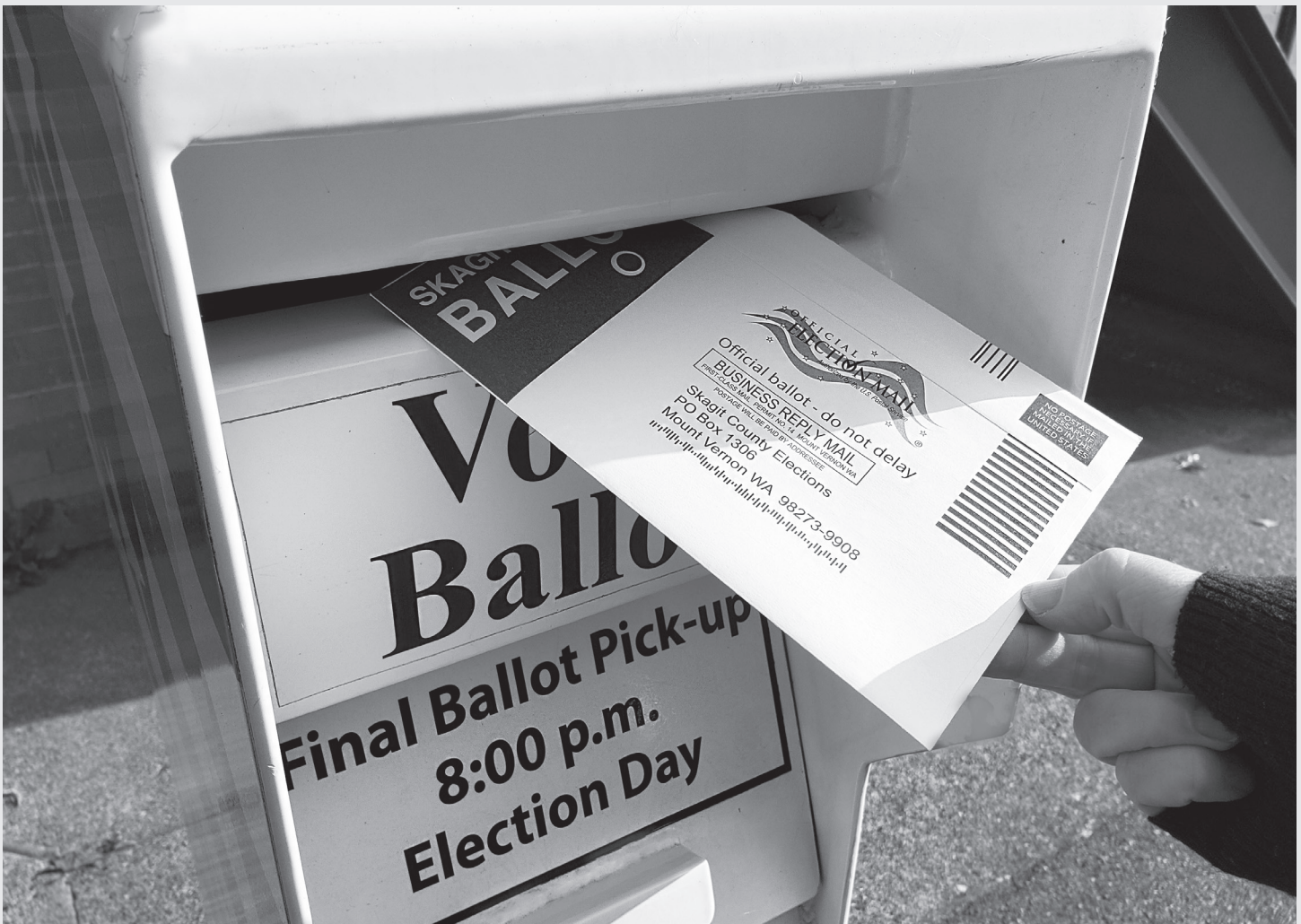


Skagit County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

November 2, 2021 General Election



Message from the Auditor

Dear Skagit County Voters,

Skagit County's ballots will be mailed to voters on October 13th. It's important that you vote your ballot and return it as soon as possible. If every voter returns their ballot early, it makes processing the ballots more efficient and we would have more complete results on election night.

To ensure that your ballot is counted please remember the following:

- Return your voted ballot quickly
- Use a ballot drop box whenever possible
- If you return your ballot via US Postal Service, make sure it is postmarked by Election Day, November 2, 2021
- Sign your return ballot envelope

Our Elections Team is made up of dedicated professionals who work hard to make sure that every vote is counted. If there is a question about your signature not matching the State's voter registration database, we will send you a letter asking you to update your signature. If you receive one of these letters, please return your updated signature by email, mail, or come into our office, as soon as possible.

If you still need to register to vote, you can do that online at VoteWA.gov until October 25th. After October 25th and until 8:00pm on November 2nd, you can register and vote at our Elections Office: 700 S. Second Street, Room 201, Mount Vernon. If you have any questions, please email our office at sselections@co.skagit.wa.us or call 360-416-1702.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in making our elections as secure and efficient as possible.

Sincerely,

Sandy Perkins
Skagit County Auditor

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Ballot Instructions

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

Instructions

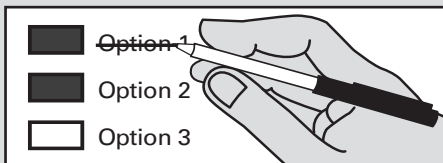
How to vote



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

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

If you make a mistake



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

Then you may make another choice.

Optional write-in

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

- **View candidates/measures using your printed or online voters' pamphlet**
- **Remove the stub from your ballot**
- **Vote your ballot...**
 - Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot.
 - You may leave a contest blank; your ballot will still count.
 - Put your voted ballot in the 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.
- **Return your ballot - in order to be counted, your ballot must be ...**
 - Placed in a ballot 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.
 - Returned 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 have lost, spoiled, or destroyed your ballot
 - You need to update your address
 - You want 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

PO Box 1306

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Email: sselections@co.skagit.wa.us

Web: www.skagitcounty.net/elections

Fax: 360-416-1699

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

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

Sauk-Suiattle

Last Chance Casino & Bingo
6020 Mountain Goat Way, Darrington

Sedro-Woolley

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

Swinomish

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

**No stamp
needed to
return your
ballot**



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

Skagit County offices and candidates in the November 2, 2021 General Election

Candidates with an (*) after their name submitted information for this voters' pamphlet.

City of Anacortes
<u>Mayor</u>
1. Ryan Walters*
2. Matt Miller*
<u>Council At-Large Position 4</u>
1. Jeff Graf*
2. Amanda Hubik*
<u>Council At-Large Position 5</u>
1. Bruce McDougall*
2. Sara Holahan*
<u>Council At-Large Position 6</u>
1. Carolyn Y. Moulton*
<u>Council At-Large Position 7</u>
1. Anthony Young

City of Burlington
<u>Council At-Large</u>
1. Joe DeGloria*
<u>Council Ward 4</u>
1. James M.S. Stavig*
<u>Council Ward 5</u>
1. Jamie Weiss
<u>Council Ward 6</u>
1. Bill Aslett*
2. Owen McClure*

Town of Concrete
<u>Mayor</u>
1. Lorin Massingale
2. Jason Miller*
<u>Council Position 2</u>
1. Michael Criner*
2. Dawn Newkirk*
<u>Council Position 3</u>
1. Drew T Jenkins*
2. Michael Bartel
<u>Council Position 5</u>
1. Jon Gunnarsson*
2. Brian Massingale

Town of Hamilton
<u>Council Position 3</u>
1. Andrea Stoesser*
2. Leah Jones
<u>Council Position 4</u>
1. Dean Vandiver
2. Gregory Kernoze
<u>Council Position 5</u>
1. Alyssa Boots*

Town of La Conner
<u>Council Position 2</u>
1. John William Leaver*
2. Ivan Carlson*
<u>Council Position 3</u>
1. Bill Stokes*
2. Rick Dole*
<u>Council Position 4</u>
1. MaryLee Chamberlain*
2. Glen S. Johnson*



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

Town of LymanCouncil Position 1

1. Charleen Bray

Council Position 2

1. Jeremy Mast

City of Mount VernonCouncil At-Large

1. Richard Brocksmith*
2. Larry M Carpenter*

Council Ward 1 Position 1

1. Juan Morales*
2. Navor Tercerco*

Council Ward 1 Position 2

1. Iris Carias*
2. Daniel Downs*

Council Ward 2 Position 2

1. Gary Molenaar*
2. Garrett Martin*

Council Ward 3 Position 2

1. Melissa Beaton*
2. Christopher L. Sadler*

City of Sedro-WoolleyCouncil At-Large

1. Nickolas Lavacca*
2. David J. Baer*

Council Ward 2

1. JoEllen Kesti*

Council Ward 3

1. Sarah Diamond*

Council Ward 6

1. Karl de Jong*
2. Joe Burns*

School DistrictsAnacortes School District No. 103

Director Position 1

1. Meredith McIlmoyle*
2. Celese Stevens*

Director Position 2

1. Diana Farnsworth*
2. Erik Schorr*

Burlington-Edison School District No. 100

Director District 2

1. Roger Howard*
2. Tonya Bieche*

Director District 5

1. Troy Wright

Concrete School District No. 11

Director District 1

1. Hildi Parker

Director District 3

1. Janet Culver

Director District 4, At-Large

1. Ed Bradel*
2. Paul E Rogge*

Conway School District No. 317

Director Position 1

1. Michelle Cowan

Director Position 2

1. Ben Winkes*

Director Position 3

1. Amy C Hughes*

Darrington School District No. 330

Director At-Large, Position 4

1. Randy J. Hayden*
2. Maggie Weimer*

Director At-Large, Position 5

1. Janet Loyd*

La Conner School District No. 311

Director District 2

1. Amanda Bourgeois

Director District 3

1. Jeremy J.J. Wilbur*

Director District 5

1. Susan G Deyo

Mount Vernon School District No. 320

- Director District 4
 - 1. Wendy Ragusa*
- Director District 5
 - 1. Larry M. Otos*

Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101

- Director District 1
 - 1. Enrique Lopez-Cisneros*
 - 2. Brent Schiefelbein*
- Director District 4
 - 1. Eric A. Johnson*
- Director District 5
 - 1. Brandon Bond

Port District Commissioners

Port of Anacortes

- Commissioner Position 1
 - 1. Jon Ronngren*
- Commissioner Position 2
 - 1. Jon Petrich*
- Commissioner Position 5
 - 1. Katherine (Kathy) Pittis*
 - 2. Doug Pratt

Port of Skagit

- Commissioner Position 3
 - 1. Mahlon B. Hull*
 - 2. Griffin Berger*

Hospital District Commissioners

Hospital District 1

- Commissioner Position 1
 - 1. Frei L Burton
- Commissioner Position 6
 - 1. Peter Browning*
 - 2. Stefanie LeJeunesse
- Commissioner Position 7
 - 1. Bruce G. Lisser*

Hospital District 2

- Commissioner Position 2
 - 1. Warren Tessler*
- Commissioner Position 3
 - 1. Paul Maughan*

Hospital District 304

- Commissioner Position 1
 - 1. Debra Lancaster*
 - 2. Greg Thramer*
- Commissioner Position 3
 - 1. Tina Tate

Fire Protection District Commissioners

Fire Protection District No. 1

- Commissioner Position 3
 - 1. Daryl A. Hamburg

Fire Protection District No. 2

- Commissioner Position 2
 - 1. Kenny Bergsma*
- Commissioner Position 3
 - 1. Lance Masonholder

Fire Protection District No. 3

- Commissioner Position 3
 - 1. Matthew Stratton*

Fire Protection District No. 5

- Commissioner Position 3
 - 1. David Lohman

Fire Protection District No. 6

- Commissioner Position 3
 - 1. David Smoots

Fire Protection District No. 7

- Commissioner Position 3
 - 1. Larry Hawk*

Fire Protection District No. 8

- Commissioner Position 3
 - 1. Lance Ford*
 - 2. Russell "Rusty" Feay*

Fire Protection Districts - continuedFire Protection District No. 9

- Commissioner Position 3
1. Brian McMahan*

Fire Protection District No. 10

- Commissioner Position 1
1. Albert Zartman
Commissioner Position 2
1. Valerie Harris
Commissioner Position 3
1. Rick Taylor

Fire Protection District No. 11

- Commissioner Position 3
1. Mark Tibbles

Fire Protection District No. 12

- Commissioner Position 3
1. Kelly Hawley

Fire Protection District No. 13

- Commissioner Position 2
1. John Doyle*
2. Eric Day
Commissioner Position 3
1. Bobbie Scopa

Fire Protection District No. 15

- Commissioner Position 1
1. Stan Boon
Commissioner Position 3
1. Steve Dundin

Fire Protection District No. 16

- Commissioner Position 2
1. Jared W.R. Couch
Commissioner Position 3
1. Jim Haehn

Fire Protection District No. 17

- Commissioner Position 2
1. David M. Wertheimer*
Commissioner Position 3
1. Dave Margeson

Fire Protection District No. 24

- Commissioner Position 2
1. Robert Nemnich*
2. Dale Hamlin*
Commissioner Position 5
1. Rich Dahl*
2. Rocky Cabe*

Cemetery District CommissionersCemetery District 1

- Commissioner Position 1
1. Tim Goodman

Cemetery District 2

- Commissioner Position 1
1. John Pinguoch

Cemetery District 3

- Commissioner Position 1
1. Adam Veal

Cemetery District 5

- Commissioner Position 1
1. Larry Hoover

Cemetery District 6

- Commissioner Position 1
1. Scott Thompson

Fidaglo Pool & Fitness Center District CommissionersCommissioner Position 3

1. James A. Mitchell
2. Christine Mathes

Commissioner Position 5

1. Andrew Olson

Sewer District CommissionersSewer District 1

- Commissioner Position 2
1. John Nagel

Sewer District 2

- Commissioner Position 3
1. Christopher "Kiffer" Anderson

Water District 1Commissioner Position 1

1. Patrick Wilder

Commissioner Position 3

1. Wayne Aynes

Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center District Proposition No. 1

Maintenance and Operation Levy

Shall the Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center District be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of 11.38 cents (\$0.1138) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (for example \$100,000 assessed property value equals \$11.38 per year) for each of the next six consecutive years, for collection in the years 2022 through 2027, to pay a part of maintenance and operational expenses, all as approved in Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center District Resolution No. 336?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center District

Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center (FPFC) is a separate municipal corporation not financially affiliated with the City of Anacortes or Skagit County. The FPFC District was formed by voter approval in May 1972 to build and operate a swimming pool for Fidalgo Island residents. A fitness center was added in 1986 to accommodate strength training and group exercise classes. Due to the expense to maintain the facility and to keep the doors opened, the FPFC District requires levies to supplement user fees collected at the front desk. The District is required to obtain voter approval every one to six years to continue this support. In 2021, the FPFC's levy is scheduled to be approximately \$ 746,366. With approval by the voters on this replacement levy, the District will be authorized to receive \$760,000 in 2022 to continue maintenance and operations for six years. The levy will cover years 2022 through 2027, and will not exceed an increase of 1% each year. The mil rate for this election is the same as the current mil rate.

Argument For

The Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center is our community asset that has served the wellness and recreational needs of all ages for over 45 years. The pool and fitness center, opened seven days a week, is constantly being used for rehabilitation, group fitness, weight training, swimming, kayaking, scuba diving, water safety classes and public school aquatics. Our pool offers youth and adults a place to learn how to swim, participate in swim training, enjoy aquatics exercise, receive physical therapy, and compete in organized Thunderbird Aquatics Club youth and master's level swimming. Families can share quality time during open swims, and seniors can engage in group water exercises to improve mobility and strength. The Maintenance and Operation Levy is an ongoing obligation, not a new tax, and must have voter approval to continue. The Maintenance and Operation Levy keep user fees affordable for all citizens, and pays expenses such as utility bills, operating and custodial supplies, minor facilities and equipment repair or replacement, and insurance coverage. The District is asking for the mil rate of 0.1138 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation in 2021, which is less than what you granted in the November 2015 General Election for levy years 2016-2021. At that time, the district asked for 0.1394 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation. We believe the District is prudent with the use of taxpayer dollars, and Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center is financially responsible. The Thunderbird Aquatic Club and Friends of Fidalgo Pool and Fitness are pleased to be essential partners with the District and urge you to vote YES for the Districts' Maintenance & Operations Levy. Thank you!

Argument Prepared by Friends of Fidalgo Pool
Committee Spokesperson: Marilyn Stadler
Contact: mcsta2007@yahoo.com;
fidalgopool.com/friends-of-the-pool
Committee Members: Silvy Yamazaki

Argument Against

No information submitted.

Fire Protection District No. 10**Proposition No. 1****Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Services**

The Board of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 178 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition authorizes Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 10 to establish its regular property tax levy at \$0.90 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 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 2026 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. 10**

Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 10 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 \$0.90 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2021 for collection in 2022 (the current levy is approximately \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation) and will establish an annual growth rate of up to 3% for following five years. The dollar amount levied in 2026 shall serve as the District's tax levy base and in 2026, 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.

The Skagit County Auditor is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments

Argument For

Property tax dollars are the primary source of funding for emergency fire and medical services provided by the District. The District's current tax levy rate is approximately \$0.55 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, approved over 30 years ago and is substantially less than that of neighboring districts of similar size including one district who's rate is currently set at \$1.2235 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. If approved, this proposition will authorize the District to increase its regular property tax levy to \$0.90 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2021 for collection in 2022. The District's Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of service, firefighter staffing and training, equipment maintenance and replacement and facilities management in accordance with rising costs and increased call volume. Passage of Proposition No. 1 will provide the funding needed for the District to continue to provide fire and emergency medical services at existing and future levels. Voting no, could potentially limit the district's ability to continue to provide the level of services it's citizens are accustomed to and deserve. At the statutory limit of 1% the District has only been allowed to increase it's annual budget by 10% over the last 10 years, while inflation has increased over 20% over the same time frame. This makes it very difficult to maintain increasing demands for service.

Argument Prepared

Committee Spokesperson: Derek Roberts

Contact: 425-387-8207; drobfireman@yahoo.com

Committee Members: Patrick Wilder

Argument Against

No information submitted.



**Ryan
Walters**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

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

Other Professional Experience

Samish Nation Planning and Community Development Director, 2018-present; Skagit County Planning Department Assistant Director, 2016-2018; Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, 2007-2016; member of the Washington State Bar, 2007-present; member of the American Institute of Certified Planners; private land use law consultant; Association of Washington Cities Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership, 2020

Education

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

Community Service

Skagit Land Trust 1998-present; General Advisory Council, Northwest Career & Technical Academy, 2020-present; Anacortes School District bond and levy campaign volunteer

Statement

I'm running for mayor because I believe Anacortes can be an even more vibrant and inclusive community where housing is affordable for everyone, we have first-class community facilities, and we preserve our small-town character.

We need to reinvigorate our downtown, improve parking, fix our streets, cut utility bills, and better manage growth. I want you to be able to enjoy our waterfront, connect at the farmers market, and always feel safe in your neighborhood.

As the most senior member of the City Council, and with 14 years as a prosecutor, government attorney, and land use professional, there's no one better prepared to serve as mayor of Anacortes. I have a long record of accomplishments on the City Council—helping craft the fiber network, rewriting our land use laws to safeguard our neighborhoods, writing new rules protecting our forestlands, and reforming and improving city governance. I'll bring that same energy, hard work, collaboration, and unswerving dedication to the mayor's office to make Anacortes the best it can be.

Endorsed by current and former Councilmembers Bruce McDougall, Carolyn Moulton, Eric Johnson, John Archibald, Port Commissioners Jon Petrich and Joe Verdoes; Senator Liz Lovelett; Representative Alex Ramel; Washington Conservation Voters; and more.

Contact 360-610-7770; campaign@ryanwalters.com; ryanwalters.com



**Matt
Miller**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Anacortes City Council, 2nd Term; Mayor Pro-Tem (2018-20)

Other Professional Experience

Decorated U.S. Navy Officer, active duty 22 years; Anacortes business owner 14 years; Commercial Pilot; Lodging Tax Advisory Chair; Anacortes Planning Commission, Vice Chair; Executive Officer, NAS Whidbey Island; Anacortes Ferry Advisory Committee; Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer; Husband of Heather (32 years), Father of Alex and Brittany, Anacortes (K-12) now college graduates and gainfully employed

Education

B.A. Government/History - University of Maryland, College Park

Community Service

Anacortes Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Police Academy, Skagit Business Alliance, Veterans Memorial, Anacortes High School Financial Advisory Committee, Destination Anacortes Brand Team, community volunteer and youth mentor

Statement

After 30 years in public service and a decade serving the City of Anacortes, I have the experience to lead our City. I am not a partisan politician but a proven leader with a track record of success. My style of governance will continue as practical, professional, efficient and inclusive. I care deeply about our City where I served my country, raised my family, started a business and gave back locally. My military experience included multiple combat deployments and service as NAS Whidbey Island's Executive Officer, with over 10,000 people assigned, leading departments of police, fire, recreation, public works, air traffic control and a Search and Rescue team who saved dozens of lives. My vision for Anacortes is one that strives toward a safe, livable and economically viable waterfront community. This vision developed through many community meetings that formed our Comprehensive Plan, engagements that will continue during my term as Mayor. Smart growth of diverse, affordable housing and compatible jobs; infrastructure improvement of streets and utilities, including fiber; quality of life enhancement of safe unique neighborhoods, people connectors and protected natural spaces will be the focus of my administration. I ask for your vote and privilege of serving Anacortes.

Contact 360-588-9070; millerforanacortes@gmail.com; mattmillerforanacortes.com



**Jeff
Graf**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

None.

Other Professional Experience

Former U.S. Navy Captain and Naval Flight Officer. Held numerous senior leadership positions at the squadron, ship and shore-based levels. Currently a Department Director at a local aerospace manufacturer.

Education

BS, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA; MS, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Washington, DC; Graduate, Naval Nuclear Power Program and Naval Postgraduate School.

Community Service

Current Anacortes Planning Commissioner, Skagit Valley College Adult Education Instructor, Volunteer and Tutor to numerous community groups and students. Husband and father to two daughters, both Anacortes High School graduates.

Statement

Anacortes deserves dedicated, determined leaders representing your collective goals and concerns. Leaders who have a passion to serve, reflect the values and needs of their community, and have the character and experience to provide balanced, pragmatic leadership.

A retired Navy Captain and local business professional, I have been active in the community for 17 years, notably on the Anacortes Planning Commission for the past 4 years.

During my 35 years in and out of uniform, I developed a leadership style based on *communication*: listening to diverse groups of people with varying views and opinions, *collaboration*: resolving conflicting interests with the goal of finding fair and equitable solutions, and *fiscal responsibility*: establishing clear, measurable objectives that are achievable, and within budget.

As your Anacortes City Council representative, my approach to serving you will be to listen to your ideas and concerns, discuss all options and possibilities with community, City and County stakeholders, support solutions that meet the communities' needs and our fiduciary responsibilities, and most importantly, consider the consequence of my decisions on the future of Anacortes and its residents before I cast my vote.

With your vote, I look forward to serving as "your" City Council representative.

Contact jeffgraf4anacortes@gmail.com; graf4council.org



**Amanda
Hubik**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Currently a Legislative Assistant for WA House of Representatives. Formerly the Marketing/Tourism Director with the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce; plus e-Commerce, Marketing, and Inventory Management at SeaBear Company in Anacortes. 2016 Graduate of Leadership Skagit.

Education

Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. Psi Chi Honor Society, Music & Tartan Honor Scholarships at McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas.

Community Service

Anacortes Housing Authority (Commissioner); Skagit Gleaners (Board Member); Skagit Women's Alliance & Network (previous Board Member); Leadership Skagit (Alumni Committee); WA State Opportunity Scholarship "Skills that Shine" Mentor; Skagit Land Trust & Anacortes Arts Festival event volunteer.

Statement

With a full-time job, a full-time garden, and various volunteer boards to serve on, Amanda knows how to balance priorities and model the way as an effective leader. Amanda leads by bringing a diverse assortment of people together and listening to their stories.

Amanda has developed deep and meaningful relationships with elected officials and agencies in other towns, throughout Skagit County, and into state government. She has done this by dedicating herself to her current position in the Washington Legislature, her experience in Leadership Skagit, her time at the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, and her volunteer hours with boards and non-profit organizations. These connections will help her successfully represent and speak up for the citizens of Anacortes.

Let's foster collaboration to showcase the strength of the Anacortes working waterfront, maintain long-term sustainability for our local economy, solidify safe housing and fulfilling careers for our residents, expand our programs surrounding energy efficiency, and secure a healthy ecosystem to surround us all.

From the forestlands to the farmer's market, and every place in between, let's make sure Anacortes has strong, equitable policies and inclusionary decision-makers. Amanda would be thrilled to have your support and your vote – thank you!

Contact 360-499-3856; amanda4anacortes@gmail.com; amandahubik.com



**Bruce
McDougall**
(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Anacortes City Council position 5, July 2017 - present.

Other Professional Experience

I've enjoyed a 23-year career in high tech and have a passion for working with others to solve complex problems. Beyond technology, my career involves financial modeling and responsible stewardship of customer budgets.

Education

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

Community Service

Mayor's Citizen Advisory Committee, 2014-2016, helped shape the City's 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Volunteer technology and fiber optic network consultant to the City of Anacortes 2014-2017.

Statement

My career in the technology industry has enabled me to be the driving force on Anacortes City Council to build our community-owned fiber optic network. Access Anacortes Fiber Internet is now a reality; by the end of 2021 our fiber optic Internet service will be available to nearly 60% of the city, and we'll cover the entire city by the end of 2023. My technical knowledge and industry experience have been key to making this project happen.

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

Contact

303-551-5554; bmcDougall@gmail.com;
www.brucemcdougall.org



**Sara
Holahan**
(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Precinct Committee Officer

Other Professional Experience

Deputy Library Director; Librarian; Montessori Teacher; Secretary/Treasurer Anacortes Food Coop Board; Chair Fidalgo Bay Aquatic Reserve Citizen Stewardship Committee; Board Member Rick Epting Foundation for the Arts; Co-President Anacortes High School PTSA; Board Member Skagit Soccer Referees Association; Chair Skagit Libraries for All

Education

BA Eastern Washington University; MLIS University of Washington

Community Service

Volunteer with Anacortes Community Theatre, Historic Lincoln Theatre, Skagit Conservation District, Anacortes Arts Festival, Anacortes Parks, Anacortes School District, Washington Trails Association, Anacortes Community Garden; Master Composter/Recycler; Salish Sea Steward; Member Friends of the Forest, Fraternal Order of Eagles

Statement

I would like to serve on council to provide a strong voice for our citizens and our environment. Anacortes is fortunate to have abundant natural beauty and we have to take care of it. I would advocate for more resources directed at managing our community forest lands, protecting our local waters and critical areas.

Anacortes is experiencing rapid change, and it's important to preserve what's best about this place, including our natural resources and small-town atmosphere. We can create a greener urban landscape including planting strips along sidewalks and a functioning Street Tree Committee as required in our municipal code. We have a very active, involved senior population and I would seek expanded opportunities with our senior center and robust volunteer programs.

As your councilmember, I will listen carefully and devote extensive time preparing for and attending council meetings. While deputy library director for Mount Vernon, I had hands-on experience with city government operations, budgeting, personnel and planning.

Anacortes has been my home for 22 years, and my children benefited from our excellent schools, parks and caring people. I envision improved communication between government, residents and neighborhoods. Together we can make Anacortes even better. I look forward to serving you.

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Carolyn Y.

Moulton

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Anacortes City Councilmember, Position 6, 2019-present.

Other Professional Experience

Co-owner of Bikespot Bicycle Repair, Housing Assistant at OPAL Community Land Trust, Bookseller, Landscape gardener, Children's events coordinator, Food and beverage server.

Education

B.A. in English, Sonoma State University.

Community Service

Skagit County Homeless Housing Plan Task Force, Anacortes Community Forest Lands Advisory Board, Anacortes Parks Foundation, Anacortes Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Statement

I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to continue to represent the citizens of Anacortes.

With the Council Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee, I developed the Small Business Stabilization Grant Program, which helped 34 Anacortes businesses survive the COVID-19 pandemic. I am working with social service providers and community members to develop our Community Services Strategic Plan, which will lead to a more robust and effective social services network for our neighbors in need.

Our housing shortage is an ongoing issue for residents of differing income levels. I continue to work with the Council Planning Committee on legislation to encourage the creation of multi-family housing in our commercial district.

Our Parks and Recreation Department is vital to public health, both physical and mental. I support the creation and maintenance of non-motorized trails that encourage people of all ages and abilities to get outside and travel under their own power.

As a City Councilmember, I have built effective partnerships with the public, City staff, and my fellow Councilmembers. I will work diligently over the next four years to ensure that Anacortes continues to be a forward-thinking, welcoming town with a vigorous business community.

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Joe

DeGloria

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

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

Statement

The last few years on City Council have been challenging. In late 2019, the cities financial crisis was being resolved and we had learned the final extent of the situation in the December state auditor's financial report. Taxes were passed to generate approximately 1.5 million in revenue to help offset multi-million dollar budgetary and accounting errors, systemic over spending, and increases in city expenses. The city also reduced staffing and removed or deferred over 600,000 dollars from the budget. 2020 was starting off great, revenues were recovering, and then as we all know, our city went into lockdown in reaction to the pandemic. The Cares Act, and the American Rescue Plan, will provide Burlington with revenues well in excess of losses due to the virus. Moving into future budgets it will be a high priority to re-examine those taxes passed and reduce them where appropriate.

I believe in living within our means, family and small town values, and planning for the future, while demonstrating responsible stewardship over public funds. I appreciate community participation, encourage conversations, and welcome communication.

It is my honor to continue serving on City Council.

Contact

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James M.S.

Stavig

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

I am just completing my 1st term as a Burlington City Councilmember.

Other Professional Experience

Accountant for local boat manufacturer in Burlington. P/T Accountant for local construction company in Sedro Woolley.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Louisiana State University-Shreveport, Masters of Business Administration from Louisiana State University-Shreveport. Certified Management Accountant. Notary

Community Service

Occasional volunteer at the Skagit Friendship House. Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. Plan on helping out at the First Step Center in Burlington when it is up and running. I am appointed to various committees through the City of Burlington.

Statement

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you on the Burlington City Council. During the past four years I have encouraged conversation at the Council Meetings to get others views on the matters that come before us. I have limited conversations outside of the Council meetings, as I have always felt that true transparency in government is keeping the conversations in the public arena. My interactions have been challenging but also respectful of other's views on City matters. Our City needs to spend within its means, just as taxpayers have to do on a daily basis.

I take my position very seriously on the City Council. I am not a "rubber stamper" and I take time in making sure I have all of the pertinent information before making a decision. I question a lot of things and I am always thinking of the impact the decisions will have on the taxpayer. The City of Burlington must make sure we remain business friendly, so that we can maintain the wonderful quality of City services we are used to. We must run our city efficiently, so that we are not continually looking for the taxpayers to pay more.

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**Bill
Aslett**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Burlington City Council both in the At Large and Ward 6 positions

Other Professional Experience

19 years managing Pharmacies; 19 years working for a Multi-National Healthcare company, last position National Accounts Manager; Board member Western Washington University Alumni, Board member United Way of Skagit County (past President), Board member PeaceHealth United General community board,

Education

WWU 1981 BA in Economics with a minor in Business Administration

Community Service

Ted Reep award winner for Community Service 2017-18, BESD Community Board, BE Little League (Board VP and coached), Volunteer for American Diabetes Association, led effort to paint over graffiti.

Statement

My wife, Vicki, and I have lived in Burlington for 35 years and in that time I have been honored to serve the city and its citizens for over 20 of those years. My continuing goal is to help the city be a great place to live, work and run businesses, while keeping taxes as low as possible. Towards those goals we have built and maintained valuable infrastructure such as the new Library, Skagit River Park, Fire Station, Public Safety Building and City Hall- all of which are paid for. I also believe Burlington is part of the bigger Skagit community and I have developed good working relations with the mayors of the other cities and all three of the county commissioners. Investing in our kids is critical and I have spent many hours helping build a great partnership with the Burlington Edison School District. I also feel public health is important for all. I have been engaged with Hospital District 304 thru my role with United Way and serve on the Community Board for United General PeaceHealth. I bring experience, leadership, and a calm voice to discussions before the council. I would be honored with your vote.

Contact

No information submitted



**Owen
McClure**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

15 years of Aerospace Manufacturing. Safran Aerospace Bellingham, Trulife Bellingham, VT Volant Burlington

Education

Graduate Sehome High School, Bellingham, WA. 2002

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

A measure of a successful community is how it presents itself to its guests. One way to improve Burlington would be to invest in our city parks and green spaces for the current and next generation of children to explore and enjoy. I believe in taking a creative approach to bringing new businesses to Fairhaven Avenue and Burlington Boulevard.

Burlington is growing and its population is changing. I would bring new perspectives and fresh ideas to the city council, which is suffering from the status-quo being held in place by long-time incumbents. As the housing crisis affects all of us, I would put my problem-solving skills to work, while learning from community members and leaders to address this crisis.

I am a great listener; I respect everyone's opinions and look for common ground. As a father of 3 young children, my decisions on the city council will keep the best interests of future generations front and center. My family and I call Burlington our home and I want to be a part of keeping our community strong and making it better for everyone as we continue to grow. I would be honored to have your support.

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No photo
submitted

**Lorin
Massingale**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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**Jason
Miller**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Jason Miller has represented Town of Concrete as mayor since January 2014. He served with the Concrete Town Council from August 2007 through 2013.

Other Professional Experience

Miller owns and operates Concrete Herald, and is a freelance writer and editor for topics from home and garden to development trends.

Education

Miller holds a B.A. from Bethel University in St. Paul, Minn., and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Eastern Washington University.

Community Service

Miller is president of Imagine Concrete Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation. He is a co-manager for Concrete's community garden.

Statement

During my second term as our part-time mayor, I've worked hard to revitalize Concrete's economy while overseeing the daily functions of a well-governed town. On my watch, a Business Incubator space was created in our former police station, a PSE-funded in-town trail was planned, more street projects were completed, and major repairs were made to our sewer pipes townwide.

We pressed on as the pandemic restricted our movements. We paused our Economic Development Commission meetings while continuing to follow our Economic Development Plan at every opportunity. I serve as an ambassador for our town as interested individuals look to buy property and/or start businesses. In 2020 we welcomed three new businesses to town—all women-owned. I also continue to nurture relationships with EDASC, Port of Skagit, Assn of WA Cities, and Congress for the New Urbanism.

My goal remains to create the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of Concrete citizens. Whether it be through economic development, park improvements, street repair, infrastructure upgrades, or painting our Town Center fence, I remain dedicated to an improved quality of life for all of us. I hope you will again choose me to serve as your mayor.

Contact

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**Michael
Criner**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

2004-2011: Concrete Town Council

Other Professional Experience

1972 – 1992: Construction, mostly Tiler, VA, SD, AZ, CA, WA; 1997-2011: Concrete School District Teacher; 2011-2019: Mount Vernon High School Teacher; 2019-Present: Retired

Education

2006: WWU M.Ed. Technology Education; 1996: WWU B.S. Technology Education, WA Teacher Certification; 1992-1994: Skagit Valley College AT Degrees in Electronics Tech, Communications Tech, Electronics Engineering, Computer Repair; 1970-1974: Attended Notre Dame University, Old Dominion University, Tidewater Community College, Pima Community College; 1970: Graduated Otsego High School

Community Service

2020-2021 Civil Air Patrol

Statement

I am filing for Position 2 of the Concrete Town Council, the position I took over in January, 2021. This is not the first time I have been on the Town Council. I joined the Town Council in 2004 and served until 2011 when my duties as a teacher in the Concrete School District became too demanding of my time. I retired from teaching in 2019 and now have plenty of time to devote to our Town of Concrete.

Our valley is a beautiful place to live with some truly wonderful people. Tourists come from all over to visit the place we call home. We have the Cascade Mountains and the Pacific Coast with all the landscape in between. I would like to help maintain the beauty and small-town feel of our valley while helping to grow the economy and attract a couple more employers.

Please continue to support me on the Concrete Town Council and I will do my best to represent your best interests in our community.

Contact

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**Dawn
Newkirk**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No prior elected position,

Other Professional Experience

Eatonville Chamber of Commerce President. Eatonville High School Advisory Committee Greenhouse/ Floral Program. Fiesta Floats, Pasadena, Ca. Designer for the Rose Parade. Worked with floral designers from around the world.

Education

Eatonville High School. Clover Park Vocational College. Inducted into The American Institute of Floral Design, 2018, Washington D.C.

Community Service

Coordinated : 9-11 Eatonville Community Day of Service, Eatonville Community Daffodil Float, Christmas Parade, Food Bank Food Drive, A Dogs Day in the Park, Trick or Treat Streets, Moonlight Easter Egg Hunt. Eatonville Event Calendar Brochure. Grew and maintained the Town's hanging baskets, Senior Surprise Trip and Auction.

Statement

Being involved in the community has always been important to me, I believe a community is as good as the effort you put into it. For the past 5 years I have lived in Concrete, I have learned about the traditions, businesses and the wonderful people whom reside here. Many have welcomed me and my business, and offered unbelievable support. Our community faces challenges the same as other small towns do. The list of projects usually greater than the budget can afford. Concrete has a great potential for growth. More people are working from home, and are moving out of large cities looking for a more peaceful, less hectic lifestyle. Services and businesses will be necessary to meet the eventual needs. Planning and managing the towns growth is essential for our community to grow and thrive. We can not stop change, as we have all learned over the past year, but we can plan for a better tomorrow. I would be happy to represent you as a member of the Town Council.

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Drew T

Jenkins

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Vice president of our Fire fighters Association; President of the Concrete Flyin

Other Professional Experience

North Cascades Vintage Aircraft Museum; Janicki Industries; Skagit County Fire District 13

Education

EMT School 2017; Bakers School of Aeronautics 2005; Everett Community College 2020; Falmouth High School 2003

Community Service

Volunteer Fire Fighter 2014-present; Operations manager Concrete flyin 2008-2018; Arlington Flyin 2006-2016

Statement

I have lived in Concrete for 17 years. I am a local volunteer Fire Fighter/EMT. I want to see Concrete prosper and I bring a lot of good qualities and work ethic to every job I under take

Contact

No information submitted

No photo
submitted

Michael

Bartel

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

Contact

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Jon Gunnarsson
(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

I have served over a year as town council member for the town of Concrete.

Other Professional Experience

I have been a chief engineer on an ocean-going vessel. I was in charge of a 15-man team that kept the vessel operating for a crew of 180. I later opened and successfully operated my own business for more than 30 years. I have experience making decision that impact large numbers of people and my own livelihood.

Education

I hold an Airframe and Powerplant Certificate and am an active airplane mechanic. I have worked as a US Coast Guard Licensed Marine Engineer for many years.

Community Service

No information submitted

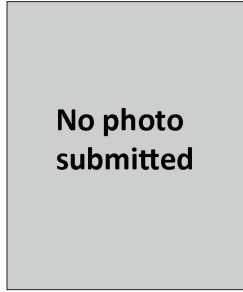
Statement

I have participated in the Town of Concrete council for over one year now. In that time, I have been an active participant in discussions of the town business.

I am dedicated to ensuring the Town of Concrete remains the peaceful home and welcoming town that it is. As a resident of the town, I am proud to call Concrete home and wish to be an active member for the town's future success.

Contact

No information submitted



Brian Massingale
(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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No photo
submitted

**Andrea
Stoeser**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

I was voted in by council in March of 2021 because a member resigned.

Other Professional Experience

I served in the United States Navy for 3 years as an electronics technician. I worked as a milling machine operator after the service before entering into veterinary medicine. I worked in the field for five years prior to taking my state boards and received my state license. I have worked at the same veterinary office for the last 13 years.

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

I am running for re-election because I want be able to continue helping with decisions that affect the town of Hamilton. I want to be part of making the town of Hamilton better than it already is. I enjoy being part of the activities put on for the town residents and their children.

Contact

No information submitted

No photo
submitted

**Leah
Jones**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

Contact

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Alyssa

Boots

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Town of Hamilton Council chair 5 2020- current

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

Graduate of Sedro woolley High school class of 2015, Northwest career & Technical Academy Culinary Arts Grad of 2014. Northwest Career & Technical Academy Criminal Justice Grad of 2015.

Community Service

I have been on the Hamilton volunteer Fire Department for over 4 years. I also volunteer at all Hamilton Town Events, Town Clean Up Day, Easter Events, Town Christmas Party, Town Floods.

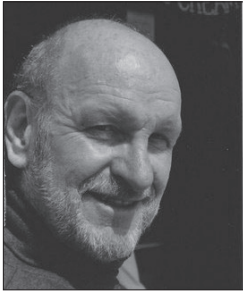
Statement

Hi my name is Alyssa Boots I have been on Hamilton council since 2020. Little over a year. I have actively been apart of the Hamilton Fire Department For over 4 years. I have been a Life long resident of Hamilton for 20 years where I will continue to live for as long as I can. The Town of Hamilton owns a special part of my heart, where I would love to see the town succeed and to progress. I want to be apart of the change for Hamilton and to be able to have a vote and a say for the future of Hamilton and it's residents. My goal is to Help the town be the best it can be, Also would love to see the Town itself and the Residents get more United. Over the last year being on the Hamilton Town council it has been one of the best opportunity's. It has made me see the bigger picture of the town and see how myself could be a big change to the town. I am looking forward to being apart of the Town council for the long run And will succeed at it.

Thank you all.

Contact

No information submitted



**John William
Leaver**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

I have served on the Town Council since 2012 as well as the Arts comm. and Finance Committee.

Other Professional Experience

Served in the commercial aviation (Airline & Airport) industry for 40+ years

Education

Attended 2 year evening college in NYC plus several corporate programs in cust. service and Project management.

Community Service

Covid gave me impetus to form the First on First group aimed at keeping the town viable in the wake of the extreme financial impact. Have also assisted in attracting public art/ visitors to town.

Statement

Long term goal revamp Police Services contract to give town robust service with lower cost

Contact

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**Ivan
Carlson**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No elected experience.

Other Professional Experience

Owner Carlson Painting Company, Chief Mate on towboats, Able Seaman on Washington State Ferries.

Education

Self-studied 3rd Mate Unlimited Tonnage upgraded from a 1600 ton Mate of Towing. First Class Pilot Puget Sound ferry routes. My goal is to test for an Unlimited Tonnage Master (Captain) by the end of the year.

Community Service

La Conner Volunteer Firefighter, in charge of training on the town fire boat, donated Christmas trees and lights to First on First Holiday Celebration, picks up trash on the road to Hole in the Wall, and volunteered to paint La Conner Firefighter Museum.

Statement

I was raised here and I am raising a family here. I believe I have a perspective that is valuable to our community. As a local business owner I know how important local businesses are to our community.

Being a fourth generation La Conner Volunteer Firefighter I take public safety very seriously.

My wife, Tawsha, and I are fortunate enough to have bought a home in La Conner. This was important to us so that Little Ivan could experience the same joy I had growing up here. This is a blessing that I would like to see happen for more people.

I respect my neighbors and it is a priority to me that they are heard. I would like to be a local voice for La Conner residents.

I am passionate about this community and I would like to see progress while preserving the town's character.

If you elect me I promise to spend time listening to the people of La Conner and studying issues thoroughly.

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**Bill
Stokes**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Served on La Conner Town Council since 2013; former chair, La Conner Planning Commission.

Other Professional Experience

Former town code enforcement officer, owned a construction business, owned a massage and hypnotherapy practice, former trade school massage instructor. Worked as a carpenter and a mechanic in younger years.

Education

Holds Holistic Health Practitioner and Clinical Hypnotherapist credentials from Healing Hands School in Escondido, CA.

Community Service

Bakes and donates fruit pies for the annual free Thanksgiving dinner at Waterfront Café; served on town Planning Commission, Skagit Watershed Council, Skagit Bay Search and Rescue, and donated time as a carpenter in the 2007 reconstruction of Pioneer Park bandstand.

Statement

I view the residents of our small town as my friends and neighbors. I would be honored to serve as your council member for another four years.

My wife and I have lived in La Conner for nearly 20 years. We are avid boaters and raised a family in our little house.

I am committed to helping maintain the town as a great place to live and conduct business and keeping La Conner a safe environment to raise children.

The role of the town government is to serve the residents, not govern them. As your council member, representing your interests is my priority. Townsfolk are always welcome to call me or come to my front door.

The town council collectively sets policies for the Mayor and town employees to carry out. We also establish the town's budget, which means we are trusted to guard your precious tax dollars and make sure they are spent to your highest benefit.

I have no personal agenda. My political philosophy is to seek a holistic approach to every issue while supporting individual freedom and limited government involvement in our everyday lives.

Serving you has been my privilege, and I humbly ask for your vote.

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**Rick
Dole**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Sabre Springs HOA Board of Directors, San Diego, California. We had over 1,300 homes and over 5,000 residents. We worked with the management company and the association lawyer. Our type of government was almost identical to that of the town of La Conner.

Other Professional Experience

Electrical Engineer, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Retired; U.S. Navy Master Chief Petty Officer, Retired; Network Engineer, Science Applications International Corporation

Education

Bachelor of Science, Business Information Systems, University of Phoenix, Class of 2000; U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, Class of 1994; ATA, Civil Engineering, Skagit Valley College, Class of 1982

Community Service

Planning Commissioner, Town of La Conner

Statement

As a candidate for Council Position 3 I intend to bring a lifetime of service and experience to the table. My goal is to listen to the people of the town and to serve their needs to the best of my ability. La Conner is a very unique and pleasant place to live and lovely in so many ways. We need to strike a balance between our business community and our residents to maintain our quiet, friendly, hometown feel to the benefit of all.

I pledge to work towards improving our public safety by reviewing and negotiating contracts with law enforcement agencies to ensure we are getting our money's worth.

Additionally, I have experience as a Civil Engineering Technician with the Public Works Department at NAS Whidbey Island and as a Public Works Contract Inspector there. This combination of experience along with budget and finance work will aid me in providing top service to the town.

Contact

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**MaryLee
Chamberlain**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

La Conner Town Council - 2014 to Present

Other Professional Experience

Planning Commission - Town of La Conner 2010-2014;
Occupational Therapist in Burlington Edison SD

Education

Degrees from Boston University and the University of Vermont

Community Service

Community Volunteer as needed in local non profits

Statement

La Conner is a unique rural community where there is a commitment to public safety, economic viability, cultural diversity and the sustainability of a historic small town atmosphere. To serve these interests, La Conner requires much of the same infrastructure necessary in a larger municipality with limitations in scale. We are small but mighty when you consider the dedication of outstanding staff and an involved citizenship. Our job as your elected representatives on the Town Council is to engage in collaboration while balancing a range of needs with an informed view of both budget constraints and funding opportunities. It is an experience that can bring rewards, particularly when we engage in beneficial partnerships. There are also times of challenge in finding that just right balance that meets both long and short term goals.

The job of the town council is to ask considered questions and provide guidance, stay educated about regulations, policies and financial resources and listen as well as communicate effectively with town residents. I welcome an opportunity to continue the work of representing this community on the Town Council.

Contact

No information submitted



**Glen S.
Johnson**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Glen ran for State Representative (1996), and U.S. House (2000, 2008, 2012).

Other Professional Experience

Glen was owner of Mother Flight Farm. He was a board member of Tilth Producers. Glen was on the County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and member of Rexville Grange/Lincoln Theater.

Education

Glen graduated Mount Vernon High School, 1973, and completed Army Mechanics School, 1974. Glen graduated Skagit Valley Community College, 1980 (Agriculture/Psychology). He completed the curriculum with Landmark Education, 1999.

Community Service

Glen was steward of the Grange, and hosted exchange students for 25 years. Glen was a founding board member for the Festival of Family Farms.

Statement

Glen is an outspoken advocate of the soil...stuff that feeds us, our souls, and sticks to our soles. He studied it, then studied some more. He even made his living from it, here behind the dikes that are over a century old!

He fought the flood of '90, filled and flung sandbags 'til he was pooped, but the levee failed and dissolved anyway. When his wife died, he sold his farm and took a sad sabbatical, scattering her ashes places she would like. It gave him time to design the "Tesla" of dikes. The town's in need of not just a dike, but a multi-million dollar water line too. He's done massive studies on dikes, fish, education, political reform. Glen believes we can have our cake, and share it too, sorta like loaves and fishes. He advocates for thinking globally, while acting locally. His mission is to help us find our way, as a town, to fund liabilities, build a "Ring" dike, see the Salmon return to the channel, and create something the town can be proud of.

Buzzfeed voted us "Coolest Small Town in America", but Glen believes we can be cooler yet. He'd appreciate your vote and support.

Contact

360-661-6099



**Richard
Brocksmith**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Mount Vernon City Council, Appointed Mount Vernon Planning Commission

Other Professional Experience

Executive Director Skagit Watershed Council; Habitat Programs Director Hood Canal Coordinating Council; Biologist Shannon & Wilson geotechnical engineering firm; Chair Washington Salmon Coalition; appointed Governor's Forum on Monitoring; appointed Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission

Education

Masters of Science University of Washington; Bachelors Oklahoma State University; Valedictorian Tahlequah High School

Community Service

Friend of United States Navy; Community Action of Skagit County Board Chair and Housing Work Group Chair; Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club Director, Scholarship Committee Chair, twice Kiwanian of the Year; Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation Director; TerraForma Environmental Education Director; Community Emergency Response Team

Statement

Mount Vernon is a great place to live and work. Our city offers fantastic neighborhoods, a terrific quality of life, and opportunities for growth. As your City Councilmember-at-Large, I've been privileged to see firsthand over the last four years the exciting opportunities and difficult challenges our city faces. These challenges require creative, inclusive, and energetic leadership that brings people together to benefit our community now and into the future.

If re-elected, I will continue to expand opportunities for our residents by breaking down barriers and creating partnerships to increase available and affordable housing of all types; support investment and economic development for our businesses and their employees; and expand community services in a welcoming environment for all. I will work hard to make sure our police and fire departments are well supported so that our people and businesses can rest assured that their property and personal safety is our city's top priority.

Our community's future is bright! If honored with your vote again, I will continue to serve our community everyday with tenacity, hard work, and an open mind. Together, we can make sure our city is well positioned to continue our legacy as the best small city in America.

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**Larry M
Carpenter**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Board of Trustees, Northwest Marine Trade Association—12 years with 3 years as Chair; 20-year Governor appointee to Southern Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission; 10-year appointee to the Fish and Wildlife Commission including elected Vice Chair and Chair

Other Professional Experience

Small business owner for 42 years including Anchor Machine; Master Marine Services, Inc.; and Checkered Flag Marine

Education

Graduated Livermore High School, Livermore, CA; Completed two years at Everett Junior College, Everett, WA then enlisted in the United States Navy

Community Service

Salmon, fish, and wildlife related committees; sponsor and donor of auction prizes to local fundraising events

Statement

Larry was born and raised in the Skagit Valley until age 13 when his father's job took the family to California. As an adult, Larry knew his heart belonged here, so he returned to the area after he married, raised three children, and has lived for more than 40 years. As a retired small business owner with decades of management experience, Larry is looking to give back to the community with his time as an elected official to make the Skagit Valley a place that people want to call home. He has the business skillset to address the financial requirements of the position, and the human resources experience to bring people with differing opinions together to reach consensus.

Contact

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Juan

Morales

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Unanimously appointed to the Mount Vernon City Council, January 2021

Other Professional Experience

Skagit County Superior Court, Judicial Assistant; Skagit County Superior Court, Bailiff; Department of Security and Emergency Management – Skagit Valley College, Security; Stoddard International LLC., General Labor

Education

Bachelor of Applied-Science in Applied-Management (summa cum laude), Skagit Valley College 2020; Mount Vernon Police Department Citizens' Academy 2017; Associate of Arts, Skagit Valley College 2016; Diploma, Mount Vernon High School

Community Service

Mount Vernon Fireworks Committee; Mount Vernon Committee on Washington Voting Rights Act of 2018; Children of the Valley fundraising events; Performing musician opening for two Latin-Grammy nominated bands

Statement

I was born and raised in the city of Mount Vernon. My parents came to this land of opportunity as farm workers and chose this beautiful city to settle and raise their family. From an early age, I learned that hard work is rewarded, respect is reciprocated, and that empathy is an invaluable trait for a good leader.

Since serving on city council, I have demonstrated that I listen to understand, ask tough questions to develop new ideas, and lead with others standing beside me, not behind me. City government and I have addressed urgent local needs such as providing financial support for Skagit First Step Center, motel vouchers to avoid displacement, relief to small businesses, fought to protect our Skagit headwaters from international mining, and maintained adequate levels of city services during a global health crisis.

I have brought new energy with my approach, diversity with my experience, and a strong will to achieve the most equitable and inclusive solutions for us all.

I humbly ask of you – the people of Mount Vernon – not only for your vote, but also for your engagement so I can continue to honorably serve you, and together move our community forward.

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Navor

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(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

As a self employed business owner I understand the challenges faced by local businesses. I have owned my upholstery repair business for the past four years. Before that I owned an insurance agency which allowed me to understand the experience of creating jobs for my employees.

Education

University of Virginia - no degree

Community Service

I have served on the Board of Directors for such organizations as Rotary, SICBA, Skagit Hospice, Washington State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. I have been involved in the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce and EDASC. . I served on the board of MV Football Boosters.

Statement

My wife and I have lived in Mount Vernon since 1997. We have raised our four children here in this valley. Our church family is here in Mount Vernon. I want to see Mount Vernon continue to be a place where people will choose to make their futures here in this city. I want to serve the people of Mount Vernon by helping to guide the city through the challenges we face. Go Bulldogs!

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Iris Carias
(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Mount Vernon City Council, 2018-present

Other Professional Experience

Migrant Program Educator, MVSD; Family Liaison, Community Action of Skagit County; Nursing Assistant, Sunrise Services; Board Member of Skagit County Child and Family Consortium; Board Member, Skagit Immigrant Rights Council; Board Member, Communities in Schools (Whatcom-Skagit); Board Member, Foundation for Academic Endeavors.

Education

BA, Humanities and Education; ESL Adult Education, SVC.

Community Service

Skagit Latinx COVID Prevention Team; Community Action Latino Advisory Committee; Board Member, League of Women Voters, Friendship House volunteer; Kiwanian; MVSD Health Educator for migrant farmworkers; Living Waters of the World, volunteered internationally installing potable water systems. Mount Vernon Committee on Washington Voting Rights Act.

Statement

Thank you for supporting me in my historic election 4 years ago. I have worked hard bringing the voices of our Latino community to the Mount Vernon City Council. One of my main goals has been to listen to diverse perspectives and I've been successful in collaborating and finding common ground while encouraging inclusive and equitable participation.

The challenges we faced during the COVID-19 pandemic were unprecedented in our lifetimes. I listened to the most vulnerable and impacted in our community and supported our COVID response by allocating resources for community needs including rental assistance, homeless housing, and the Friendship House expansion. I also supported the Council's decision to adopt increased housing density codes thus reducing agricultural land impacts.

I supported measures that helped make our city safer like the improvements we made in our city's transportation infrastructure, including the North 30th traffic light and the widening of College Way under I-5.

I am humbled and proud to have earned your support and trust. I will continue to strive to listen while learning and representing everyone. Let's continue to work together and I invite you to join me as we take on new challenges and opportunities to improve our community.

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Daniel Downs
(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Treasurer, Graduate Student Association, University of Idaho, Moscow ID.

Other Professional Experience

Served as Senior Planner for Skagit County for over 13 years and two years in Klamath County, Or. Major duties included assisting the public in understanding and meeting shoreline, critical areas and floodplain requirements for development proposals within shoreline jurisdiction.

Education

M.S. Geography, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 1993. B.S. Sociology. University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA 1984.

Community Service

Little League Coach/Statistician, volunteered to serve and provide foodstuffs to the Friendship House over the years, outreach work from local churches.

Statement

As a local resident of the immediate Mount Vernon area for over 25 years I have been involved with local government issues through my previous employment as well as with organizations that help feed the hungry.

As the state government's reaction to Covid 19 has forced many small businesses to close or operate at capacities that are unsustainable, it is crucial for our community wellbeing that any measures which can be safely taken at the City level to restore normal business practices be pursued.

One of the primary functions of a City Council member is two provide input into reviewing the City's annual budget. As a councilman, I will support a balanced budget, fiscal transparency to the public, and to ensure that the spending is non-discriminatory to all of Mount Vernon's citizens.

Because of my background in working in environmental planning, especially in the subjects of Critical Areas, Floodplains and Shoreline Regulations, I believe that my working experience of over 15 years will be beneficial in providing "experience driven input" to the Mount Vernon City Council.

As a City Council member, I will do my best to represent and vote for all that helps our city prosper!

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**Gary
Molenaar**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

I am currently serving on City Council from 2008-present. I have had the honor of being appointed to Pro Tem Mayor as well as serving as chair of our committee's including Public Safety, Public Works, and Parks. I was appointed to the Planning Commission in 2006. Also, being a representative for the City on the Skagit County Watershed Council

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice and Political Science and Minor Degree in Sociology from Washington State University

Community Service

I am a member of Mount Vernon Parks Foundation, also served on Juvenile Accountability Board and served on local community church council board

Statement

It has been an honor to serve Mount Vernon on our City Council the last twelve years. I have deep roots, having lived all my life in Mount Vernon. I own Ken's Hairstyling in Downtown, and have raised my three children in this wonderful city. One quote that has influenced me is "Keep the main thing, the main thing." In these uncertain times, I believe the main thing is to have a city government that continues to fund the heroic efforts of our first responders ensuring the safety and security of all our people. I have enjoyed the progress our City has made with the addition of our waterfront park, new parking at Little Mountain trails, and the addition of pickleball at Hillcrest Park. We must ensure our Public Works with sewer, garbage, and infrastructure keep up with our growing community. Currently, we are working on a City Commons Building in the downtown corridor which will provide us with a new library, potential housing, and a much needed parking garage, which will spur economic growth. I am committed to making sure these issues are addressed in our great City. I would be honored to serve on your City Council!

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**Garrett
Martin**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Manager of Business Development for an aluminum boat builder in Burlington, WA

Education

Bachelors Degree from Florida Gulf Coast University-Business Management with a focus in entrepreneurship

Community Service

Washington Trail Association

Statement

Mount Vernon is a wonderful city and a great place to live, however, we all know it could be better.

Homelessness is a continuing problem and it needs addressing. We should be working hard to make the path back from homelessness as easy, simple and attractive as possible- whether that's help with addiction, mental health or just getting someone back on their feet and in the workforce.

It's time for fresh thinking and some new ideas- Like my platform of "take less but give more". That means providing improved and additional resources for the people of Mount Vernon without adding additional taxes.

I understand that fiscal responsibility is just as important for a city as it is for an individual, so the only sustainable way forward is to promote continuous growth. By working to protect the local businesses we currently have and creating an environment that attracts exciting new ones; we will ensure we have a thriving downtown without vacant shops and restaurants- and more shops means more jobs and more tax revenue for the city... Growth is the key to providing more and improved resources to our citizens (like continued improvements to the fantastic downtown waterfront) without increasing taxes.

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**Melissa
Beaton**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Mount Vernon City Council 2018-present; Skagit County Clerk 2019-present; Current Chair of Development Services Committee, member Fireworks Committee; Mayor Pro Tem, Traffic Safety Committee 2020; Chair, Public Safety Committee 2019; Voting Rights Act Committee 2018

Other Professional Experience

Public Servant Skagit County Superior Court 1998-2018, current member of Washington State Gender & Justice Commission and Washington Courts Public Trust & Confidence Committee

Education

National Center for State Courts-Certified Court Manager, Leadership Skagit, SVC, MV Police Citizens Academy, IAFF Fire Ops 101

Community Service

Skagit Rotary past President & Treasurer, YMCA Board, Soroptimist of Burlington, MVSD Citizens Advisory & Facilities Committees, ICRS School Commission

Statement

I am humbled and grateful the citizens of Mount Vernon have placed their trust in me these past 3+ years and believe in my ability to work collaboratively and sensibly as we continue the important legislative and budgetary work of the City.

A lifelong Skagitonian, I have spent decades working and raising a family in Mount Vernon. I take this trusted role very seriously and advocate for our City both locally and at the State level.

As a current city council member, I have provided valuable leadership on issues facing homelessness, COVID-19 response for our local small businesses and community, public safety infrastructure and downtown revitalization including the Mount Vernon Library Commons project. I have supported our work to reduce developer impact fees and add bonus density to our housing code.

Council members require the ability to determine the most efficient and innovative use of your tax dollars. I will continue to work to find ways to fund essential services striving to not raise taxes while maintaining healthy financial reserves.

With growth comes challenges and our work is never done. Thank you for trusting me to continue the important, deliberative work ahead of us.

I humbly ask for your vote.

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**Christopher L.
Sadler**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Event production (creator of the annual Skagit Valley Drag Show), President (2012-2013) Secretary (2011-2012/2016/2018) of the Skagit Valley College Rainbow Alliance, Restaurant (2000-2008) and Retail (2008-2018)

Education

Associate of Arts and a Bachelors in Applied Science in Applied Management from Skagit Valley College

Community Service

I have worked as a freelance event producer for the last decade and worked pro-bono with groups like Skagit PFLAG, SVC Rainbow Alliance, Lincoln Theatre, Oasis Teen Shelter, Mt. Vernon Pride, and Skagit Queer. Through this work, I have been able to help bring inclusive events to Skagit county that educate and connect the community.

Statement

I am running for office to make a deeper connection with the community around me and lend a voice to those who may feel unheard. I strive on the energy of love and inclusion while keeping myself and others accountable and motivated to do the best for ourselves and everyone else. I hope to become a more integral part of the community that I live in. This opportunity to represent the very people who have made me feel so welcomed and to lift their voices will allow me to become a better listener, motivator, and implementer. I would like to represent the city and its people to help our community continue being the most efficient and equal it can be for those who live here and those who will visit. We must be just and fair. I want to listen, learn, involve others, and grow together with the community.

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**Nickolas****Lavacca**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

10 years of yacht manufacturing including project management. Intermittent farm work since childhood on a 180-acre Organic Beef Farm, Chimacum, WA. 10 years at a local company in positions such as Production Lead, Maint./Millwright Mgr., Ops Support Specialist, & Environmental Health & Safety Mgr. 20 years in various fields helped developed wisdom and understanding.

Education

Ongoing education at SVC to expand my knowledge even now as I run for City Council.

Community Service

Over the 10 years here, I've helped at Helping Hands Food Bank, Life Care Center, Back to School Backpack give away, Thank You Projects, and Youth Leaders for after-school programs.

Statement

The right people representing our growing community will provide us the opportunity to grow together and plan for generations to come.

I see us evaluating the number of new housing units to be in balance with houses so growing families have more opportunity to settle, even if that means a little slower growth.

I see us finding a way to divert semi's on SR9 to I5 before getting to Sedro Woolley. I see a need to expand SR20 and other roads by adding additional lanes and fixing roads where congestion is projected to get worse.

Families need businesses for financial security. As we want our community to grow together, we will need to look at what they want and understand their needs especially at a time when we can plan for the future now.

We succeed and grow when we have the opportunity to profit from our diligence and devotion. You don't need to own a business to join in the story of that business's success, and profit from it by helping them succeed. Our Town is amongst the most beautiful in America and we should work to make it a place that draws talent and tourists.

Thank you.

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**David J.****Baer**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

First Time Candidate

Other Professional Experience

Facilities Maintenance (Washington Conservation Corps), Landscaping (Bellingham), Program Lead (Evergreen Childcare LLC.), Fish Health Technician (Cooke Aquaculture), Tea Production Assistant (Motovotano LLC.), Park Aide (Washington State Parks).

Education

The Evergreen State College, B.S. Marine Science, (2011). Enumclaw High School, Graduated (2007).

Community Service

Seattle Aquarium volunteer, Skagit Land Trust volunteer, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group volunteer, Washington Trails Association volunteer.

Statement

The people and communities that make Sedro-Woolley special have inspired me to run for local government. As a resident of Sedro-Woolley I have a vested interest in the welfare of my fellow community members. My wife Regina and I have recently purchased a home and intend to build a life here.

I'm ready to see someone elected who represents my perspective. If elected, I would bring the valuable perspective of a young working professional to the position.

I intend to be a compassionate leader that is dedicated to achieving peace, prosperity, and opportunity for all. I am determined to be guided by goals of economic opportunity, social and civil justice, and personal freedom for all.

For a community to succeed we need to increase access to education, jobs, and economic opportunity. To progress as a community we need to view diversity as a strength and not a threat. For all to thrive we have to protect our environment through social and economic policies.

I am prepared for this position after years working in customer service. I am an excellent communicator, an active listener, and a willing collaborator.

I thank you for your consideration and I thank you for your vote.

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JoEllen

Kesti

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Current Sedro-Woolley City Council Member Ward 2;
Mayor Pro Tem

Other Professional Experience

Clinical Aesthetician, Island Medical Spa

Education

Graduated Sedro-Woolley High School Class of 2000;
Bellingham Beauty School, Certificate in Aesthetics.

Community Service

Board Member Sedro-Woolley Museum; Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club; Past President Evergreen Elementary Parent Teacher Association; Volunteer at Sedro-Woolley Union Cemetery; Youth Cheerleading Coach; Volunteer at the community soup kitchen; Volunteer to support homeless veterans charities.

Statement

I was born and raised in Sedro-Woolley. This town, its history, and the community members are very important to me. Our small-town values and traditions are why my husband and I wanted to stay and raise our children here. Sedro-Woolley is a proud city, with good hardworking people that are welcoming to all. I see the growth and urban sprawl that is happening in our region. Growth is inevitable, but I see it as my job as a council member to ensure that growth occurs in a responsible way that does not burden the community and taxpayers. The last thing I want for Sedro-Woolley is to see it deteriorate the way some of our neighboring communities to the south have. I believe in a hand up and not a handout or enabling problems. Residents are fleeing large cities because of failed policies, and I want to make sure that those failed policies are not repeated here. I support and have implemented policies that encourage small business development with less regulations, keeping our residents shopping local and supporting the heart of our community.

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Sarah

Diamond

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Currently serving as City Council Member Ward 3

Other Professional Experience

Over 15 years of experience in sales and marketing, new business development, project management (international and domestic), quality control, contract negotiations, and legal research.

Education

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

Community Service

Sedro-Woolley Little League, Coach and Board Member. Assisted with the coordination of the Baseball State Tournament hosted by SWLL.; Seattle Children's Hospital Spokes Family; Elementary classroom and club parent volunteer.

Statement

My roots are grounded in the Sedro-Woolley community.

I understand the importance of economic growth and development. We must support and nurture our small businesses while looking at avenues that could bring industry and jobs back to our town. This will help to build a responsible and thriving industrial sector that grows a healthy community, thus allowing for a balanced and sustainable tax system.

Sedro-Woolley is growing fast. I believe residential growth must be feasible, responsible, and equitable. We must make certain that the schools, and city departments are capable of supporting the growth.

As population increases we must maintain infrastructure and develop additional recreational areas that could bring in revenue for the city and its businesses. Parks and recreational areas are necessary for our youth and a place for people of all backgrounds to enjoy and thrive.

Sedro-Woolley is full of hard-working people that deserve to have a safe and clean place to live, work, play, and raise a family. I would like to continue to be the voice of these people. I will serve with integrity alongside fellow councilmembers to see that Sedro-Woolley maintains its small town feel rooted in a history of community tradition.

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**Karl
de Jong**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

City of Sedro-Woolley Council Member, Ward 6

Other Professional Experience

Master Carpenter; concert audio/lighting crew lead for various venues; small business owner (computer consultancy); environmental technician for EPA superfund sites (URS Consultants - environmental division)

Education

High school graduate; further education provided by life and hard work.

Community Service

Volunteer at the Senior Center lunches and "Meals on Wheels", Marine Toys for Tots, Sedro-Whoolleyville, Woodfest, Eagles, Rotary, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement planting events, Wildcat Steelhead Club; Helping Hands Food Bank Board of Directors, Sedro-Woolley RISE VP; Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce "Volunteer of the Year" award.

Endorsements: Laborers 292, Painters & Glaziers DC5, Insulators 7, Iron Workers 86

Statement

"Sedro-Woolley is defined by our neighborhoods. I am running to ensure our city remains a place where families can grow roots, small businesses thrive, and our rich history is respected."

That is how I introduced my campaign four years ago and it still applies. This community took me in as a new resident six years ago, trusted me to serve on the City Council, and inspired me to purchase a home right here in Ward 6. I am forever grateful.

Throughout my Council term I stressed local solutions to local problems. Neighbors concerned about safety prompted installation of the blinking stop sign at Township and Jameson. Local businesses and service organizations required assistance to cope with the pandemic. I am proud to volunteer with groups like the Downtown Business Association, Eagles, Rotary Club, and Helping Hands Food Bank – where we, with the support of our National Guard, fed thousands of meals to struggling families during the pandemic.

Sedro-Woolley can overcome any challenge thanks to the strength, character, and determination of our residents. My role on the Sedro-Woolley Council is to serve you, and I hope the past four years have demonstrated that commitment. I humbly ask for your vote.

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**Joe
Burns**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

This will be my first pursuit of public office and I am honored at the opportunity. For many years I have actively followed politics, observing legislative activities and reading bills.

Other Professional Experience

I'm an Automotive Shop Foreman, working as Lead Technician and Service Writer. I know well the struggles and rewards of a hard days work. Also more than a decade of previous managerial and operational business experience.

Education

Gas and Diesel Automotive Service Technologies at College of Southern Idaho.

Community Service

Member of the Lions Club, on the board of directors and becoming Vice President in June. I'm a regular attendee of City meetings.

Statement

I'm a blue collar worker. I guess you could call me the average Joe. My wife Naomi and our son Eli are my entire world, and I work hard to provide for them. As your City Council-member, I will work just as hard for you and our community.

It makes me happy to know Eli will grow up in the friendly, small city of Sedro-Woolley. Our beautiful community has a rich history that we must strive to preserve as the city grows. It's impossible to reject growth, but we can choose how we handle it and keep our sense of community.

Politics shouldn't be a career path, instead community service done out of love, duty, and generosity. Listening to concerns, building consensus, finding solutions. Everyone will not always agree, but we can find common ground and move forward together.

My priorities will include keeping property taxes as low as possible while providing the services we all enjoy, drawing new businesses to Sedro-Woolley and road improvements. My priorities will evolve as I have more opportunities to speak with our residents. Please feel free to contact me with anything you would like to share.

I graciously request your vote

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**Meredith
McIlmoyle**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Executive Director of the Anacortes Arts Festival, Communications Manager at United General Hospital, Marine Naturalist, Magazine Publisher, Event Producer.

Education

B.A. Journalism, Arizona State University; Certificate in Volunteer Management; Marine Naturalist Certification.

Community Service

Mt. Erie PTA, School District Volunteer, Board Member for Whatcom Amateur Hockey, Anacortes Schools Foundation Volunteer, Anacortes Rotary, Food to Go, Anacortes Parks Foundation, Relay for Life.

Statement

Not all students walk through the school doors with the same needs. A school board should focus on student achievement and implementing policies that will ensure success for all students. Though challenging, I believe there are ways to creatively meet the needs of our students through patient, inclusive communication and problem solving.

As a school board member, I will contribute my unique talents while collaborating and respectfully working with other board members and district staff. I will represent the students, their families and our community and not my own best interests. People, who have worked with me, will tell you that I am reasonable and empathetic, while maintaining high standards for myself and others.

My husband and I moved to Anacortes 20 years ago. We are choosing to raise our family here and we strongly believe that the Anacortes School District is educating and nurturing our boys in a way that will give them the tools they need to be critical thinkers, good citizens and successful adults.

The challenges to student learning, and particularly to providing equity among all students in achievement, are complex. I look forward to the opportunity to find my place in making a difference for Anacortes students.

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**Celese
Stevens**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

U.S. Marine Corps Officer (8 years), EA-6B Electronic Countermeasures Officer, Operational Testing Coordinator for EA-6B and EA-18G programs; Business Owner, Thrive Community Fitness Oak Harbor (2012-present)

Education

B.S. Industrial Distribution, Texas A&M University (graduated 1996), Biblical studies, Trinity Lutheran College, Everett, WA (2010-2011), Masters in Education courses Grand Canyon University (2011-2013)

Community Service

NW United, FC (regional soccer club) Board Member (2018 - present), Youth Soccer Coach Anacortes Parks and Recreation (2 years), Volunteer with Anacortes School District and PTA for Mountain School, Camp Orkila, & various classroom assistance and school function related needs (2010 - present)

Statement

The kids are worth it! They are worth the effort and deserve the best our leaders can give them, every day. I do not come to the decision to run for school board lightly, but I am dedicated to the education and development of every child in our district. I have lived all over the United States and our family chose to make Anacortes our home in 2010. I greatly value education and community and have been incredibly thankful for our 3 kids to grow up in the Anacortes School District. We cultivate high expectations: for excellence in academics, for strength in character, for each person to reach their individual potential through hard work. We celebrate the uniqueness in gifts and talents that each of us possess. We are raising our kids to be creative decision makers, to consider all perspectives and think about them critically, and to ultimately choose a path with kindness, tolerance, and patience. I believe that there is more that brings us together than tears us apart. I look forward to hearing from our district parents and teachers about how I can help make Anacortes School District the best it can be for our kids.

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**Diana
Farnsworth**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Librarian at the Anacortes Public Library where I've worked since 2015. Class Act Teacher K-12; College Instructor: acting, directing, college writing, and English Language; Lead Schools Instructor, Artist in-residency, Shakespeare Walla Walla

Education

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

Community Service

American Association of University Women; Soroptimist Education Committee; Anacortes Reading is Fundamental, Chair; Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Selection Committee; National History Day Judge; AMS Drama Club; Anacortes Community Health Council; Anacortes Community Theatre, Education Committee

Statement

Providing an exceptional foundation for every student is essential to our community's future. Success begins with a dynamic education, preparing students to think analytically, act thoughtfully, and stay curious. I aim to ensure our schools inspire each and every student. For nearly a decade, I've collaborated with educators on community committees, after school programs, and teen activities.

Education is my passion and my profession. As a librarian serving all ages, I know the dedication required to sustain thriving public institutions. I work for the City of Anacortes alongside the ASD administrative team, and with students, parents, and teachers daily to support all learners.

Since 2016, I've spearheaded a City partnership to distribute a public library card to every ASD student and teacher, implementing crucial learning resources year-round. This provided immediate access critical to supporting at-home learning.

My experience, community service, and education has prepared me for this position. I will advocate for students and listen to families. I understand the collaborative role of a board, its fiscal responsibility, and mission to support our community.

I will listen to you. I will learn from you. I will connect with you to ensure our students are resilient and inspired.

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**Erik
Schorr**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Anacortes business owner, Anacortes Kayak Tours (18 years), Blue Otter Outfitters (8 years), Body Boat Blade (2 years); Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; Anacortes Chamber Board of Directors; Paddlesports North America Interim Board; USCG Licensed boat captain; Husband of Megan (20 years); Father of Taiga and Tashi (AHS and AMS students)

Education

B.A. American Indian Studies - University of Washington, Seattle

Community Service

Youth sports coach; Classroom volunteer Mt. Erie School; Anacortes Chamber; Supporter/Contributor- Friends of the Forest, Anacortes Schools Foundation, Anacortes Parks and Recreation, Skagit Land Trust, Island View/Fidalgo/Mt. Erie Elementary Schools; Deception Pass Park Foundation Centennial Committee; Fidalgo Island roadside trash cleanup

Statement

My wife and I have lived and operated our business in Anacortes for 18 years. Our kids attend AMS and AHS. I believe that the primary role of the public education system is to help students learn to think critically, write clearly, and speak well so that they can contribute meaningfully to their communities as adults. Schools should be places where children are taught *how* to think, not *what* to think. I value the laudable goals of equality of opportunity, and diversity of opinions, as being fundamental strengths of our society. I want to work to protect the opportunities each student has to succeed, according to their efforts and abilities.

We should consider electing leaders who are not driven by partisan ideology or underlying social movements. A heterodox approach, drawing on the strengths of a variety of opinions, is necessary to avoid slipping into harmful orthodoxy.

Finally, coming out of the pandemic we are experiencing a loss of students leaving the district. This financial and social disruption hurts our community. Addressing the causes of this and maintaining the trust between school officials and the families they serve is crucial.

If given the opportunity I would like to make a difference.

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**Roger
Howard**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

11 years B-E School Board (past and current president; WIAA representative)

Other Professional Experience

Skagit County Director of Facilities Capital Projects – 30 years, (retired 2006); Self-employed; Architect, Howard Consulting, LLC, 2006-2021 (retired); Licensed Architect – State of Washington; Past Member: American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Education

Burlington-Edison High School; Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies, Washington State University; Bachelor of Architecture, Washington State University; Continuing education: Architect-Engineering Law, Construction Claims and Dispute Resolution

Community Service

Past member: Burlington-Edison School District Technology Committee; Past Board Member: Burlington-Edison Alumni Foundation - Dollars for Scholars

Statement

Burlington-Edison School District has a long tradition of being one of the finest school districts in the state. I am proud to be part of the Burlington-Edison community that continues to support and show pride in our schools and our children. It has been an honor to represent the community as a school board member and ask for your continued support. I believe providing the best educational opportunity for our children is imperative to their success and the future of our community. It is essential to balance available resources with the needs of the School District. As a Board member I supported increased rigorous coursework and expanded opportunities for Career and Technical Education. I supported a partnership with the Skill Center to provide students hands-on learning experiences and supported B-ESD's first technology levy which allowed for staff training, student devices, and increased access to digital resources that contributes to student academic success. I supported increased counseling and nursing support, adopted both a Social-Emotional learning and literacy curriculum, and extended the K-2 school day. As a graduate of B-EHS, I am proud to contribute my time, energy and work to such an important and meaningful position.

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**Tonya
Bieche**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Burlington City Council 2010-2017

Other Professional Experience

Mental Health Clinician, Retired Military Veteran and District Parent; past Domestic Violence Prevention Advocate; Recovery Case Manager; Burlington Firefighter/ EMT

Education

B.S. in Biology from University of South Alabama; A.S. in Biomedical Electronics from Napa College; seeking Substance Use Disorder Certificate from Skagit Valley College

Community Service

West View PTA; Burlington Lion's Club, American Legion Post 91 Auxiliary; North Sound Recovery Coalition; Harley Davidson Owner's Group (current); (past)Skagit County Coalition Against Trafficking; Safe Kids; Skagit Coalition to End Homelessness

Statement

When we look at the needs of our children, their schools and the future that they will be released into to continue to protect, shape and build. We need to get them ready for things we have never even imagined.

Yet we know, we want to keep them safe from violence and viruses. We want to teach them how to be aware of their surrounding and respect those that are there. We need to work together supporting our educators, engaging parents and community members.

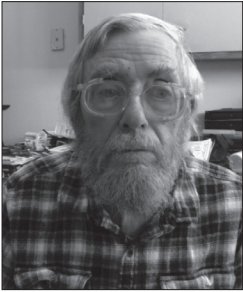
I hope to work on: providing financial education which teach youth how to make money work for them; ability awareness training, youth-led programming and self-harm reduction, putting aides back into the classrooms and on our buses.

I hope you vote, and that one of your votes is for me. Please participate and support our schools via levies, bonds and most importantly our youth that are working hard to be the best version of themselves very day.

Thank you !!!

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Ed
Bradel

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No previous elected experience

Other Professional Experience

Lecturer in Zoology The Ohio State University; Professor of Biology University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College; Biology Department Head University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College

Education

BS in Biology Otterbein University; MS in Pathology The Ohio State University; PhD in Medical Physiology, The Ohio State University

Community Service

No previous relevant experience

Statement

Upon my retirement seven years ago as the head of the Biology department at the Blue Ash College (a 2 year regional campus) of the University of Cincinnati I moved to Birdsvie Washington. I have not, however, lost my interest in education. I believe that every child in the Concrete School District deserves to have available to them a quality public education with a choice from a robust general, college preparatory, or vocational pathway.

I also believe in the inherent positive value of extracurricular activities including sports, music, and community service. I am opposed to the teaching of the New York Times Project 1619 reframing of American History; and Critical Race Theory.

With the Covid 19 pandemic appearing to be winding down as I write this statement I advocate reinstatement of full-time, in-person classes in the first term of 2021 without any requirement for Covid vaccination for students at any K-12 level until a vaccine is fully approved By the FDA.

I am in favor of the transfer of ownership of the Birdsvie Grange Hall to the District 10 Fire Department in order to preserve this historic building and provide a community meeting facility for the upper Skagit Valley

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No photo
submitted

Paul E
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Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

Contact

No information submitted



Ben

Winkes

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Conway School Board 2017-present

Other Professional Experience

Family Practice Physician, SeaMar Community Health Centers, Mt. Vernon, Washington. 2002-present

Education

Graduate, La Conner High School, 1986. Bachelor Arts & Sciences- History & Biology, Stanford University, 1992. M.D. degree, University of Washington, 1998. Residency and Fellowship training- Santa Rosa, CA, completed 2002.

Community Service

Various committees to support quality care, Skagit Valley Hospital. Lots of cheering (at kids' soccer, baseball, basketball, etc. Volunteer work in medical outreach programs locally and in Mexico and Central America. Get hands dirty with Washington Trails Association, Skagit Land Trust. Supporter of multiple local nonprofits.

Statement

As a Conway parent (Luke, age 15, and Maya, age 12) and as the product of small, public schools myself, I have been privileged to serve on the Conway School Board.

Small public schools like ours can be very special places for children to grow, to be challenged, and to mature-- educationally and socially. Conway schools have provided quality educations for generations. Now, we face new challenges, with a changing funding climate and a once-in-a-century pandemic. Our tight-knit district has done great work, keeping students in classrooms and safe, while setting the foundation for increased course offerings. We have used new technology to teach old lessons and some new ones. Over this same period, local levy assessments have been kept below historical levels.

In Conway, we know our children's classmates and their families in a way unmatched in larger schools. We are proud of our excellent, dedicated teachers. As a community (and as parents and grandparents) and as a school district, we must continue to keep our focus on the best education possible for our children. I welcome the opportunity to help. Thank you for your support of our community's kids.

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Amy C

Hughes

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Conway School Board, 2017 - present

Other Professional Experience

Hughes Farms family member 1983-present; Western Washington Agriculture Association; Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland

Education

BA Communications, Washington State University

Community Service

Skagit County Planning Commission 2015-present; Fir Conway Cemetery 2002 - present

Statement

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

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

School financial change is ongoing and I have attended annual Washington State School Director's conferences, regional meetings, and "On-Board Financial Trainings" to stay informed and updated on these changes. Our rural district must continue to be fiscally responsible to our taxpayers.

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

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

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Randy J. Hayden
(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Precinct Committee Officer - 2012 to current 5 terms. Republican Snohomish State Committeeman and Washington State Republican Party Executive Board 2015 to current 4 terms.

Boards and Committees.Snohomish County Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Board 2014 to current. Snohomish County Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board 2012 to 2015 Chairman last term. WSRP Chairman of the Resolution Committee 2017 to current 3rd term. Edmonds Economic Development Board. Edmonds Transportation Board. Darrington Prevention Intervention Community Coalition.

Other Professional Experience

Licensed General Contractor

Education

Seattle Public School System

Community Service

Soccer Coach SnoKing Youth Club 1990-1999; Everett Gospel Mission Meal server and Jobs for Life Mentor

Statement

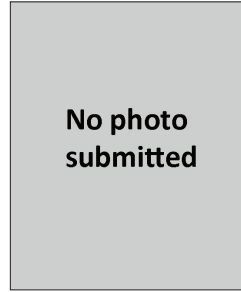
With school closures, many students have fallen behind. It is now critical to devote resources to helping students catch up. Let's restore common sense learning tools so that our students know how to gain more information on any subject for a lifetime of learning. As the owner of two successful businesses, my strength is budgeting. As my experience shows, I have served on boards with large budgets.

Our state has passed an alarming Comprehensive Sex Education bill. I will help our district navigate sex education in an age appropriate manner.

While Critical Race Theory focuses on the oppressors and the oppressed, let's help students, as equals, aim for excellence of character and justice based on their actions, not the color of their skin.

Since first moving to Darrington in 1999, I have worked for a better community. I've volunteered extensively with the county on mental health and chemical dependency issues, looking for compassionate yet responsible solutions. I will be accountable to parents because strong families are the core of our community. I ask for your vote..

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No photo submitted

Maggie Weimer
(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

After seven years in Darrington, it was my honor to join the Darrington School Board last January. My children both attend Darrington schools and I've taken every opportunity to volunteer. I've helped out in the classrooms (my children's or wherever I was needed), assisted with archery, and have been involved in GPI activities. As a result of my favorite volunteer position, many of you my know me as the book fair lady. All of these experiences have allowed me to watch our students grow and learn, and have also given me a glimpse at the running of the school from the inside. My time on the board has given me a more complete understanding of this jobs responsibilities and challenges. I am excited at the chance to continue on representing our community and supporting our staff as we continue to find ways to improve our schools for current and future students.

Contact

No information submitted



**Janet
Loyd**
(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience
No information submitted

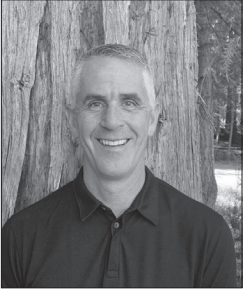
Other Professional Experience
I offer over 30 years of experience as a teacher, mostly with 1st and 2nd grade students in Darrington from 1986-2016. I understand educational needs from the inside.

Education
I hold a BA in Literature, and an MA in Education.

Community Service
I volunteer with Glacier Peak Institute supporting outdoor education and experience for our youth today, and introducing local employment and recreational opportunities for their future. I also serve on the Sno-Isle Library Board representing Skagit County residents.

Statement
I am running for the school board because I believe we have unique opportunities to move our education system in positive directions after a period full of change. Because of my years in education, I believe I understand both the challenges and possibilities in very practical ways. I have been an active part of the Darrington community for many years. I am very invested in seeing the success of our young people on graduation. I'm running for this position to be part of a team effort, helping our district achieve that goal.

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Jeremy J.J.

Wilbur

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Fire District 13 Board of Commissioners 2020-present; La Conner School District Board of Directors 2020-present; Swinomish Tribal Senate 2018-present.

Other Professional Experience

Commercial fishing 1990-present

Education

La Conner High School Alumni

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

I am seeking election for the role of Director for District 3. I wish to pursue this role because, having graduated from La Conner School District myself, I am passionate about providing a quality education for the youth in the town that I grew up in and continue to reside in. I believe that my presence on the board will continue to strengthen the relationship between our district and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. I believe that my strong connections will allow me to present the concerns of our tribal students, tribal parents, and tribal leadership to our board in a way that no other current director is capable of. Aside from my strong connections to my tribe, I also feel that I am an active member of District 3, and the town of La Conner as a whole, regularly socializing with my neighbors, meeting other community members, and acting as an overall positive presence in my community. I believe that by exhibiting perseverance and partaking in proactive, solution-based decision making, we can accomplish great things. Thank you for your consideration.

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Wendy

Ragusa

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

One 4-year term, school board director

Other Professional Experience

Development Coordinator, Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation, 2005-present; Co-Owner, Wells Nursery, LLC - ongoing

Education

Lewis and Clark College, B.A. Degree Communications; Mount Vernon High School

Community Service

Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation – Board Director; Lincoln School and La Venture Middle School - PTA President; Cheer Booster Mount Vernon High School – President; Citizens for Mount Vernon Schools – Treasurer and Volunteer; Theater Arts Guild- Producer; Skagit Symphony-Board President; Skagit Valley College Foundation – Board Director; Seattle Children’s Hospital, Jean Thompson Guild - Member

Statement

It is my honor to currently serve Mount Vernon students, families and taxpayers, as Board Director, District 4. I am a third-generation Mount Vernon Bulldog graduate and mother of two graduates. I had the pleasure of volunteering in my children’s classrooms and serving in parent leadership roles to support student-centered projects and programs.

I believe the vitality of our school district promises a strong Mount Vernon community. I have campaigned to pass bonds and levies. As a prudent steward of our taxpayers’ support, I assure they are well informed about capital projects progress and student instructional programs. I was a member of our Racial Equity Policy team and fully encourage and support using an equity lens to forward the implementation of access and inclusion practices.

I champion the District’s 100% student graduation goal with the assuredness that all of our students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in post-secondary education, careers, and life. I believe in the importance of family and community engagement and will continue to further the District’s work to strengthen them. I welcome open communication with all to further the success of our students, staff and district leadership.

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Larry M.

Otos

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

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

Other Professional Experience

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

Education

Western Washington University, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Parks and Recreation Management

Community Service

Western Washington University Alumni Association-Past President; Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation – President; Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation – Member; Mount Vernon School Board Director - President

Statement

I am honored to be a candidate for re-election to the Mount Vernon School Board Director Position District 5. For the past 37 years, I have had the great fortune of building a career and family in our community. Building community, creating safe and healthy lifestyles for all is indeed a team effort. As a School Board Director, I have spent my position building partnerships in pursuit of education and protecting Mount Vernon's most precious resources, our students. This has resulted in both immediate benefits and a long term vision for the future of our School District 320. I am committed to getting through the COVID pandemic and getting our teachers, staff and students back on track in the classrooms safely, focusing on teaching and learning for all.

Our voters approved a bond to meet the future and existing needs of our community. I take the responsibility of spending those public funds seriously. We are nearing the end for our capital campaign and meeting the "Bond Promise" to provide new and remodeled school buildings, added classrooms and instructional spaces throughout the district. The district is on time and on budget with our five major projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Enrique
Lopez-Cisneros**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

4 strong years!

Other Professional Experience

Regional Migrant Education at NWESD, Farmworker, Employment Security Department, Homeless Youth Specialist YMCA, SVC Presidential Roundtable, Family Specialist with Inspire Development, Farmworker Health Educator Program Coordinator at Sea Mar. Some characteristics: Integrity, Honesty, Hard Work, Accountability, Problem Solving and Passion!

Education

B.A. Degree Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies Western Washington University, Two years Eastern Washington University, Mount Vernon High School Graduate

Community Service

Washington State School Directors Association Legislative Representative, Latino Civic Alliance, Skagit Housing Authority Commissioner, Skagit Immigrant Rights Council, Indigenous Studies Foundation, Latino Advisory Council of Skagit Community Action, fundraising and donated to undocumented struggling families during COVID-19.

Statement

It is my honor to run for Re-election and continue to serve: our *youth* and *you* the *people* of Sedro-Woolley! Our education system depends on us and with your vote/support, I will be at the table bringing your pressing issues to the table for action!

Back to in-person education is my priority. Thank you for sharing your stories and about our youth struggling with mental health/safety during COVID-19. Therefore I took action early on, along with current fellow board members to get our children back in schools. Striving to save taxpayers money and holding our school district accountable is a must!

Our future leaders of Sedro-Woolley deserve exceptional education from preschool-graduation. We have some of the best teachers, paraprofessional, principals, and district leaders in the valley to continue making this happen! I will continue to advocate for teacher resources and professional development in areas needed to provide exceptional and equitable education to our students. I will continue to advocate for our district to lead in CTE programs in the valley and let's not forget our pride in Sports/Extracurricular programs! Thank you: I will continue to listen, take action and follow your lead as your School Board Director Representative.

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**Brent
Schiefelbein**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Current treasurer, Inspire Church of Skagit Valley

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

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

Community Service

Previously a volunteer coach SWHS Boys Basketball; Board Member of Inspire Church, previously a volunteer firefighter for Skagit County District 8

Statement

I was born and raised in Sedro-Woolley. I am the father of two children, one of which will be attending public schools next year. I am saddened at what is happening across the United States and in our own public schools. I want to be the voice for the parents who feel their values are being replaced by radical policies. I stand firm in my beliefs and do not waiver. I will stand up for my children and yours, by doing everything possible to stop the persecution on conservative values. I believe in bringing a balanced and reasonable approach to leadership and decision making and would love the opportunity to have a positive influence on our schools.

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Eric A.

Johnson

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Sedro-Woolley School Board, 2017.

Other Professional Experience

Law Clerk (APR 6) at Stiles & Lehr Inc., P.S. specializing in estate planning, real estate, LLCs, probates, worker's compensation and personal injury law; Co-owner/member of Mountain Gate, LLC. Eric has also served as an intern in the United States Senate.

Education

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

Community Service

Sedro-Woolley Planning Commission, chair and chair pro-temp, 10 years; Board of Directors for Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County, Treasurer, 4 years; Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club, 3 years; Councilmember for Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3 years.

Statement

Public service is one of life's highest callings, and one I have not taken lightly. Sedro-Woolley is my home and I care deeply for the well-being of this community. It's where I grew up, where I work and where I want to live. When our community prospers, we should all be able to celebrate in and benefit from that success to one degree or another. I serve because I want to see Sedro-Woolley thrive. This is especially true of our students. They have been and always will be first and foremost in my decision making. Serving on the Sedro-Woolley School Board of Directors has been one of the greatest honors of my life and a duty to my fellow neighbors. I have dedicated myself to making sure that "every student graduates with the knowledge and skills for future learning and success". Whether its through ensuring multiple pathways to graduation with a strong CTE department, providing sufficient resources for early learning, supporting our special education programs, or anything in between, all students deserve to have the help, support and opportunities necessary to get them a head in life. That is my mission in continued service to this community.

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**Peter
Browning**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Skagit County Commissioner 2021 to 2025; Skagit Regional Health Commissioner 2015 to 2021

Other Professional Experience

Owner of Multiple Businesses; Director of Public Health, Skagit County 1996 to 2014; Director of Burlington Chamber of Commerce 2017 to 2021; Clinical Professor for University of Washington School of Public Health 2014 to 2019

Education

WSU 1972 to 1976, Hotel and Restaurant MGT; Western Washington University 1983 to 1984 BA in Cultural Anthropology; Western Washington University 1984 to 1986 MA in Cultural Anthropology

Community Service

President of United Way 2004; President of the Skagit/Mount Vernon Rotary 2006; Red Cross Board 1998-2000; YMCA Board 2000 to 2005

Statement

My first 6 years as a Hospital Commissioner was very eventful. It started with a transition of management and some financial challenges to address. We were able to find an outstanding CEO who subsequently hired a fantastic CFO and COO. We now have the best Hospital management team we could ask for due in part to some hard work by the Hospital Board. Our new management team in conjunction with the Board initiated an emphasis on high quality, patient centered care with an emphasis on safety. The successes we have realized in this area have improved our reimbursement rates, a constant challenge for Hospitals today. Then to add a new challenge, we got an opportunity to address a pandemic. Our management team has been outstanding in their response to the pandemic while at the same time keeping us in good shape financially. My 27 years in healthcare experience have helped the Hospital Board complete all this good work over the past 6 years, and I look forward to serving another 6.

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submitted

**Stefanie
LeJeunesse**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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Bruce G.

Lisser

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Commissioner Public Hospital District No. 1: 1996-1999 and 2008 to present

Other Professional Experience

Owner/manager Lisser & Associates, PLLC a Land Surveying and Land Use Consulting Company in Mount Vernon, WA, obtain professional license in 1985; Land Surveyors Association of Washington, member

Education

1977 Graduate of Washington State University, BS Forestry Management

Community Service

Washington State Hospital Association, Governance member; Mount Vernon Rotary and Skagit Rotary Clubs since 1985; Skagit Housing Authority, Commissioner (current Board Chair); Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation, Past Trustee; Museum of Northwest Art, Past Trustee

Statement

Healthcare impacts us all and quality healthcare is paramount for everyone in our local communities.

The services provided by our hospital district have expanded to meet a growing population and now includes two hospitals as well as many out-patient clinics and services throughout our region. This takes strong governance and fiduciary responsibility which is entrusted upon your commissioners by you, the voters.

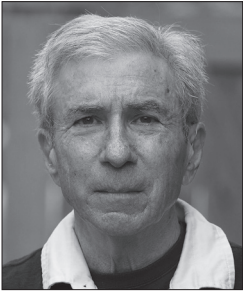
The high quality services provided by our team of dedicated employees on a daily basis is something of which we can all be proud. The skill and commitment of our frontline workers has been so visible this past year and will continue to be essential in the future.

Skagit Regional Health is in a strong position with a bright future. I look forward to continued service and advocacy for high quality health care in our region.

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your commissioner and I would appreciate your vote. Thank you for your confidence.

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Warren
Tessler

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Island Hospital Commissioner (Skagit Hospital District 2) since 2016

Other Professional Experience

27 years healthcare management at hospitals, HMO and physician hospital organization followed by ownership of La Vie en Rose Bakery in Anacortes

Education

BA Arizona State University, MBA Portland State University, Diploma in Baking and Pastry Arts, Johnson and Wales University, Certificate in Bicycle Repair, United Bicycle Institute

Community Service

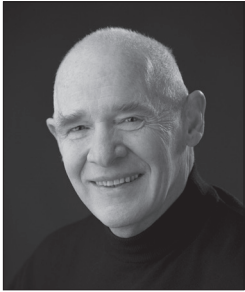
Current: President, Anacortes Parks Foundation; Co-chair, Anacortes Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; Director, Open Streets. Previous: Treasurer, Anacortes Arts Festival; Treasurer, Anacortes Family Center; Director, Anacortes Learning and Lunches; Treasurer, Anacortes Noon Kiwanis Club

Statement

No information submitted

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Paul

Maughan

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Commissioner since March 1997; Director, VP Snowater Time-Share Board of Directors since 2016.

Other Professional Experience

Scientific, technical, business experience Halcyon Consulting. Program Manager NASA,/DOI; Teacher Portland State and US Naval Academy, Senior Manager McDonald Douglas, GE, EarthSat and Comsat, and Air Force Weather Officer. Developed diseased muscle testing apparatus. 32 years officiating college/high school, basketball.

Education

BS Mechanical Engineering (WSU); BS Meteorology (Pennsylvania State); MS and PhD Oceanography/Meteorology (OSU).

Community Service

Initiated-led Anacortes Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Project. Numerous AEDs have been placed around the Anacortes community as well as enthusiastically received in neighboring communities' Awarded Red Cross 2009 Real Heroes Award (Medical).

Statement

I currently serve on Island Hospital's (IH) Board of Commissioners and seek your support to serve another term. In my over two dozen years serving on the Board as Commissioner, President and Secretary, Island Hospital has developed the financial stability to match our vision of community health. I initiated the Healthy Communities project, focused our quality-of-care efforts through a Board-level Quality Improvement Initiative and served on the Washington Health Foundation's Statewide Rural Network and spearheaded the development and construction of the new patient wing of the hospital. Most recently, I participated in the selection of Island Hospital's superb new CEO and helped guide the hospital community through the leadership transition. My professional qualifications and experience have provided key skills and background necessary to successfully oversee Island Hospital's multi-million-dollar health facility. I would appreciate your vote for me, Dr. Paul Maughan, as Island Hospital Commissioner.

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**Debra
Lancaster**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Higher Education: 15 years with Skagit Valley College and 10 years with Washington State University Extension. Nonprofit: 10 years as Executive Director of United Way of Skagit County.

Education

Bachelor's in Communications and Master's in Education-Leadership Policy, both from the University of Washington. Graduate of Leadership Skagit Class of 2004

Community Service

25 years - Mount Vernon Soroptimist (President & Treasurer); 17 years - Leadership Skagit board/alumni; 7 years - Skagit Population Health Trust; 2 years - EDASC Foundation Board. One year with Helping Hands Food Bank; SW Chamber; and Help Me Grow Engagement team.

Statement

Debra is passionate about ensuring access to life-long learning and wellness in our communities. She brings decades of experience connecting people to knowledge and resources that can help them enhance their personal and professional lives. Debra has partnered with District 304 over the past 10 years on several programs aimed at improving the lives of children including coordination of the Children's Council of Skagit County and Varsity in Volunteering at Sedro-Woolley, Concrete and Burlington-Edison high schools. She has a strong network of relationships with current District 304 partners such as Skagit Valley College, EDASC, Skagit County, School Districts, and many businesses. These are the efforts that support kids, families, and seniors. She understands the diverse nature of District 304, since she and her husband, Doug, have lived both in Concrete for 9 years and for the last 27 years in Sedro Woolley. Debra has extensive experience with public organization budgeting: not just how to be a good steward of the money but how to invest those dollars to their highest use in our community. She would be honored to have your vote.

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**Greg
Thramer**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Burlington-Edison Kiwanis - Past President / Treasurer ; Fir-Conway Lutheran Church - Finance Committee / Treasurer; Padilla Bay Foundation - Treasurer; Kabalo Heights Homeowners Association - President / Treasurer

Other Professional Experience

WA State Certified Public Accountant; Director of Finance, Port of Skagit; Director of Finance, Burlington-Edison School District; Director of Finance, City of Burlington and other local governments

Education

Burlington-Edison High School; Western Washington University; BA in Accounting

Community Service

Burlington-Edison Kiwanis; Fir-Conway Lutheran Church; Skagit County Search and Rescue; Boys and Girls Club; Padilla Bay Foundation

Statement

The objective of a hospital district is to improve the health and well-being of its constituents. Strong families are the backbone of a vibrant local community and early wellness initiatives, nutritional resources and community access for all assist to achieve that goal. Substance Abuse, Obesity and Senior Wellness programs will help to lower overall healthcare costs to our society. Healthcare should be proactive and include educational resources while providing opportunities for physical fitness and mental wellbeing.

Hospital districts should be well run with appropriate fiscal oversight to ensure stewardship of our assets.

As a lifelong member of this community, I have been blessed to grow up here and raise a family. Together we can work to ensure that the Skagit Valley continues to be a healthy place to live and grow, while providing opportunities for lifelong wellness.

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Jon

Ronngren

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

K-12 School Administration, K-12 School Counselor, US Army

Education

Lake Washington High School, Kirkland, WA. Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA. Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN. Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA. Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR.

Community Service

Various non-profit organizations

Statement

It is with enthusiasm that I announce my candidacy for Port of Anacortes Commissioner, Position 1.

As a longtime resident and K-12 educator in Anacortes, I believe I bring a unique set of skills and experiences that will diversify and strengthen the existing team of commissioners. In addition to listening to constituents and learning about their interests and concerns, I see myself coming aboard with a commitment to the following ideas – Commerce, Conservation, Community, and Collaboration. The Port of Anacortes mission statement encapsulates these themes - *Stimulating job creation and commerce, while protecting the quality of life, needs, and desires of area residents.*

The role of a port commissioner is to govern and guide the Port in its operations. This requires one to 1) thoughtfully consider current challenges and future opportunities; 2) create, revise and adopt policies that support the Port's mission; and 3) review, monitor and adjust strategic plans all while representing the public's interests. In addition, commissioners should have a focus on the future with regards to strategic planning and vision. The future looks bright at the Port of Anacortes and I look forward to doing my part to ensure we reach our goals collectively with consensus.

Contact

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Jon

Petrich

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Port of Anacortes Commissioner 2018 - present

Other Professional Experience

Licensed Vessel Operator; Project Supervisor; Former Licensed Financial Advisor

Education

BA in both Finance and Economics from Eastern Washington University

Community Service

Past GICCA board member – Whitney PTA Vice President

Statement

4 years ago, I sought out this office not because I thought that the port needed to be fixed but because I believed that it was an organization that I would be proud to be a part of. Today that feeling is only stronger. My first term has been full of learning, growth and an increased awareness of the importance of port districts. First and foremost, it is the protection and creation of family wage jobs; they are also uniquely positioned to be stewards of the environment and can respond to public needs. The three pillars that the Port of Anacortes is built upon are economic development, environmental stewardship, and public responsiveness.

In my second term I am committed to continue championing the port mission while pressing for environmental stewardship that goes above and beyond the status quo. To maintain a commission that puts sound policy over ego and is an example for port districts across the state. To listen to the needs and concerns of our constituents. And to leave our district better than it was when I started.

Thank you for your continued vote of confidence in not just me but the entire Port of Anacortes!

Contact

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Katherine (Kathy)

Pittis

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Port of Anacortes Commissioner 2018 – present, Washington Public Ports Association President 2021 and Executive Committee 2019 – present, Anacortes School Board 2001 – 2005

Other Professional Experience

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

Education

West Seattle High School Graduate

Community Service

Anacortes Parks & Recreation, Adoption & Foster Ministry and Northwest Career & Technical Academy General Advisory Committee

Statement

I am seeking re-election to continue to advocate for the Port's core mission: to create and retain family-wage jobs and encourage economic development. I have the proven experience to balance economics with a healthy environment. I am the only candidate who has a career dedicated to the Port industry, served in elected positions and has the experience representing our Port along with all 75 ports statewide. In my first term, I brought initiatives forward that stimulated our economy during Covid, brought additional family-wage jobs to Anacortes and was elected President of the Washington Public Ports Association. I am honored to be the first Commissioner for our Port to serve in this position. Continuing to give Anacortes a voice and a seat at this table is significant, as this term would follow me, if re-elected, until the end of 2023. I was appointed to represent all ports on the Governor's Southern Resident Orca Task Force and have chaired and co-chaired statewide committees. With your vote, I would be honored to continue to champion job creation, economic development and environmental initiatives with openness and accountability for all Port of Anacortes residents.

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No photo
submitted

Doug

Pratt

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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**Mahlon B.
Hull**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

President Experimental Aircraft 818 Skagit, Vice President Hamilton Food Bank

Other Professional Experience

US Air Force Veteran Desert Storm, Deputy Deployed Commander Antarctica, Crisis Action Team Executive Officer, Chief of Safety, Supervisor of Flying, Aircraft Commander, Washington Air National Guard, Boeing 777X Engineer, US Patent Holder

Education

Washington State University Bachelor of Science Physics (General), University Arkansas Industrial Safety, Air Command and Staff College, Squadron Officers School, USAF Pilot Training, Instructor Pilot, Aircraft Accident/Safety School, Skagit Valley College

Community Service

Science Support Antarctica, New York City Sept 11th, Hurricane Katrina, Somalia, Hurricane Andrew, Kurdish Refugees, Hamilton Food Bank, Clear Lake Food Bank, Young Eagles Pilot

Statement

Mahlon Hull's Executive, Scientific, Engineering and Leadership experience will provide a bright future for the Port of Skagit. He will find ways to create more business opportunities, jobs and community involvement. Port assets continue to grow in both complexity and size. The current request for proposals and projects of Solar Arrays, Bio Water Conversion development, Wetland management, Airport Industrial development, Agricultural impacts and Marina land improvements needs a fresh perspective by a proven experienced leader in the Scientific and Engineering profession. He is qualified in disaster preparedness and has both lead and participated in multiple major crisis situations around the World and at the National level. I look forward to cooperating with the other Port Commissioners from Districts 1 and 2 to advance Skagit County resources and residents into the future. There is no better place to live, and we need technically informed, experienced leadership for the next District 3 Port Commissioner.

Contact

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**Griffin
Berger**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Co-founder and Operations Manager of Sauk Farm LLC, in Concrete Washington. President of the Puget Sound Food Hub Farmers Cooperative, and serves on the Skagit County Pest Board. Griffin has worked with the Concrete School District, Hospital District 304, and Concrete Farm to School program.

Education

Griffin graduated from Mount Vernon High School and later from Washington State University with a Bachelors in Integrated Plant Sciences, achieving a 4.0 GPA. At WSU Griffin was a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Horticulture Club, and the Men's Rowing Team.

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

My passion for farming, local business, and our community led me to run for Port of Skagit Commissioner, Position 3. I intend to focus my energy on promoting agricultural development, promoting economic recovery, and improving the lives of citizens historically underserved in District 3. I have followed with great interest the investment the Port of Skagit has made in value-added agriculture products and the support for the VIVA Farms Project. I look forward to continuing support for local agriculture. The SWIFT project on the former Northern States Property would not have been possible without the Port and the partnerships they formed with local government entities. Ensuring the citizens of Skagit County have equal access to broadband internet is one of the projects that I am excited to work on. Internet access will make a difference in the lives of everyone, especially our youth, as it is a vital tool for education in the 21st century. No child should be left behind due to internet access. I want to see work completed from preserving our agricultural heritage to setting up Skagit's future success. Vote Griffin for Skagit!

Contact

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Kenny

Bergsma

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Appointed in December 2020 to fill the vacated commissioner #2 position for Skagit County Fire District 2.

Other Professional Experience

West Pierce Fire and Rescue - Professional Firefighter 2016-present, Executive Board Representative for IAFF Local Union 1488 2021-present; City of Mount Vernon - Public Works Department 2003-2016, Public Information Officer 2014-2016, Union Representative 2009-2016y

Education

Mount Vernon High School Graduate; Currently pursuing a BA Degree in Fire Service Leadership Management.

Community Service

Volunteer firefighter for Skagit County Fire District 2 2001-present, City of Mount Vernon 1997-1999; Various projects for local schools, parks, and sports teams.

Statement

I grew up in a law enforcement family, and was taught at an early age the importance of being involved in the community. After graduating high school I started volunteering as a firefighter for the City of Mount Vernon and was instantly drawn to the craft of firefighting. Shortly after, I purchased a home in the beautiful flats of Skagit and joined Skagit County Fire District 2, serving there ever since.

I worked for the City of Mount Vernon Public Works Department for 13 years and had the added honor to lead my department as a union representative and public information officer. During my time as a union representative, I became experienced working on budgets, contract negotiations and most of all working professionally with administration and elected officials. While serving as a public information officer, I learned the importance of being transparent with the public and to always ensure the public is informed in all areas of public governing.

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as a commissioner thus far and I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve my community where my family and I live.

Contact

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**Matthew
Stratton**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Fire Commissioner, District #3 2020-2022.

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. Volunteer Delivery Driver Helping Hands Food Bank.

Statement

After being elected in 2020, the firefighters and commissioners in Fire District #3 and I have developed into a cohesive working team. We have made some major positive changes to the district. We have had a change in leadership, have developed a long-range plan for the district, morale is at a high level again, and membership is beginning to rebound.

We have written new policies, applied for a large grant for financing, and worked to develop a long-range plan for the district which will serve the community of Fire District #3 for many years to come.

If re-elected for a full six-year term, I will continue to work hard for the fire district and tackle the issues, long-term plans, and needs of the citizens of Fire District #3. I appreciate your confidence in electing me the first time and respectfully request that you re-elect me to continue this great mission.

As always, your questions and comments are welcome at my email address. Thank you!

Contact

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No photo
submitted

Larry

Hawk

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Serving as Your Fire Commissioner for two terms - 12 year's

Other Professional Experience

Leading the family business keeping the growth manageable. Keeping the customer experiences 5 starts.

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

Thank You for the 14 years of a Volunteer Firefighter at Lake Cavanaugh Fire. As Your commissioner, I serve on the 911 technology committee & Department of Emergency Management advisory board.

Statement

I'm humbled to serve my community and You as your commissioner. I look forward to doing it again, as one of Your board members we try to get the very best value use from every tax dollar that you entrust to us. Following all the rules and regulations set forth by State and Federal Government.!

Contact

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**Lance
Ford**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

This is my first adventure into public elections

Other Professional Experience

District 8 Volunteer Firefighter since 1997, Professional Mount Vernon Firefighter for 20 years, Owner/Operator (with wife of 30 years Lisa) Ford Family Farm 20+ years, Former Sedro-Woolley High School Teacher

Education

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Education from California Polytechnic University. Water Rescue Technician, Emergency Medical Technician, Certified Emergency Vehicle Technician & Certified Fire Investigator. Have been a welder and mechanic for 40+ years. I am always interested in learning more.

Community Service

Volunteer Firefighter, Boy Scout Assistant Scoutmaster & Merit Badge Counselor, 4H leader assistant, Volunteer for Skagit Gleaners. Past FFA Advisor/Coach

Statement

I am honored to be considered by you, my neighbors and members of my community for this position. I am supportive of the current Board of Commissioners and Chief, and value their progress. I see the district moving forward, and would like to continue that trajectory and momentum. As much as I enjoy learning new things and contributing to my community, I am personally fiscally responsible and conservative by nature, and plan to have the same level of concern when considering your tax dollars. I look forward to serving my community in a different and new capacity. Thank you for your support!

Contact

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**Russell "Rusty"
Feay**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No elected Experience

Other Professional Experience

Worked on farms / ranches, Scott Paper Tree Farm, pressman / photographer for two local weekly newspapers, Process Technician for Hexcel Aerospace - Burlington, 13 1/2 years District Fire Chief for Skagit County Fire District 8.

Education

Graduated Benjamin Franklin High School - Los Angeles, three years study California State University - Los Angeles, School of Mechanical Engineering.

Community Service

16 years a volunteer firefighter / EMT for Skagit County Fire District 8, 12 years as a volunteer Station Chief and Assistant District Chief - Fire District 8, medical standby for Sedro-Woolley Logger rodeo for many years.

Statement

I have lived in Skagit County Fire District 8 since relocating my family in 1974. I have held many varied and interesting positions though the ones closest to my heart are the combined 29 1/2 years spent serving the citizens of Skagit County Fire District 8, as a volunteer and full-time paid chief. Working closely with the District Board of Commissioners and the various local county fire service organizations I have accumulated a wealth of knowledge and practical experience in emergency service operations and administration. It was my honor to serve for ten years on the County Central Valley Ambulance Board helping to oversee the transition of paramedic emergency responses to Skagit County's four largest municipalities. I have worked with the Skagit County Fire training officers for ten years during the days of the County's Fire Recruit Academy and have been an active member of the County Fire Chief's Association during my entire tenure as chief of Fire District 8. If elected, I will continue to work toward making our local emergency responses timely, safe, and efficient; with an eye to working within budget, to provide the best possible service.

Contact

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Brian
McMahan

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

1997-2010 Fire Commissioner, Snohomish County Fire District 1, 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. 2020-Present Sewer Commissioner, Skagit County Sewer District 2.

Other Professional Experience

Thirty-six years serving in local fire departments, most recently as a Fire Chief. Retired in 2021.

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

Ten years as a volunteer firefighter including the past three years at Big Lake Fire Department. Former President of Garage of Blessings. Current and past experience as board member in numerous non-profit organizations in the Pacific Northwest.

Statement

Brian McMahan has been active in government for the last 36 years. He understands the importance of working with the public and providing transparency, fiscal responsibility and customer service to internal and external stakeholders.

His years as an elected commissioner 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 in a professional manner.

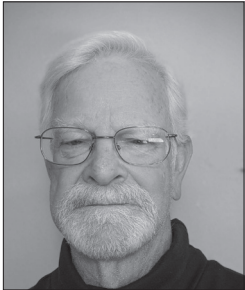
His financial background provides a strong base from which to find alternative solutions to funding issues. He believes in planning and preparing for long-range financial stability to minimize the financial impact of maintaining and enhancing services.

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

Please cast your vote for Brian McMahan.

Contact

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John Doyle
(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Public Utility Commissioner for Skagit County Sewer District #1; Commissioner Fire District 13, 2008.

Other Professional Experience

General contractor specializing in energy efficient construction, Unit manager for the Washington State Energy office developing and implementing the Washington State Energy and Indoor Air Quality Codes, Town Administrator and Planning Director for the Town of La Conner, SEPA Administrator, Shoreline Administrator and Floodplain Manager for the Town of La Conner.

Education

Bachelors Degree in Biology / Ecology, University of California at Berkeley, 1972

Community Service

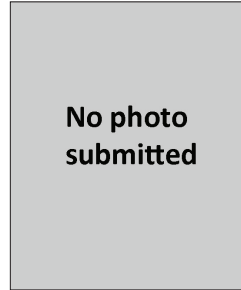
Volunteer Firefighter Emergency Medical Technician B and Medical Officer for Fire District 13; Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, Skagit County; Skagit Habitat for Humanity, Board member and Past President

Statement

Local fire departments have always been a vital element of a community. In rural areas, they provide both emergency service and a community bond. In this time of Covid, it is especially important to support these departments. Having served as a first responder in Fire District 13, I am acutely aware of the issues and needs of the Department. I would like to continue this service as a Commissioner. I would very much appreciate your vote.

Contact

No information submitted



Eric Day
(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

Contact

No information submitted



David M.
Wertheimer

(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

None.

Other Professional Experience

Adjunct Professor of Theology, Seattle University (2019 to present); Director of Community & Civic Engagement and related roles, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (2006-2019); Principle Consultant, Kelly Point Partners (2000-2006); Program Manager, King County Department of Community & Human Services (1990-2000)

Education

M.S.W., University of Connecticut; M.Div., Yale University; B.A., Haverford College

Community Service

Commissioner, Guemes Island Fire Department (appointed in 2021); Member, Board of Managers, Haverford College; Co-Chair, Board of Directors, Building Changes; Secretary, Board of Directors, National Association of Drug Court Professionals; Editor, Journal of The Book Club of Washington

Statement

Guemes Island has been a central part of my life since 1998, when my husband and I purchased our home here. I enjoy the beauty of our natural surroundings and the community of remarkable residents that makes Guemes a vibrant community.

Guemes relies on volunteerism to support the many organizations that ensure our quality of life. I have served with Friends of Guemes Island, occasionally deliver the Sunday talk at the Guemes Island Church, and have been active in land conservation efforts with both the Skagit the San Juan land trusts.

The GIFD is among the most essential organizations on Guemes. I believe my skills as a clinical social worker experienced in responding to individuals in crisis will be useful. I am also a seasoned strategic planner, which will help the GIFD best prepare for the changing demographics of the island's community.

While I have no experience as a firefighter or EMT, my experiences in crisis response, local government and the philanthropic sector will equip me to be a useful addition to the GIFD team. I recognize the importance of listening and responding to those with differing opinions and the importance of conflict resolution to building community.

Contact

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**Robert
Nemnich**
(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

2017-2019 President of the Darrington Volunteer Firefighters Association; 2020-Present President of the PSPSBA

Other Professional Experience

2003-Present Owner/Operator at Mr. Haul King Recycling and Excavating

Education

High School Diploma at Arlington High School

Community Service

4-H and FFA leader volunteer; Darrington District 24 Volunteer Firefighter

Statement

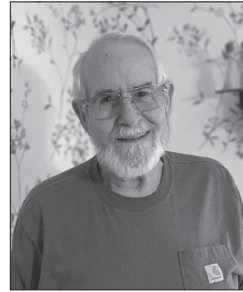
As a successful business owner/operator and utilizing knowledge I gained through volunteering in the fire service, I understand the needs of the community and how best to manage those needs.

I have experience working with budgets, staff, and most importantly volunteers. Our community is certainly unique and having a good understanding of that is key. I will fight to have high quality Fire/EMS service available to Darrington while being realistic about the taxes that families can afford.

I am the fourth generation of my family to live and work in Darrington. I want the very best for our community. I truly hope that you will give me the opportunity to serve as commissioner for Fire District 24.

Contact

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**Dale
Hamlin**
(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Serving as your elected Darrington Fire District 24 fire commissioner for over a decade.

Other Professional Experience

Joined the Town of Darrington Fire Department in 1967 and served as a volunteer in this community for over 43 years. I was afforded the opportunity to serve in almost all capacities, to include as an EMT and as the fire chief. Aside from the fire service, I was an owner/operator of a log truck in the community 23 years.

Education

Graduated from Darrington High School and spent two years at Everett Community College.

Community Service

Volunteer Firefighter for over 43 years. EMT for several of those years.

Statement

As an incumbent fire commissioner, I would like to continue updating our services and supporting our volunteers for our community. I was involved with setting up our paramedic service in conjunction with our volunteers through our partnership with Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe. This allows us to get a quick response while keeping our money here in the community. Before, we paid the City of Arlington thousands each year to respond from 30 minutes away and meet our EMTs on the side of the road. We have also worked hard to obtain our "tender credit" which allowed us to reduce insurance costs for some of our homes. Thank you for your support.

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**Rich
Dahl**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

Fire Commissioner 10 Years, Darrington Fire District 24

Other Professional Experience

Assistant Fire Management Officer (Battalion Chief) for the USFS Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest 27 Years; HiLine Helicopters Operations Personnel

Education

Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources, University of Washington

Community Service

Volunteer at Darrington Food Bank, Coached Darrington Little League Baseball Four Years, Coached Darrington Youth Basketball

Statement

As your currently elected fire commissioner, I am proud to say that our team has made huge strides in providing an excellent, community-oriented service. We ensure our volunteer firefighter/EMTs and staff are supported so they can take good care of us when we need them the most. Under my oversight as a member of the fire commission, we have staffed Darrington Fire District 24 with our own paramedics 24/7 instead of paying Arlington City Fire for paramedics who are stationed 30 minutes away. We have lowered insurance costs for many of our residents and businesses by enhancing our training and operational procedures. Additionally, we have provided more training and professional development opportunities for our volunteers to keep them well versed and safe in their skills. We have also focused on building positive working relationships with our neighboring fire districts, our local Tribes, and the Town of Darrington. I am honored to have been able to serve our awesome community and support our dedicated team of first responders over the years. I would be humbled to be provided the opportunity to continue serving you. Thank you.

Contact

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**Rocky
Cabe**

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Project/Fabrication manager at Newell Corporation, 1997-Present.

Education

High School

Community Service

30 plus years for Darrington Fire District 24. Served as a volunteer, and assistant fire chief, training officer & first responder.

Statement

Having served in the fire department for 30 plus years and managing major projects for Newell Corp. I have a good understanding of what it takes to guide Darrington FireDistrict24 as commissioner. Being a lifelong resident of our community, I understand the needs of our community and those that volunteer to serve this community. I will put those that live in our district first and take care of those volunteering to make sure we always have women and men that take the time to take care of us in our time of need. I will work on getting the Whitehorse Community Center back up and open for the public as I know it is important for our community to have a place to gather and meet. It may take a new building, but I will be a voice to see it through. As a commissioner I will listen to the needs of those in our community and speak on their behalf to provide a better service to those that live here, their families that visit and guests that come to our area.

This is a great community and I would be honored to serve as your commissioner for DarringtonFireDistrict24.

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

Your vote is your voice!



Skagit County Voter update form

I have

- moved
 changed my name
 a different mailing address

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

Printed Name _____ date of birth _____

New physical address _____ city/state/zip _____

New mailing address (if different) _____ city/state/zip _____

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

Name change - If you have changed your name please:

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

New name (please print) _____

Old name (please print) _____

I declare that the facts on this voter registration update form are true. I am a citizen of the United States, I will have lived at this address in Washington for at least thirty days immediately before the next election at which I vote, I am at least sixteen years old, 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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