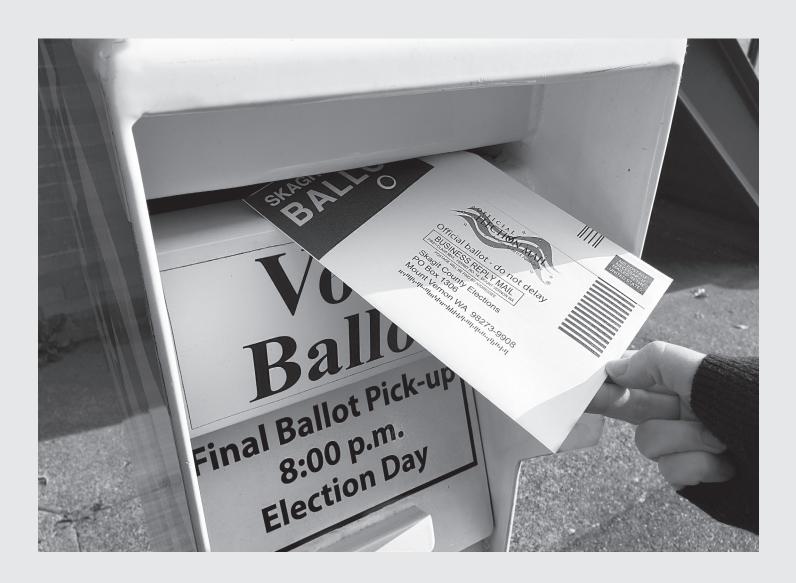
Skagit County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

August 1, 2023 Primary Election



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Welcome Message

Dear Skagit County Voters,

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

This election, candidates will be running for local positions.

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

- Return your voted ballot quickly
- Use a ballot drop box whenever possible
- If you return your ballot via US Postal Service, make sure it is postmarked by Primary Election Day, August 1, 2023
- Sign your return ballot envelope
- If you receive a letter from our office regarding your signature, return it to our office as soon as possible.

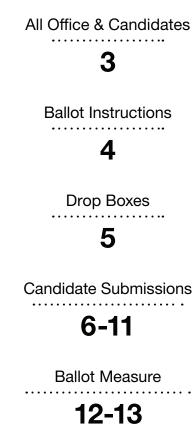
The sooner voters return their ballots, the more complete the results will be when we post them on election night!

Thank you!

Skagit County Elections

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Where's my ballot?

Due to different mail routes, you may receive a voters' pamphlet, but might not be voting in this election.

If you think you should have received a ballot and don't see one in the mail by Wednesday July 19th, please contact us.

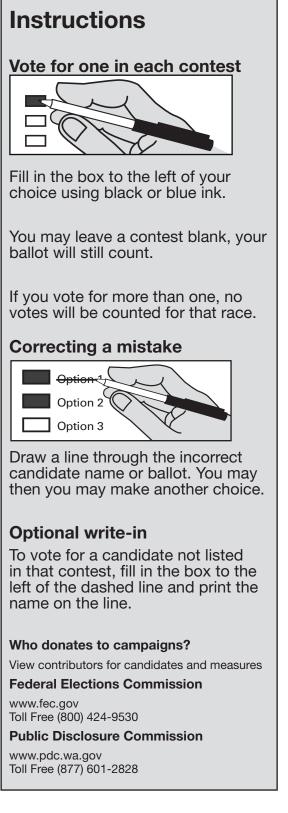
Call	360-416-1702
Email Web	scelections@co.skagit.wa.us
web	votewa.gov



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

Ballot Instructions

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



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/security sleeve.

Put the secrecy/security sleeve in the return envelope.

Seal the return envelope.

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

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

Place your ballot in a ballot drop-box ...

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

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

Skagit County Elections strongly encourages using drop boxes.

Or return your ballot by mail...

NO STAMP required if mailed in the U.S.

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

Contact Skagit County Elections...

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

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

Phone: (360) 416-1702 Email: scelections@co.skagit.wa.us Web: www.skagitcounty.net/elections

Remember to sign your return envelope!

Ballot Drop Box Locations

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

Anacortes - Library Anacortes Public Library (behind library near drive-up book drop) 1220 10th Street

Anacortes - Skyline Skyline Beach Club 6041 Sands Way

Bow Edison Fire District 5 Fire Station 14304 West Bow Hill Road

Burlington (north side of Fairhaven Ave parking lot) 900 E. Fairhaven Street

Concrete Skagit Upriver Services/Library 45770 A Main 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 6020 Mountain Goat Way, Darrington

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

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



Linda Martin (Nonpartisan Office)

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Elected Experience

I am a first-time candidate for city council, having served as a member and president of the Riverview School District Board of Directors.

Other Professional Experience

I currently serve as an Anacortes Planning Commissioner. My career in education includes serving as teacher, principal, and superintendent in Monroe, Lopez Island and Thorp. I was chosen as the Washington Robert Handy most effective administrator.

Education

Doctoral degree; educational leadership, Seattle Pacific University. Educational Leadership Certificate, University of Washington.

Community Service

HOA treasurer, church children's director and teacher, President South Central Educational Service District superintendents' component, Washington State curriculum advisory committee, Lopez Island Historical Society, Lopez Island Prevention Coalition.

Statement

Maintaining public safety, ensuring responsible growth that includes more affordable housing, and continuing to support our vibrant arts community are some of my priorities. Anacortes is the jewel of the Pacific Northwest, and it is my forever home. I want to make sure our city maintains its pristine beaches and forest lands, while providing opportunities for small businesses to thrive and grow. This means, among other things, that we finish the Guemes Channel trail, that we implement a plan for developing the south Commercial Street corridor, and that we find ways to support our first responders and law enforcement.

As the daughter of immigrants, I witnessed my parents working tirelessly to succeed and support a large family. Their influence cemented my deeply held belief in giving back to my community wherever I can. I am a hard worker, a strong collaborator, and a person you can trust to make the difficult decisions. I will stand up for you, fight for our American values, and defend the freedoms that we all value. Let's work together for our beautiful city! Thank you for your vote.



Jeremy Carter (Nonpartisan Office)

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Elected Experience Anacortes City Council Ward 3 (2020-present)

Other Professional Experience

Leadership Skagit: Army National Guard (19 years); Senior leadership Course, Advanced leadership Course, Basic Leadership Course (Military)

Education

Bachelors in Psychology

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

Jeremy Carter is a dedicated and experienced leader for our community, making him an excellent choice for city councilman. With a bachelor's degree in psychology, Jeremy has a deep understanding of human behavior and the diverse needs of our population. His empathy, compassion, and focus on mental health initiatives enable him to approach the challenges our city faces effectively. Furthermore, Jeremy's military service has instilled in him a strong sense of duty, discipline, and strategic thinking, qualities that will enhance the safety and wellbeing of our community. Electing Jeremy Carter as our city councilman ensures that our concerns will be heard, our interests will be represented, and our community will thrive.

Jeremy's experience as a successful business owner adds another layer of expertise to his candidacy. His firsthand knowledge of economic development and job creation allows him to develop policies that promote a thriving business environment, benefiting all residents. Jeremy's commitment to family values is equally remarkable. As a devoted family man, he understands the importance of safe neighborhoods, quality education, and accessible recreational opportunities for our children. He will prioritize initiatives that strengthen family bonds, support education, and foster a nurturing environment for all.

City of Anacortes | Council Position 3, Ward 3 | 4-year term



TJ Fantini

(Nonpartisan Office)

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Elected Experience None

Other Professional Experience

Currently a Relationship Manager at Peoples Bank, Anacortes. Previously, a Property Inspector at Safeguard Properties and a Cost Engineer at Aware Products.

Education

Anacortes High School (Class President, 1998), Anacortes Middle School, and Fidalgo Elementary School.

Community Service

Current roles - President of Anacortes Community Theatre, Board Member of Anacortes Senior Center Foundation, Class ACT Teacher, and AKtion Theater Volunteer.

Statement

An Anacortes local, TJ is a community builder running for City Council. Rooted in the belief in neighborhood planning and collaborative solutions, his commitment is exhibited through his extensive community service. Under his presidency, Anacortes Community Theatre successfully weathered the COVID-19 storm, highlighting his leadership, resilience, and adaptability.

TJ will advocate for revitalizing Anacortes's infrastructure, prioritizing older neighborhoods that have served as the backbone for newer developments. He plans to improve pavements and sidewalks, eliminate patchwork zones, and finish incomplete areas. He is dedicated to preserving our parks and marinas and supports privately funded arts and cultural projects to enrich our community. He will pursue these improvements within the existing budget without burdening residents with new taxes.

TJ's approachability and strong listening skills make him the ideal representative for Ward Three. He values engagement and open dialogue and will bring your voice to the council. His commitment to Anacortes is deeply personal. "I want my children to grow up in a vibrant, safe, and prosperous Anacortes - the town that shaped me. This is more than a political goal. It's a promise to my family and neighbors." Vote for TJ Fantini and contribute to the Anacortes we all love.

Anacortes School District No. 103 | Director Position 5 | 4-year term



Edward J. Barton (Nonpartisan Office)

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Elected Experience

Snohomish Čounty Charter Review Commission (2015); Mill Creek Planning Commission (2001- 2006)

Other Professional Experience

Adjunct Professor - Saint Martin's University, CFO & General Counsel - Saint Martin's University (2016-2018), CEO, CFO, COO - Multiple Companies. Certified Public Accountant. Attorney.

Education

Doctor of Education - Marshall University, Masters in Education - WGU - Washington, LL.M. - University of London, JD - Northwestern California, MBA - Syracuse University, BBA - Notre Dame

Community Service

Past: Skyview PTSA Treasurer, Saint Martins Business School Advisory Board, University of South Florida Digital Marketing Advisory Board, Northshore YMCA Board. Current: Selective Service Local Board Member

Statement

"Great teachers have always understood that their real role is not to teach subjects, but to teach students" - Ken Robinson, Ph.D.

Our student body, educators, and parents shape the future of our community with their diversity and education. The role of a school board is to balance the individual needs of these three groups within the budget set by the state and local levies and to ensure that we have a strategic plan and resources to educate our students with that end in mind.

My background in higher education allowed me to see the challenges of students ill-prepared with basic skills at the next level. The impacts of COVID-19 on our students will be felt for a generation and require an individualized approach to education beyond what we were used to. Budget and demographic headwinds will require difficult decisions and balancing priorities that my educational and CPA background will help address.

As a product of public schools K-12, and with two daughters who are also public school students, I recognize the value of a safe, inclusive, rigorous public education system. I will collaborate with parents, educators, students, and the public to ensure Anacortes School District delivers on that promise.



Heather J Brennan

(Nonpartisan Office)

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Elected Experience No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Retired, Park Maintenance, City of Anacortes (2005-2020); Para Educator, Anacortes School District; Through the Garden Gate Preschool; Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center; Letter Carrier, USPS.

Education

AA Degree from Skagit Valley College

Community Service

Swim Team Referee/Volunteer, Thunderbird Aquatic Club/ High School Swim & Dive Team (2000 – Present); Board President, Seahawk Athletic Booster Association (SABA) (2015-2019); Volunteer, SABA (2006 – 2015); Classroom and Library Volunteer, Golden Acorn Award Recipient, Fidalgo Elementary PTA; Mayor Award of Merit Recipient 2016; Leadership Skagit Class of 2017; Commendation Award Recipient, Washington State Secondary Athletic Administrators Association, 2019; Volunteer, Skagit Valley Humane Society, 2021-present

Statement

I am Skagit Valley born and raised and have had the privilege of living in Anacortes for the last 35 years. All three of my children attended Anacortes schools, from kindergarten through high school, and it has been a pleasure raising my family here. I believe in the strength of our schools, and I have been impressed with what the Board has dealt with and accomplished over the years. If elected I look forward to helping the Board continue to address numerous, important issues facing the District: making sure the District maintains financial solvency and fiscal responsibility; addressing input from, and transparency for, the public; and, the need to maintain and encourage equitable opportunities for all students regardless of their unique situation so that they reach their fullest potential. It would be an honor to contribute to this ongoing work. Involvement in our schools and community has been my priority for over three decades and my unique experience and skill set will help me be a champion for our students and schools.

Anacortes School District No. 103 | Director Position 5 | 4-year term



Alexis Gentry (Nonpartisan Office)

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Elected Experience First time candidate

Other Professional Experience

Professional Interior Designer / Project Manager

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts - Interior Design, Art Institute of Seattle

Community Service

Accreditation Focus Group, Anacortes School District (2023); Classroom and PTSA volunteer, Anacortes School District (2015-2020); HR Committee Chair at Westminster Presbyterian, (2014-2016); Fidalgo Dance Works —fundraising and parent volunteer (2015-2020); Anacortes High School —Choir Booster Club (2022-2023); Fiddlehead Montessori —Annual Fund Campaign Committee (2022-2023)

Statement

Our school board needs members who thoroughly understand the issues, problem solve as a team, and set productive policy for the needs of all students and staff.

My husband Brian and I made a deliberate choice to raise our three children in Anacortes School District. Both of us have family with businesses that have contributed to the greater community for decades, and we were taught that it is our role and responsibility to participate in solutions, not just criticism. This chance to serve on the school board is a place to give back to Anacortes students and staff, leaning into the challenges and opportunities ahead.

I don't have all the answers, but I look forward to collaborating with our current board to create fair policies that continue our legacy of striving for excellence. Thank you for trusting me with your vote.

No photo submitted

Darene Follett

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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

Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101 | Director District 3 | 4-year term 10



Dani Baird Russell

(Nonpartisan Office)

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Elected Experience

Currently serving as school director of District 3, Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101

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

Education

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

Community Service Sedro-Woolley Rotarian, Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation Board Member, Sedro-Woolley Little League Coach, SW Youth Soccer Coach, Leadership Skagit 2014 Graduate, Mount Vernon Boys & Girls Club Community Council, Sedro-Woolley HS Fastpitch Volunteer, Big Lake Parent Group Participant, University of Oregon Student-Athlete Development Mentor Program Volunteer.

Statement

As a former K-12 student, a graduate of the Sedro-Woolley School District, and now the mother of two students at Big Lake Elementary, I am deeply committed to the success of every student who walks through our halls and the continued growth of our District.

Whether through volunteering, coaching, or stepping in as an emergency substitute, my active participation in our schools has granted me invaluable insights from the perspectives of both students and educators. Having the opportunity to interact with our students regularly is my favorite part of serving in this position.

I firmly believe in the power of partnerships and the continued engagement with stakeholders, including students, families, local businesses, school staff, and our community members. Each of these entities plays a crucial and integral role in strengthening our schools and advancing student achievement.

The task of educating our students is an ongoing journey. As a District, we must continue to challenge ourselves, seek improvement in student outcomes and proficiencies. provide new learning opportunities, and make strategic investments to address the missed learning in recent years.

I would love your support as we work together towards a brighter future for our students and community.

No photo submitted

Tové Schweizer

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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



Hannah Oliver

(Nonpartisan Office)

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Elected Experience Big Lake PCO

Other Professional Experience

Statewide Coordinator, Washington Student Engagement Networks; Volunteer Coordinator, Skagit Habitat for Humanity; Paraprofessional, Mount Vernon School District (MVSD); Student Teacher/Substitute Teacher, Sedro-Woolley School District (SWSD)

Education

Masters in Teaching from Western Washington University (WWU). Bachelors in Political Science from Central Washington University (CWU). Certificate in the Fundamentals of Veterinary Assisting from Northwest Career and Technical Academy (NCTA).

Community Service

Skagit Gleaners volunteer, Cascade Middle School Club Volunteer, Skagit Women's Alliance and Network (SWAN) selection committee member

Statement

We are fortunate to reside in a tight-knit community that values family and its significant impact on our education system. When communities engage with their schools, learning outcomes improve, graduates are encouraged to remain in the area, and the entire community prospers.

As an educator, I possess a strong foundation to tackle the challenges of our education system.

I will leverage my years of experience in community engagement and K-12 Schools to champion initiatives that strengthen the bonds between our schools, families, and community, including regular communication channels, community-driven decision-making, and opportunities for meaningful engagement. Together, we can foster a collaborative environment where everyone feels valued and genuinely invested in our student's education.

When educators, families, and communities come together, we create an environment where all students thrive. With my experience, I will strengthen these connections and make the Sedro-Woolley School District an even stronger education institution for our children.

Together, we can improve our schools.

Thank you for your support.



Ashley Gregorius

(Nonpartisan Office)

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Elected Experience No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

I am the Business Operations Manager of an optometry practice and medical spa, where I developed extensive protocols for day-to-day operations and marketing management. Before my healthcare career, I worked in education with children and adults with disabilities and trained as a Behavior Specialist. I taught in various education settings, including School Districts, nonprofits, and childcare centers.

Education

Whatcom Community College AA; Cornell University Executive Healthcare Management Certification and Healthcare Change Certification; Studied Criminal Justice and Communication at WSU

Community Service

President of the Board at Burlington Little School; Previous Board Member at Friendship House; Previous Board Vice Chair at Fildalgo Nature School

Statement

In this position, I will utilize all my experience to ensure we continue providing outstanding programs for Skagit County citizens and implement positive change. Growing up on a five-acre farm, I recognize our community's needs and healthcare access challenges in rural communities. As a parent in our community, combined with my business expertise, I will ensure people of all ages have a healthy future while maintaining a fiscally responsible board. On this board, I will advocate for more programs and healthcare expansion and continue to fight for our rural communities to have the same level of care as those in the city.

I am active in the community and have had the honor of working alongside many of our nonprofit leaders and local elected officials. I became an advocate for healthcare after eight years of working with people who struggled with mental health issues and disabilities. In addition to building and expanding a successful optometry practice, I volunteered for the people of this community, supported business organizations, and improved early childhood education throughout Skagit County.

I am committed to improving the health and vitality of all those in Skagit County.

No photo submitted Eric Lodjic (Nonpartisan Office)

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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

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

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Hospital District 304 | Commissioner Position 2 | 6-year term

Debra Lancaster

No photo submitted

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Elected Experience No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience No Information Submitted

Education No Information Submitted

Community Service No Information Submitted

Statement No Information Submitted

Fire Protection District No. 24 **Proposition No. 1**

Emergency Medical Services Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Snohomish/Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 24 adopted Resolution No. 2023-2 concerning a proposition to restore its EMS regular property tax levy.

This proposition would authorize the District to restore its regular EMS property tax levy to \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2023 and collected in 2024. The funds will maintain and improve emergency medical services. The maximum allowable levy in 2023 collected in 2024, shall serve as the base for computing subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this Proposition be:

Approved Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Written by Fire Protection District No. 24

Your elected Board of Commissioners of Snohomish/ Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 24 have determined that the funding of emergency medical services (EMS) to our citizens require more stable and consistent funding.

If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to restore its EMS property tax levy to \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation the rate previously approved by the voters in 2011. The Board of Commissioners will establish the actual levy rate each year following a public hearing.

Approval of this measure will allow the District to maintain the level of emergency medical services currently provided on a continuing basis. The District must use the EMS tax revenue exclusively for emergency medical services. The amount levied by the District in 2023 for collection in 2024 will serve as the based for computing future one percent increases allowed by the law.

Argument For

A levy that helps us all

As a community, we last approved an EMS levy in 2011. That year, there were 365 calls for service. In 2022, the number of calls increased to 670! The costs for supplies, medications, and even fuel to drive to the hospital have increased, as well. Since then, the fire district has improved our EMS system with new, grant-funded vehicles and equipment. Starting in 2020, the fire district introduced paramedic service to our community. Before 2020, the closest paramedics came 30+ miles from Arlington, causing significant delays in advanced EMS care. Now, we have paramedics partnered with specially-trained volunteer EMTs who can respond within minutes right from our community. *Local EMS service saves lives!*

A levy is not always the answer, but to support local emergency medical services in the Darrington Fire District, our community must join together. The levy is critical to a safe, healthy, and thriving community by ensuring lifesaving, volunteer paramedics and emergency medical technicians are available 24/7. When a levy can directly support our community and makes us safer, it just makes sense!

Now more than ever, our volunteer EMTs and Paramedics need our support. We are asking our family members, friends, and neighbors to help us keep our EMS service strong and local. We cannot afford to lose any of the services our volunteers have worked so hard to give us. *Vote yes for EMS* and help keep our community safe and sound by keeping paramedics in Darrington!

Committee Spokesperson: Judith O'Conner Contact: 360-436-0652; grandmaoc@frontier.com Committee Members: Peter Selvig

Argument Against

No information submitted.

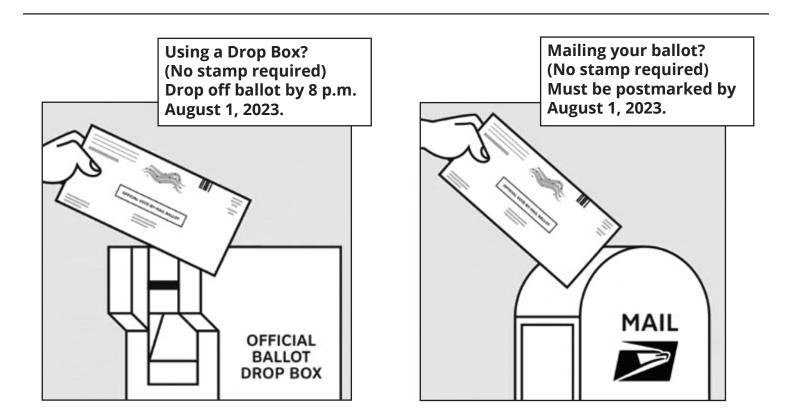
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