sewer rates may depend on it.

Please cast your vote for *Brian McMahan*.

Contact

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**Mark
Pearson**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

no information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Retired educator, Mount Vernon School District

Education

Master's degree in education

Community Service

Lived on Big Lake for over 25 years - Past Commodore Anacortes Yacht Club; Volunteer at YMCA Oasis Teen Shelter, Voices of the Children board member

Statement

During my six years as sewer district commissioner, the SCSD #2 has faced and overcome major obstacles. Due to years of stagnant sewer rates, the District was unable to set aside reserves for major repairs. The annual loan payment for the plant upgrade, which was a requirement by the state, left barely enough funds to pay for plant operation. Over the past two years creative measures have been adopted to save money as well as increase revenues. Reducing office hours, selecting a new engineer who has assisted with cutting costs, legally addressing several delinquent accounts and increasing connection fees for new construction have helped balance the district's budget, but not enough for a reserve fund to address emergencies and repairs.

A failing lift station has recently prompted the district to raise rates. The public was consulted and provided with options for rate increases. The attending public voted to increase rates to pay for the lift station as well as building a reserve fund for future repairs.

As commissioner I believe it is a priority to ensure the sewer plant runs smoothly and that services are dependable. Fiscal responsibility and accountability is a must for present and future needs.

Contact

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Have you moved?



Have you changed your name?

Make sure you receive your ballot!

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

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

You can update your information by calling our office at 360-416-1702, 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 (Auditor's Office)
PO Box 1306
700 S. 2nd St., Room 201
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

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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 will have lived at this address in Washington for at least thirty days immediately before the next election at which I vote, I will be at least 18 years old when I vote, I am not disqualified from voting due to a court order, and I am not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction.

X _____ Date _____
 Signature of voter

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