

Thurston County Official

Local Voters' Pamphlet

November 7, 2023 General Election

We've included an "I VOTED" sticker in your ballot packet. Wear it with pride!!



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Notice to Voters:

Candidate statements are published exactly as submitted to the Thurston County Auditor's Elections Office. We do not make corrections of any kind or verify statements for truth or fact.

If a primary election was held for an office, the two candidates who received the most votes in the Primary advanced to the General Election.

Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

Replacement Ballots

If you lost, damaged, or did not receive your ballot, replacement ballots are available.

To get a replacement ballot:

By email: elections@co.thurston.wa.us

Online: VoteWA.gov

By phone: 360.786.5408
711 Washington Relay

In person: 2400 Evergreen Park Dr SW, Olympia
October 18 through November 6
8-4:30 M-F
8-8 Election Day (November 7)

Lacey Timberland Library
500 College St SE, Lacey
October 30 through November 6
10-4 M-F
8-8 Election Day (November 7)

The Evergreen State College Library
2700 McCann Plaza Dr NW, Olympia
November 6, 8-4:30
8-8 Election Day (November 7)

See page 5 for a complete list.



For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit www.pdc.wa.gov.

Message from Thurston County Auditor Mary Hall



Dear Voters,

We have many important races to vote on this election! Be sure to have your ballot returned by November 7, 2023.

Not only do we have leaders of our cities and school districts on our ballot, but we are also voting for two new county and port commissioners. Overall, we'll be electing almost 80 officials who will serve in your own backyard.

These county commissioners, mayors, city council members, port commissioners, fire commissioners, and school board members will make important decisions on your behalf. Issues that you care about, such as access to housing, homelessness, environmental protection, and education, are all influenced by the people on this year's ballot.

We'll also be electing two new county and port commissioners. Last year, voters approved expanding both of those boards from three to five commissioners. The commissioners of these two new districts will be elected this year.

This Voters' Pamphlet contains information on local elected offices, what each office does, and information submitted by the candidates themselves. It provides an opportunity to get to know the candidates.

Our election system in Washington State is as close as you can get to a perfect balance between access to voting and the security of elections.

I value the security of our Vote-by-Mail environment and the strong rules and laws that govern our elections in Washington State. We check the signature on the oath of every ballot return envelope, so we know each ballot we count was filled out by the intended voter. Our signature checkers are trained by the Office of the Secretary of State.

We also conduct several pre- and post-election audits to ensure your ballot is counted properly. These audits are open to the public. If you want to attend, look for more information at ThurstonWAVotes.gov or contact the elections office using the contact information below.

After you have returned your ballot, you can track it to be sure it will be counted by visiting VoteWA.gov. Simply enter your name and birthdate and click on the ballot status, which is updated daily.

Remember, you can register to vote up to 8:00 pm on Election Day. If you have any questions about our election process, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 360.786.5408 or elections@co.thurston.wa.us.

Respectfully,

Mary Hall

Mary Hall
Thurston County Auditor

Returning Your Ballot

Ballot Drop Box Locations

Drop boxes are open 24 hours a day and close promptly at 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Lacey Area

Lacey Fire 3, Station 34.....	8447 Steilacoom Rd SE
Lacey Fire 3, Station 35.....	3701 Willamette Dr NE
Lacey City Hall	420 College St SE
Lacey Post Office	5815 Lacey Blvd SE
Martin Village	5600 Martin Way E
Woodland Retirement & Assisted Living	4532 Intelco Lp SE

Olympia Area

Church of the Good Shepherd	1601 North St SE
Crain's Total Office	1006 4th Ave E
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	1515 Harrison Ave NW
Haggen NW Fresh.....	1313 Cooper Point Rd SW
Olympia City Hall	601 4th Ave E
The Evergreen State College.....	2700 McCann Plaza Dr NW
Thurston County Courthouse	2000 Lakeridge Dr SW
Thurston County Atrium	3000 Pacific Ave SE
South Puget Sound Community College.....	2011 Mottman Rd SW

Tumwater Area

McLane Black Lake Fire Station 95	5911 Black Lake Blvd SW, Olympia
Tumwater Timberland Library.....	7023 New Market St SW
Tumwater School Administration.....	621 Linwood Ave SW

South County Area

Bucoda.....	103 S Main St
Tenino School District Administration	301 Old Hwy 99 N

Southeast County

Lackamas Elementary.....	16240 Bald Hill Rd SE, Yelm
Nisqually Tribal Admin Bldg.....	4820 She Nah Num Dr SE, Olympia
Rainier City Hall	102 Rochester St W
Yelm School Administration.....	110 1 st St NE

Southwest County

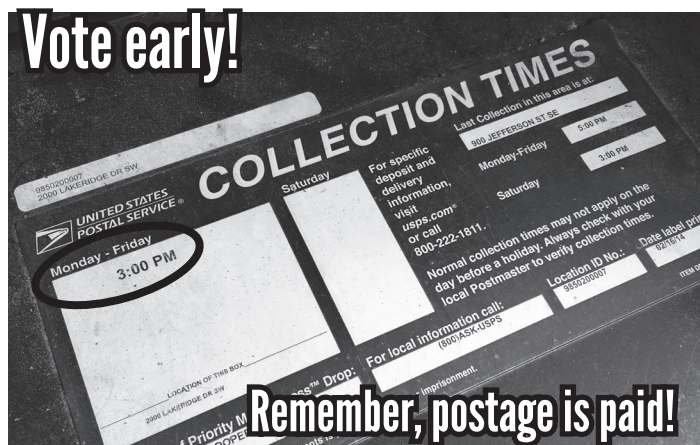
Grand Mound Center	19949 Old Hwy 99 SW, Rochester
Littlerock Fire 11.....	10828 Littlerock Rd SW, Olympia
Rochester Fire 1, Station 3.....	18346 Albany St SW

Steamboat Island

Griffin Fire 13, Station 1.....	3707 Steamboat Lp NW, Olympia
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North County

South Bay Fire 8, Station 81.....	3506 Shincke Rd NE, Olympia
South Bay Fire 8, Station 83.....	5046 Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia



Remember to check the pickup time listed on the mailbox!

Ballots must be postmarked by November 7 to be counted. No postage needed!

Missed the pickup time?
Use a drop box!

Locations, locations, locations...

Finding Voter Services

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Need a replacement ballot or to register? **We can help!**

Voting Centers

Need to register to vote or update your address? Need a ballot? Need election information, including voters' pamphlets? Need to use the Expressvote™ an accessible voting device? We are here for you!

Locations		Voter Services Hours	
Thurston County Elections	2400 Evergreen Park Dr SW	Oct. 18 through Nov. 6 Monday - Friday Election Day, Nov. 7	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Voting Center at the Lacey Library	500 College St SE	Oct. 30 to Nov. 6 Monday - Friday Election Day, Nov. 7	10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Library services 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

Student Engagement HUB

Need to register to vote or update your address? Need a ballot? Need election information, including voters' pamphlets?

Location		Voter Services Hours	
Evergreen College HUB	2700 McCann Plaza Drive NW	Friday, Nov. 3 Monday, Nov. 6 Election Day, Nov. 7	10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Voting at your Timberland Library

Need to register to vote or update your address? Need a ballot? Need election information, including voters' pamphlets?

Location		Voter Services Hours	
Olympia	313 8th Avenue SE	Friday, Nov. 3 Monday, Nov. 6 Election Day, Nov. 7	10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Library services 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.)
Tenino	172 Central Avenue W	Friday, Nov. 3 Monday, Nov. 6 Election Day, Nov. 7	10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (No library services available) 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Library services 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
Tumwater	7023 New Market Street	Friday, Nov. 3 Monday, Nov. 6 Election Day, Nov. 7	10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Library services 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Library services 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.)
Yelm	210 Prairie Park Street	Friday, Nov. 3 Monday, Nov. 6 Election Day, Nov. 7	10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (No library services available) 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Library services 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

6 Position Descriptions

County Commissioners: Serves as the local government and legislative authority outside city limits.

Port of Olympia Commissioners: Set economic objectives, policies and overall Port direction through comprehensive plans.

City & Town Councils: Thurston County has two types of government: council-manager or mayor-council. Under both, the council is the legislative and policy making body.

Council-Manager (Lacey): The city council appoints a city manager to oversee day-to-day affairs and selects one member to act as chair, with the title of mayor, presiding over council meetings and serving as ceremonial head of the city.

Council-Manager (Olympia): The mayor is elected, presides over council meetings and serves as ceremonial head of the city.

Mayor-Council (Bucoda, Rainier, Tenino, Tumwater and Yelm): The mayor and council members are elected. The mayor administers day-to-day city affairs, presides over council meetings, and has veto power.

School District Directors: Five directors make a board whose responsibilities include: budget, policy development, curriculum approval, planning and communications for the school district.

Fire Protection District & Regional Fire Authority Commissioners: Commissioners oversee districts that provide fire prevention services, fire suppression, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the county. With voter approval, they may issue bonds and make excess levies for specific purposes.

Parks and Recreation District Commissioners: State law allows for the formation of park and recreation districts as municipal corporations for the purpose of providing recreational activities of a non-profit nature as a public service to the residents of the district. These districts may acquire property, make contracts, establish fees, make rules governing park property, and manage and operate facilities. They may also impose property taxes, establish local improvement districts, and issue revenue bonds.

Cemetery District Commissioners: Commissioners acquire, improve and operate cemeteries. They also set a budget and establish fees and rules for cemetery use.

Drop boxes are the best way to ensure your ballot will get to us on time!

Drop boxes are securely locked and emptied by teams of two trained elections officials. Boxes are open 24/7 beginning October 18 and close promptly at 8 p.m. on November 7, Election Day.

Find the closest drop box at
ThurstonWAVotes.gov
or scan this QR code.





**Vivian
Eason**
(Prefers Independent Party)

Elected Experience

Vice President, Thurston County Council on Aging. Legislative Chair, Washington State Back Country Horsemen. Past Board Representative, Washington State Emergency Management Association.

Other Professional Experience

Thurston County Emergency Management Coordinator. Thurston County Sheriff Corrections Staff Assistant. Civil Affairs Master Sergeant, U.S. Army Reserve (Retired). Adjunct Professor, Pierce College Homeland Security Emergency Management.

Education

BA Degree, Emphasis in Social Science/Psychology – The Evergreen State College. ATA Degree – South Puget Sound Community College. Graduate of National Emergency Management Advanced Academy.

Community Service

Conference Committee for Partner's in Emergency Preparedness. Citizens Advisory Committee, West Thurston Regional Fire Authority. Operation Santa volunteer. Thurston County Sheriff Mounted Patrol/Search and Rescue.

Statement

I'm running because I believe government should work for the people – not the other way around. Government must be honest, efficient, and modernize outdated ways of tackling the critical challenges of our day.

For over thirty years I've dedicated my life to public service. As someone that dedicated their life to placing others first, it's upsetting to see politics being played when lives hang in the balance. Actual root causes of homelessness and crime must be properly addressed. Systemic failures in our mental health care and criminal justice systems need to be fixed to accomplish these vital tasks. I will work to solve economic problems and relieve the excessive burdens of inflation, housing, and taxes that affect the cost of living for working families and retirees.

Government should empower you with real choices. You deserve a voice on issues that closely impact your community, like whether sex offenders are housed right next door to you, or a new airport goes in your neighborhood.

Above all, I'll be up-front about what's hindering our potential and strive to mitigate counterproductive and self-serving political fights between the two major political parties. My name is Vivian Eason and I'm proud to serve you.

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**Wayne
Fournier**
(Prefers Democratic Party)

Elected Experience

Tenino City Councilmember, 2012-2015. Tenino Mayor, 2016-present. As an elected local leader, to address county-wide needs, I have represented Tenino on the Thurston County Emergency Management Council, Thurston County EMS Council, Thurston Economic Development Council, and the Community Investment Partnership.

Other Professional Experience

20-years as a professional firefighter. Previously a parole officer, juvenile detention counselor, and small business owner.

Education

Washington State University, BA in philosophy, minor in psychology; South Puget Sound Community College, AA.

Community Service

Volunteer firefighter, Thurston County Domestic Violence Task Force, PARC Foundation, Raise for Rowyn, Tenino Yellow Bicycle Project, Tenino Food Bank, Tenino School District classroom reader, Leadership Thurston County speaker.

Statement

Thurston County deserves leaders with a track record of success. As Mayor of Tenino, I led the hard work that doubled our budget, built a healthy reserve fund, and revitalized our city from failing to thriving. I will bring the leadership and passion my fellow Tenino residents have recognized to serve all of Thurston County.

As a professional firefighter, I know that public safety includes law enforcement as well as emergency systems and infrastructure, adequate housing and support services for people in crisis, behavioral health and chemical dependency treatment, and robust environmental and public health protections. I believe in preserving and enhancing the irreplaceable natural places of our county while providing opportunities for sustainable growth. I am committed to promoting economic development by leveraging our cultural assets and supporting local creativity and entrepreneurs.

From my family's history of local leadership, I learned a deep sense of duty to serve the community I've always called home. *If elected, I will make sure that all voices in Thurston County are heard.* I'd be honored to have your vote. Endorsed by Beth Doglio, Carolina Mejia, Tye Menser, Derek Sanders, the mayors of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, Yelm, and Rainier, and your Thurston County Firefighters.

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Emily Clouse

(Prefers Democratic Party)

Elected Experience

Precinct Committee Officer

Other Professional Experience

Held top-secret security clearance as Military Intelligence Analyst. Managed family-owned small business, held supervisory role at DSHS's Forensic Mental Health, and served as CARE Olympia's Executive Director.

Education

NTHS graduate, attended SPSCC, earned Cum Laude B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Global Engagement from UW Tacoma.

Community Service

CAB member with CYS Juvenile Diversion, 2015-2022. Founded CARE Olympia to support youth and young adults successful transition into the community from the criminal justice system, conducted regular outreach to the unhoused community, and forged collaborative partnerships with nonprofits for improved social systems navigation.

Statement

My experiences as a military intelligence analyst, nonprofit leader, and family business manager have prepared me to serve as your Commissioner. Upholding fiscal transparency is paramount, ensuring your tax dollars are judiciously applied. I'll champion affordable housing, worker rights, and environmental sustainability, alongside empowering youth and families.

My commitment to community safety goes beyond conventional law enforcement. I envision a system that encourages restorative justice, and I'll strive to amplify your voice in shaping our public safety landscape. Affordable housing is an immediate priority, I will collaborate with local cities to enact proven solutions to expand affordable housing options in Thurston County for all income levels.

Environmental stewardship is more than a responsibility; it's a legacy for our youth. I'm resolved to successfully execute Thurston County's Climate Mitigation Plan, addressing the pressing issue of climate change, and advocating for sustainable practices. Promoting economic opportunity, I will support small businesses and organized labor, nurturing the backbone of our local economy.

The pillars of our county's future- unity, transparency, and commitment to justice- shouldn't be compromised. I humbly request your vote for Thurston County Commissioner. Let's work together to create a prosperous, equitable community we are all proud to call home.

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Terry S. Ballard

(States No Party Preference)

Elected Experience

Former PCO for Precinct 119-Lydia Hawk.

Other Professional Experience

Combat veteran. Served for 35 years between 1976-2012 in the U.S. Army and retired with over 29 years active-duty. I served in the areas of Airborne Infantry, Engineer, Maintenance, Transportation, Logistics, Facility Management, and a trained Equal Opportunity Representative.

Education

Graduate of Novato HS Marin County, California. Attended the University of Maryland and College of Marin.

Community Service

Lifetime member of the local VFW, DAV, AMVETS, and NCOA. Served as a Volunteer Veteran's Service Officer and member of the Veterans Legislative Coalition. Former 2004 USS Ronald Reagan Shellback.

Statement

I am a JFK Kennedy Independent and now more than ever, we need less partisan politics and more focus on our community, businesses, and families. I have been an active part of Thurston County as I continually show up, step up and voice our concerns to the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners by providing testimony. Others might show up during election time.

Homelessness, drug addiction, and mental illness are major issues currently with some end in sight. We will improve social and other county services to combat these and give these unfortunates a hand-up, not a hand-out. We will reduce regulatory roadblocks for small businesses, such as homebuilders to encourage more affordable housing.

Currently, we voice our opinion against new property taxes, additional fees added to property tax, additional sales tax, and wasteful spending. When elected, we will continue by voting to benefit the citizens of our county and by representing them over Thurston County's staff influence.

We will continue our service directly to the citizens of Thurston County, with a primary focus on District 5 and as a whole the entire county. I represent you, not myself. I ask for your vote and support. Thank you!

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**Jasmine
Vasavada**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Director of Policy and Legislation, WA State Department of Commerce; State Energy Office Senior Energy Policy Specialist; Nonpartisan Staff Counsel, WA House of Representatives State Government Committee and Committee on Technology, Telecommunications, and Economic Development; Law Clerk and Interim Public Guardian, Guam Supreme Court; Toxins Policy Advocate, New Jersey Public Interest Research Group; Volunteer Director, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Marine Science Center.

Education

University of Washington School of Law J.D., Mediation certificate and Tulalip Tribal clinic; University of Idaho, Energy Policy Planning Certificate; Harvard University, B.A. in biological sciences.

Community Service

New Jersey Work Environment Council, Secretary

Statement

The Port of Olympia is the only public entity in Thurston County devoted to economic development. I'm running for Port Commission because I've devoted my life and career to ensuring our communities thrive, and I want to bring that experience to the Port.

As Director of Policy and Legislation at the Washington Department of Commerce— the state agency focused on economic development— I had the opportunity to support the work of ports and other local governments in bringing critical infrastructure to their communities.

Thurston County is much more than the seat of state government. Strategic economic investments can help connect our farms and ranches to broadband, recruit living wage jobs to our industrial parks, integrate port-owned waterfront properties with downtown Olympia as a recreational destination, and, for our small businesses, generate value from Thurston's prime location as a gateway to both the Olympic Peninsula and Mount Rainier. The port can bring together public and private sector partners to create near- and long-term community development benefits for Thurston County. I look forward to drawing on my background as a public interest advocate, government counsel, legislative analyst and energy policy specialist to help lead the port of Olympia into a sustainable future.

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**Bill
McGregor**

Elected Experience

15 years as a Port Commissioner at the Port of Olympia

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

Degree in Transportation Logistics and a Certified Public Port Manager Certification from the American Association of Port Authorities.

Community Service

Serving my community is a priority. I have served on the YMCA Board, Thurston County Economic Development Council, Thurston Regional Planning Council, Solid Waste Advisory Council, Lacey Chamber member, Lacey Rotary Club Member, Aerie 21 Fraternal Order of Eagles member, American Legion Post #3 Lifetime Member, Board Member of the South Sound Maritime Historical Association (Harbor Days)

Statement

With the recent decision by Thurston County voters to expand the Port Commission to 5 Commissioners, I am putting my name on the ballot to represent the Citizens of Thurston County for the 2024 – 2028 election cycle. My emphasis has been and continues to be Economic Development balanced with Environmental Stewardship. The Port is an important engine in this community to provide public good and family wage jobs,. I support cleaning up of historical contamination in and around Budd Inlet, collaboration with state, county governments, and local city governments to improve quality of life for all Citizens. Public input is paramount to good governance. I have the work experience and historical knowledge to bring all of this together for the benefit of our county.

With over 27 years working at Executive level management positions at the Ports of Tacoma, Olympia and Grays Harbor, I believe experience matters.

Endorsements include State Representative Andrew Barkis, Port Commissioners Amy Evans-Harding, Joe Downing, Bob Iyall, Thurston County Treasurer Jeff Gadman, Thurston County Assessor Steven Drew, Mayors Andy Ryder, Wayne Fournier, Bob Shaw, Council Members Lennie Greenstein, Michael Stedman, Ed Kunkel

I ask for your vote in the August Primary and the November General Election.

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Port of Olympia continued on the next page. ➔

NOTICE TO VOTERS:

In the new districts No. 4 and No. 5, the Port Commissioner with the most votes in the General Election serves a four-year term. The winner of the other district will serve for two years. (RCW 53.12.130)

If you have questions, contact our office.

Thurston County Elections

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ThurstonWAVotes.gov





**Rose Chiu
Gundersen**

Elected Experience

I am a first-time candidate.

Other Professional Experience

VP of Operations and Retail Services, Washington Retail Association. Small Business Liaison, WA Department of Labor & Industries. Entrepreneur and small business owner.

Education

Business Administration B.A., University of Washington;
Executive Juris Doctorate, Concord Law School

Community Service

While attending law school, I learned that human trafficking happens right here in our community. For the past 13 years, I have dedicated myself to conducting policy research, advocacy, and co-founding Washington Trafficking Prevention. This includes developing the organization and board of directors, mobilizing volunteers, and fundraising. I am now a volunteer for World Relief, a refugee resettlement nonprofit.

Statement

Having grown up in Hong Kong, I have admired the US democratic system since I was a teenager. Our community's strength lies in a thriving democracy that balances different points of view and navigates disagreement with a generous heart. These are the values I hold dear and practice as a community advocate, entrepreneur, and resident in Thurston County for 24 years.

My cultural and multi-sector professional experiences have shaped my ability to establish trust and collaborate with diverse groups. I have a proven track record of bridging divides, working across the aisle, and passing legislation that helps people.

My priority as a Port Commissioner is to Make Thurston County a Destination — by focusing on our strengths and making the Port a leader in economic and social development. I intend to promote living wage jobs and grow our region's small farms, agri-tourism, and small businesses.

My deep roots in this community and advocacy background will help secure the resources and collaboration needed for the Budd Inlet restoration and the completion of Destination Waterfront in downtown Olympia. The people of Thurston County deserve to live in a vibrant community with jobs and places for recreation. I humbly ask for your vote.

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**Maggie
Sanders**

Elected Experience

EPA National Tribal Air Association Commissioner Region 10 Tribes

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

Master of Public Administration with concentration in Tribal Administration, Evergreen State College; BA in Law and Policy and Government Relations, Evergreen State College

Community Service

NASA Ambassador, Human Health Air Quality Applied Sciences; Marine Services Division; Member of Region 10: Regional Response Team (RRT) and the Northwest Area Committee (NWAC) International Ocean Acidification Alliance; FEMA Certified Trainer "Tribal Leaders Preparing for Natural Disasters"; Equal Employment Opportunity Mediator

Statement

As Port Commissioner I will promote environmental stewardship, fiscal responsibility, transparency in government, and accountability to the democratic process.

Through my master's degree in public administration and years of public service I have effectively worked on core issues that impact the lives of our region's residents, all while prioritizing being a change agent in diversity, equity and inclusion to protect our most vulnerable communities.

I will work in partnership with local businesses and community organizations to better serve our beautiful region. With collaboration and responsible environmental stewardship, we can implement proactive programs that help tackle the climate crisis and protect our land and waterways. I will integrate environmental policies and considerations into all aspects of the Port's strategic planning and business decision-making. These considerations are vital as they influence the socioeconomic and environmental heartbeat of our region. My goal is to strengthen the integrity and transparency of the public contracting process and the competitive nature of public procurement, as well as promote the efficient and transparent use of Port resources. I will maximize economic investment in public contracting, creating conditions in which everyone can participate, prosper, and achieve equitable outcomes with respect to the Port of Olympia decision-making processes.

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**Sarah
Tonge**

Elected Experience

Served as Democratic Precinct Committee Officer 2016-2020; First Political Campaign

Other Professional Experience

With 11 years of experience in information technology, I have worked in various roles within private organizations, focusing on resolving technical support issues and leading IT teams. This background has provided me with valuable problem-solving skills and a strategic mindset that I believe will be beneficial in serving our community. I started out working in childcare and retail.

Education

South Sound High School, SPSCC for Running Start, Western Governors University B.S Information Technology 2014-2017.

Community Service

Demo Burger Booth Volunteer 2015-2019; Moms Demand Action Member; Member of Thurston County Democrats and Democratic Women

Statement

Future generations rely on a healthy planet. I am running for this position to protect the environment by promoting responsible use of natural resources and engaging the community in discussions on climate change, environmental safeguards, and land management.

If elected, I will prioritize community benefits, environmental sustainability, innovative technologies, and addressing critical issues like the housing crisis and the need for living wage jobs. I will closely collaborate with the commission and the community to create change.

Through my education and professional experience, I have gained a solid foundation and deep understanding of the Port of Olympia and how technology can improve operations. I am eager to explore and implement innovative technological solutions, combining them with my project planning and coordination skills to effectively address the port's challenges and surpass our 2050 Port vision.

By electing me to the Port of Olympia Commission, you can trust me as a dedicated advocate for the environment, transparency, and accountability, and a collaborator who values community input. Together, we will shape a future where the Port of Olympia thrives as an environmentally responsible hub, benefiting our entire community.

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**Troy
Kirby**

Elected Experience

Candidate for Lacey City Council, 2019

Other Professional Experience

Small business owner. Independent consultant. School of Business instructor at Saint Martin's University. 2019 Entrepreneur of the Year, Lacey South Sound Chamber.

Education

Masters, Seattle University 2007; Bachelors, EWU 2005; Associates, Centralia College 2003; Timberline HS 1994.

Community Service

Lacey Parks Board Commissioner (2018-22); Gateway Rotary (2017-Current); Past Elks and Eagles member; Ciderfest fundraisers for Chamber PPE Equipment (2021) & Pet Vet Bills (2022); Brew Five Three fundraiser for Tacoma Arts Live! (2022); Gold Star Family Memorial Monument in Lacey, board (2021-22);

Statement

The Port is an economic engine for our community which has several living wage jobs. Beyond the marine terminal and airport, there are several properties that the Port controls in our community. What the Port requires is a continual update of its strategic plan, services and business model that reflects its growing community.

Board service is about our neighbors feeling heard on dynamic issues that affect them and their community. While on the Lacey Parks Board, my goal was to ensure that everyone felt heard. Not always listened to. But heard. Diplomacy is about no one feeling that they got 100% of what they wanted, but no one feels that they lost out completely.

The Port's issues over the past few decades have been overall a bad operations culture along with personnel changes, lack of warehouse space for larger cargo, and concerns by taxpayers over the financial burden that the Port puts on their households.

If elected, I plan to examine solutions to these challenges with effective benchmarks.

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**Robert F.
Gordon**

Elected Experience

I have been appointed to and then elected to Council position 5 which I held for 8 years.

Other Professional Experience

I've been an owner and manager of Gordon Enterprises LLC since 2006. A partner in Gordon Ranch LLC; and I own and operate Gordon Skookumchuck Ranch where I raise cattle.

Education

Highschool graduate and some did not complete my major at WSU.

Community Service

I've been an volunteer with the Bucoda Fire Department since 1996 until current as well as participated in other various volunteer projects and event in town.

Statement

I was appointed to the Mayors office in November of 2022 when Steve Purcell resigned, since then I have been working very diligently in making changes in the office and with public works, the Town brought on new employees that have been doing an outstanding job. I would like to continue updating the ordinances and enforcement of the ordinances of the Town. We have lots of work left to do in numerous projects, seeking funding for others.

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**Callie
Carpenter**

Elected Experience

Interim Bucoda City Council Member

Other Professional Experience

Founder of Pacific Northwest Cookie Company

Education

No Information Submitted.

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

My family and I have been members of the Bucoda community for the past three and a half years. We love the community and enjoy raising our children here. I am committed to keeping the family friendly atmosphere in our community and I feel that as a member of the city council I would be able to accomplish this goal. My time as interim city council member has been very informative and a great experience which I would like to continue.

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No Photo
Submitted

**Steven
Lyle**

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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**Michelle
Layton**

Elected Experience

None yet

Other Professional Experience

Outreach and Education Coordinator for Thurston County;
Water testing experience; Professional presentations; Visual
Design

Education

Attending Oregon State University for a Bachelor of Science in
Natural Resources; Associate Degree in Veterinary Science

Community Service

Pibble and All Paws Rescue: Rescue/Foster home; My Way
Home Dog Rescue: Rescue/Foster home; Heartstrides at Healing
Hearts Ranch: Horse lead/Sidewalker; Wild Felid Advocacy
Center of Washington: Animal enrichment, grounds work,
enclosure building

Statement

I moved to Bucoda in 2018 and fell in love with the town. The
friendliness of the local people, sense of community, and of
course Boocoda. I would like to serve the town as a council
member and make decisions for the best interests of the local
community. I am FEMA and CPR certified and volunteer locally
with dog rescue organizations. I would like to see more activity
in the community center, continue working with Habitat for
Humanity and other organizations to better our town, and help
get the gym ready for public use.

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**Kiersten
Presley**

Elected Experience

Honored to have been appointed to council in January 2023

Other Professional Experience

Prior to transitioning to a stay-at-home mom and mini homesteader in 2021, Kiersten was a manager in the banking sector with a history of leadership and a focus on the financial industry.

Education

Yelm High School

Community Service

Previous community experiences range from many years of coaching youth cheerleading, mission trips, and serving as an ambassador for her previous County. Kiersten is currently working to bring back the Bucoda Improvement club!

Statement

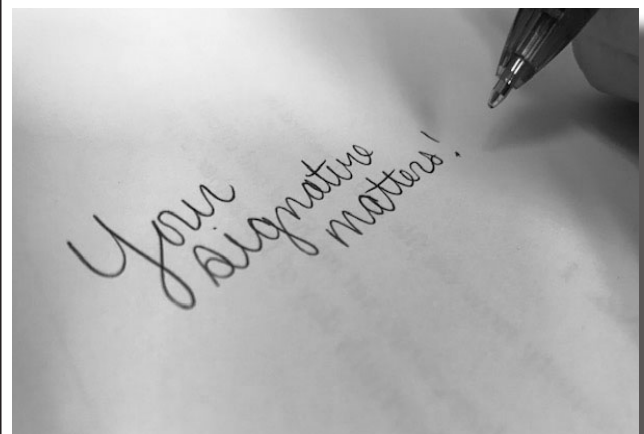
As a stay-at-home mom with a mini homestead, I am committed to sustainability and building a strong resilient community. My dedication to service and management experience make me a natural fit for the town council. I am passionate about improving the lives of those around me and will bring a unique perspective to the council. I look forward to continuing to serve my community!

Contact

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**Malcolm
Miller**

Elected Experience

Current City Council Member/City of Lacey Deputy Mayor

Other Professional Experience

Loan officer since 2001; Former small business owner; Former DOD employee

Education

No graduate degree

Community Service

Habitat for Humanity; Thurston County Coalition Against Trafficking 5k Director; Thurston Thrives; EDC; Celebrate Recovery Teen Mentor; Mens Ministry Board; Volunteer Musician Capital Christian Center

Statement

I have been a community servant most of my life. I enjoy living and serving in the City of Lacey and love the potential I see in this city. Some of my goals include more affordable housing, better and more efficient transportation, reducing the causes homelessness and creating permanent supportive housing for those who have lost their way or have been priced out of the housing market. Greater access for our senior citizens who are 26% of our population.

I have lived in this community for over 20 years, have raised two daughters here. I have lived in the State of Washington my entire life. I would really like to be able to provide indoor recreation opportunities for our residents in addition to our amazing parks As we enter into this next season of growth I want to make sure we inclusive and welcoming city. A place where people find opportunity and get the help they need to grow their business and family.

I want to see people grow their business and families here and use those same dollars in this community instead of sending those funds to other cities. I think my professional experience will help achieve these goals.

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**Spencer
Zeman**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

Small business owner, US Army Veteran

Education

Bachelors University of Central Florida 2008 - Political Science and History, Masters work (30hrs) University of Central Florida 2010 - Public Policy and Opinion, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2019 - Business Process Design Management, Certified Travel Ambassador 2023

Community Service

2023-2027 Capitol Area Regional – Public Facilities District Board Member, Leadership Thurston County Class of 2023; Board of Alumni Advisors Tau Kappa Epsilon - Xi-Iota 2008-2010, Certified Travel Ambassador 2023, Zonta Club of Olympia Sponsor 2016-Current, NTPS Mentor "Lunch Buddy"

Statement

As a small business owner, like many residents, have felt the impact of chronic houselessness. *We can and must do better!* I support the efforts of the Regional Housing Council and promise to work with our neighboring jurisdictions to provide comprehensive solutions with reach. After-hours mental health facilities and wrap-around services are just the beginning.

Lacey has crested 60,000 citizens and is growing. It has become the most populous city in Thurston County. Data from the Association of Washington Businesses shows that in the next six years new citizens moving to the area combined with Urban Growth Areas will exceed 100,000 residents. The imperative is greater than ever to have a thoughtful, strategic, and environmentally sustainable focused growth planing for 2040+.

As a member of the LGBTQ+ community I have recognize how important it is to have diverse, equitable, and inclusive representation. According to Thurston Economic Development Council over 40% of the population in Lacey identifies as BIPOC and/or LGBTQ+. These shifting dynamics provide opportunities to correct historical injustices. We must work together to craft a future that is vibrant for our youth and seniors, BIPOC and LGBTQ+, and businesses and workers alike. Fair representation and wages benefit everyone.

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**Lenny
Greenstein**

Elected Experience

Lacey City Councilmember (2012-Present), Lacey Planning Commission Chair (2010-2012), Horizon Pointe HOA President (2006-2020)

Other Professional Experience

Regional Sales Manager, The McGowan Companies (2012-Present); Commercial Insurance Producer, Nicholson and Associates (2009-2012); Agency Owner, Insurance Resource Group (1987-2009)

Education

University of Florida, Bachelor of Political Science

Community Service

Lacey Chamber of Commerce (2006-Present); Thurston County Chamber of Commerce Board Member (2007-2011); Olympia Master Builders (2006-2012), Statesman of the Year (2012); Thurston County Emergency Medical Services Council (2012-Present), Vice Chair (2023); T-Comm 911 Board Member (2012-Present), Chair (2023)

Statement

I've had the honor of serving you on the Lacey City Council for the past eleven years. *I love this city* and have dedicated myself in service to it since I moved here in 2006. I am proud of the progress we have made in making it a place where people want to live, work, and raise a family.

Public safety has been and will remain my top priority. To keep our community safe, I will continue fighting for our law enforcement by ensuring they are properly funded and trained. I've also improved public safety through initiatives that connect those experiencing homelessness with shelter and services, getting them out of unsanitary and unsafe conditions and onto a path of recovery and success.

I believe in *increasing our tax base – not our tax rates* so you can keep more of your hard-earned money. I will continue to make smart investments in our roads, parks, and utilities so Lacey continues to be the best place in the South Sound to operate a business and raise our families.

I ask for your vote so we can keep moving Lacey forward.

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**Nicolas
Dunning**

Elected Experience

This Is Nicolas first campaign

Other Professional Experience

Military Experience: United States Marine Corps 2005-2009; Washington National Guard 2010-2016; Combat Veteran Iraq War; Volunteered for both Iraq and Afghanistan Deployments; Business Owner: West Coast Fitness Lacey; West Coast Supplements Lacey; Spanaway Sports Nutrition; Veteran Approved Supplements

Education

University of Washington Bachelors: Majors: Politics, Philosophy and Economics with Honors; Minor: Environmental Studies

Community Service

Volunteer Service Medal; Presidential Unit Citation

Statement

Like so many of you I'm worried about the direction of our city and our community. When I went back through a decade of candidate statements they all addressed the same thing; homelessness, cost of living, and safety. I don't think there is one resident who doesn't want these things addressed. But if this is our priority why haven't we seen the improvements we all want. If we continue to elect the same people we can only expect the same results.

As the owner of a local business I see over 1000 residents weekly. I speak with police officers, fire fighters, state employees, military members, veterans, business owners, and people from all ages and backgrounds. We all have the same wants of our city and the same frustrations. I promise to be a direct link from the residents of our amazing city to the other members of the council and state employees.

It's time we stop focusing on political ideology fighting and come together as a city, as a community, and as your council.

Endorsed By: Over 100 individual & businesses endorsements representing every party and non partisans. Full list at www.dunningforlacey.com

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**Ed
Kunkel**

Elected Experience

Lacey City Council Member from November 2019 to present.

Other Professional Experience

Real Estate Professional/Business Owner; Army Veteran

Education

Diploma, with some college and professional development relating to the Real Estate Trade

Community Service

Thurston County Realtors®, Lacey Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Board, Thurston MLSA, Lacey South Sound Chamber

Statement

Ed is currently serving on the Lacey City Council and is seeking re-election for a second term. Ed is a long-time resident of Lacey, a Veteran and owns a local Real Estate Office in Lacey. Ed's continued focus on common sense leadership allows him to promote economic growth, public safety and responsible stewardship of the public's money and resources. He advocates for protecting public and private property, while supporting firm solutions to solving homeless issues for Lacey. Ed is grateful to Lacey for granting him this opportunity to serve on the City Council and is asking for your continued support and your vote.

Ed has served with the Lacey South Sound Chamber, the Lacey Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Board, and is twice a Past President of the Thurston Multiple Listing Sales Association. He currently serves with the Visitors Convention Bureau, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and Joint Animal Services Committee representing the City of Lacey. Ed has been acknowledged by his local Realtor® peers with the Special Achievement Award in 2017, and the Community Service Award in 2019 for his dedication to community and service. Ed wants to protect this safe and vibrant community for your family, and his.

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**Dontae
Payne**

Elected Experience

Olympia City Council, position 6 – elected November 2021; Council assignments: Community Livability and Public Safety Committee (former chair). Council of Neighborhood Associations, Law and Justice Council, and more.

Other Professional Experience

I served in the U.S. Army for six years with two tours to Afghanistan. I now serve as Senior Policy Advisor for Civil Rights & Racial Justice in the Office of the Governor. I previously served as a Deputy District Director in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Education

Master of Public Administration (MPA), -The Evergreen State College; Bachelor of Arts (BA)- The Evergreen State College

Community Service

Board Member, Olympia Hands On Children's Museum

Statement

Olympia is thriving despite the challenges we face in our community. Our local economy is strong, and the city is working on an economic resiliency and opportunity plan for an even greater boost to our economy by adopting solutions for low-income earners, bringing more jobs to the city, advancing tourism, and maintaining and welcoming new businesses.

Improving the quality of life for our residents is the top priority for me. That is why we must continue our efforts on homelessness, police reform, fixing fire/EMS service gaps, addressing climate change and sea level rise, and expanding our resources for mental healthcare and substance abuse. I'll continue working on solutions for more permanent supportive housing and affordable housing development, as well as exploring solutions to provide homeownership opportunities.

As mayor, I want to focus on enhancing community pride by embracing our increasing diversity and our growing future together. Olympia will continue to be an example for the state, leading the way as the capital city. I would be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsements: Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland, Lt. Governor Denny Heck, State Representatives Jessica Bateman and Beth Doglio, Mayor Cheryl Shelby, Olympia City Councilmembers, Thurston County Democratic Women, and IAFF Local 468.

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**David
Ross**

Elected Experience

None.

Other Professional Experience

Small business owner - 12+ years, Adjunct faculty at SPSCC - 8 years. I worked for 10 years in psychiatric social work, crisis intervention, and substance abuse treatment. Five of those years were as Thurston and Mason County's Homeless Outreach case manager, providing direct services to mentally ill and chemically addicted homeless people. Successful grant writing, interagency partnerships, and mentally ill offender intervention.

Education

Capital High School; South Puget Sound Community College; The Evergreen State College

Community Service

Volunteer - Stream Team of Thurston County; Committee Member - Boy Scouts of America; Training Team - Crisis Clinic of Thurston Mason County

Statement

No More. Four years ago, I ran for Olympia mayor, warning of the bad policies that were ruining our city. In four years, it's become worse than I expected. We need to say "No More" with a collective voice.

Social services are needed...*and* we need a clean, safe, welcoming city. There is an affordable housing crisis...*and* people should feel safe walking the trails, parks, and sidewalks of our community. There is a mental health crisis...*and* kids, women, and seniors should be completely comfortable enjoying our downtown. There is an opioid epidemic...*and* we deserve a compassionate community that offers help without enabling. Homelessness is complex, involving mental illness, substance abuse, job loss, medical issues, domestic violence, or a combination of factors...*and* it is completely unacceptable to have our forests, waterways, and public spaces absolutely devastated by human waste and garbage.

These are not "*either/or*" issues. They are "*and*" issues. One issue does not negate the other. We need leaders who will address *all* sides of these issues. For too long, there have been two different sets of rules for Olympia residents. No more. If you want a new direction for Olympia, vote for new leadership.

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**Yen
Huynh**

Elected Experience

Olympia City Council, appointed January 2021, elected November 2021. Chair - Community Livability and Public Safety Council Committee, Tribal Relations Council Workgroup.

Other Professional Experience

Equity Director, WA Department of Corrections. Prior: Olympia Planning Commissioner; increasing statewide business diversity, WA Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises; improving education opportunities for marginalized youth, ESD 113; poverty reduction and healthcare improvement advocacy.

Education

First generation college graduate. The Evergreen State College: MPA - Public Policy, BA - Entrepreneurship/Business Management. South Puget Sound Community College: AA - Business.

Community Service

League of Women Voters of Thurston County, BIPOC Business Taskforce, Friends of the Olympia Library, Olympia Film Society

Statement

I care deeply about our City's future - its natural resources and residents. I value a city government that all people can see themselves in. I was born in Olympia from refugee parents. It's an honor to contribute my skills and experiences to our community's long term successes. During my time on the Council, I have worked with my colleagues to bring more people into our city planning processes, declared Olympia a sanctuary city for reproductive rights, required use of an equity and a climate framework for all city policies and programs, and more.

My top priorities are public health and safety, economic resiliency, and climate justice. Together, we can amplify often unheard voices, address the housing crisis, reduce homelessness, support our small business community, and strengthen arts and cultures. I believe this approach resonates across our community. It will help us come together, promote community healing, advance social justice, and achieve creative solutions.

I bring a fresh perspective and a human-centered approach. I sincerely ask for your vote.

Endorsements: Former Senator Fraser, Representative Bateman, Thurston County Board of County Commissioners Chair Mejia, Olympia School Board President Huffman, Olympia Fire Fighters Union, Thurston County Democratic Women.

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**Dani
Madrone**

Elected Experience

Elected to the Olympia City Council in 2019. I serve on the Land Use and Environment Committee, Finance Committee, Tribal Relations Work Group, Transportation Policy Board, Regional Housing Council, and Sea Level Rise Collaborative.

Other Professional Experience

Fifteen years of experience protecting natural resources, including Puget Sound recovery, climate response, and land preservation. I now work for American Farmland Trust to protect farmland, advance climate-smart agriculture, and support next generation farmers in the Pacific Northwest.

Education

The Evergreen State College, BA/BS, MPA

Community Service

Former member of the Olympia Food Co-op Board and editorial board of The Olympian, former host of the Olympia Standard podcast

Statement

It is a privilege to serve on the Olympia City Council. I listen deeply, think critically, and research new approaches to our challenges. I am honored to serve our community and excited for a second term.

I want Olympia to be experienced as a friendly and welcoming city, with a sense of belonging and high quality of life enjoyed by all. I support the things that make our city unique, like our thriving arts scene, local businesses, and natural beauty. I celebrate our growing friendship with the Squaxin Island Tribe and look forward to more work together.

To be a welcoming city, we need more places for people to live. I have advanced policies that diversify housing options, protect tenants, and provide pathways out of homelessness. I support approaches that stabilize cost-burdened households and provide services to vulnerable people. I will continue to pursue strategies that leverage community partnerships, prevent displacement, increase access to homeownership, and build affordable housing while addressing the overall lack of supply.

Climate change and the environment remain top priorities. I support urban density, energy efficiency, building electrification, and transportation alternatives. I strongly advocate for Puget Sound and salmon recovery, including restoration of the Deschutes estuary.

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**Damion
Green**

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

Graduated Rainier high school 2002

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

I'm on the ballot this time! I'm excited to run for city council. Our little city keeps getting bigger and I want to do my part to see it not lose its small town charm. The growth the city has seen has been great but has also show us there are things we need to work on. Our infrastructure is lacking and recently I've seen bigger city problems starting to leak into our little community. I don't have the answers to the problems we are facing here in Rainier but I want to do what I can to keep our city a great place to live. A safe place for our children to grow up and play. If elected I would like to hear anyones input. I plan on getting on my bike and knocking on doors again to ask you all what you would like to see happen in our city. Rainier will be what we make it together.

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**Ryan
Roth**

Elected Experience

N/A

Other Professional Experience

I currently serve on the city of Eatonville's chamber of commerce, and i actively participate and hold a membership with SWANA "Solid Waste Association North America". As site manager I lead employees, contractors, and operations on a daily basis, additionally managing multimillion dollar projects, daily financials and overall site safety.

Education

High school diploma, Yelm, Washington. AA in business from Pierce College, Finance and Development.

Community Service

Local community food drives in Lakewood, Graham, and Yelm WA. Participated in: Family fun day in the park, BBQ Rally, Clean Yelm streets with Yelm Prairie, Yelm Prairie Days Parade and Eatonville Christmas Parade.

Statement

I was born and raised in the local area and now I am raising my family in the same area I grew up in. I look forward to serving our community. I want to focus on setting up my children, the communities' children, and future generations, with a safe environment and the best educational experience we can off at a community level. How do we accomplish this? How do ensure our time and energy goes towards the future without losing the foundation that is rainier? My goal is just that, focus on making the future bright while remembering our foundation. Pay homage to our roots as we raise our families in this community with pride.

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**Ron
Kemp**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

No Information Submitted.

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

I wish to thank you in advance for this opportunity to continue the great things that have happened to our parks in the last four years. I am running for a second term to continue this great work.

I have served on the Transportation Policy Board for the last two years as the elected representative for the City of Rainier. Serving on the Transportation Policy Board has given me the opportunity to be an active voice for Rainier and I look forward to continuing serving Rainier in that capacity.

As a combat veteran, I believe it is the duty of all citizens to serve their country as well as their community. My family members attend Rainier Schools and as a council member I will embrace all opportunities to work with this excellent school district.

Thank you and please vote for me to continue as Council member position 4 City of Rainier.

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**David
Watterson**

Elected Experience

I have served on the Bucoda Town Council and the City of Tenino Council under the Broderson, Strawn and Fournier administrations.

Other Professional Experience

30 year Firefighter at Lacey Fire District Three (retired); Union Secretary and President of IAFF Local 2903, Lacey Professional Firefighters; Current Tenino Planning Commissioner

Education

Associate of Arts from Centralia College in Forestry Technology; Graduated from Capital High School in 1978

Community Service

5 year volunteer for All Kids Win, an organization that provides weekend food bags to kids in need. I deliver bags to Tenino schools each week and assist with food purchases. Former board member of Thurston Climate Action Team

Statement

It is with humility and excitement that I submit my name to you for consideration for Mayor of Tenino. I have spent most of my adult life in public service, and as a 20 year resident of the City served on the City Council and Planning Commission of Tenino. I would like to continue this service as your Mayor.

I operate on some basic principals:

Integrity: Use good judgement and put what is best for our community at the front of every decision. Be loyal to our citizens and employees. Be dependable. **Honesty:** In every action speak the truth. Speak of your successes and also shortcomings and let people know you will strive to do better when mistakes are made. **Empathy:** In our work I will keep at the forefront that my experiences in life may be vastly different than others. I will make sure the voices of all of our citizens are heard and valued even if they are different than my beliefs. I will do everything I can to help and protect those that need it.

I would appreciate your support and will share more up to the election. You can reach me at the indicated email.

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**Linda
Gotovac**

Elected Experience

Tenino City Council. Appointed in June 2017. Was elected to a full term in November of 2017. Was reelected in 2021.

Other Professional Experience

Worked for the Washington State Legislature in different capacities since 1987.

Education

Completed business college in 1990.

Community Service

Member and former Secretary of the Tenino Lions Club. Volunteer at the Tenino Lions Club Garage Sale held every year. Secretary of the Tenino Area Chamber of Commerce.

Statement

Our city is in a great place right now with many more great things on the horizon, over the past decade an amazing team of leaders has emerged resulting in a Tenino Renaissance and I'm proud to be a part of it, now I want to ensure that we keep moving in a positive, stable and responsible direction that reflects the desires of the community. For the past several years while serving as Mayor Pro Tempore I have participated in or led many different successful initiatives in Tenino.

To name just a few of the goals that we have attained, we now have a sustainable septage receiving program that is generating new money for our utility system and helping keep your rates maintained. We have made great strides in the development of the SW Washington AG and Innovation Park with 2023 being the year we go vertical. The Quarry House renovations are complete, and we have a great meeting place for the citizens of Tenino. The new playground equipment, the wonderful Depot Museum and soon to be renovated Quarry Pool will be a great destination for families to come for the day or camp for the weekend.

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**Elaine
Klamn**

Elected Experience

VFW Auxilliary: President currently; Sr. Vice President 3 years;
Treasurer 7 years

Other Professional Experience

Office Manager/Billing Specialist Physical Therapy 1991-2017;
Billing Specialist Home Physical Therapy currently

Education

Accounting Degree Navajo Community College, San Diego, CA

Community Service

Volunteer activities include Memorial Day Service and Veteran's
headstone flag placements.

Statement

To understand the future of Tenino you must also understand its history and culture. I am your candidate. I have lived in Tenino for 41 years, raised children in the community and continue working in the medical field even today. I have been a part of the Tenino VFW Auxilliary for 35 years, serving as Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Vice President, and I am currently the presiding President. Having been a military wife, I have great reverence for serving the needs of and honoring Veterans, including local volunteer cemetery work. I have a diverse background to draw from to consider the issues as a Councilperson and assist in adopting laws and making fiscally responsible decisions to move Tenino forward. I understand the budget process, having graduated with a Degree in Accounting. My vision for our city includes a well-maintained infrastructure that supports citizen safety, enhanced tourism, and recreational growth for the enjoyment of visitors and residents. I will strive for continued City Ordinance development that protects the beauty of our community, the rights of the citizens, and economic growth through sound decision making. Vote for Elaine.

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**Jeff
Eisel**

Elected Experience

None.

Other Professional Experience

Technology: Computer Technician. Construction: Carpenter,
Superintendent, Contractor.

Education

Sierra Horseshoeing School. Colorado School of Trades
- Gunsmithing.

Community Service

Volunteer, Tacoma/Pierce Habitat for Humanity.

Statement

Someone has to do it.

I look forward to serving our community.

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**Leatta
Dahlhoff**

Elected Experience

Tumwater City Council (2018-present)

Other Professional Experience

Working for over 20 years improving and safeguarding our environment not only for today but for our future. Through research and creative solutions at two state agencies, Department of Enterprise Services and Department of Ecology, my work has resulted in reducing pollution and reducing toxics and hazardous substance use throughout Washington.

Education

Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership, Association of Washington Cities; Certificate of Municipal Leadership, Association of Washington Cities; B.S. Chemistry, University of Puget Sound; Tumwater High School

Community Service

Board member with Family Support Center, Family Education and Support Services, ASHHO, Zonta.

Statement

My family chose Tumwater almost 50 years ago for a home close to great schools, access to healthcare, and ease of enjoying open spaces. I choose Tumwater because it reflects a love of green spaces, quality of life, and family. I want to work with you to continue building a thriving community for us today and for future generations.

Key city priorities in coming years include: infrastructure challenges, economic development, balancing budgets, and pursuing the availability of safe, healthy, and affordable housing.

I have extensive board leadership and volunteer experience with organizations that advocate for and provide services to our community. These experiences help me connect people with resources in addressing city needs, undertaking initiatives, and pursuing solutions. My extensive work in the environmental field has allowed me to contribute significantly to reducing unintended environmental harm.

Being an active member of our community and my work as an environmental scientist enable me to bring a unique perspective. I will continue to do the work to connect thought and action, theory and practice to serve our community. Together we can achieve stronger, more vibrant, and resilient relationships and communities. I would appreciate your vote.

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**Angela
Jefferson**

Elected Experience

Unanimously appointed March 2021, elected in November 2021. Council assignments-Public Health and Safety, Experience Olympia and Beyond, Tumwater Hopes and South Sound Military Community Partnership.

Other Professional Experience

U.S. Army(R) 25 years active duty, Tumwater Historic Preservation and Planning Commissioner, City of Lacey Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Licensed Massage Therapist, Certified Personal Trainer, and Senior Fitness Instructor.

Education

Master of Business Administration; U.S. Army Officer Candidate School; Bodymechanics Massage School, Tumwater WA.

Community Service

Board Member for GRuB, Together and Slow Food Olympia. Volunteer for United Way, Meals on Wheels, Olympia Food Co-op, Crisis Clinic of Thurston County.

Statement

It would be an honor to continue serving as your Tumwater Councilmember. My #1Mission is ensuring that Tumwater remains a healthy, vibrant, and welcoming community. Our city and region are facing enormous challenges today, solving them requires leadership, teamwork, and a "Can-Do" attitude.

As Tumwater continues to rapidly grow, I understand that business development and public safety is vital. We need to attract and support business owners, and our first responders. With investments made by past and current leaders, Tumwater and our Craft Brewery District are on the way to being a highlight of the region.

During my 2-year term, my leadership was instrumental in creating the first Tumwater community garden, along with the first evening drive-thru foodbank in the community. Hunger is an issue many residents, especially our fixed-income seniors face today. People can't leave work to obtain food, so the evening foodbank helps to bridge that gap. With inflation and high housing cost, it's extremely hard to pay rent/bills and buy groceries. Knowing this! My #2Mission is reducing the shame and stigma of visiting food pantries. Fresh nutritious food/hygiene products are always available, the process is easy and judgement-free.

Endorsed by Senator Sam Hunt and all Tumwater councilmembers.

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**Doris
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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.

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**Joan
Cathey**

Elected Experience

Tumwater City Council ((2008 - present); Tumwater Mayor Pro Tem (2018-2021); School Board, Carmel California (1980-1983)

Other Professional Experience

Business owner. High school teacher. Ordained Presbyterian Minister serving churches in California and Washington for over 40 years. The Evergreen State College Campus Minister, 7 years. 12 years Executive Director, YWCA of Olympia

Education

B.A. Biological Science, English, History. Pasadena College. M.A. Psychology/Theology Family Systems Therapy. Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA. M. Div, Philosophical Theology. Fuller Theological Seminary. Doctoral Studies, Feminist/Creation Theology, Ethics. San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Community Service

Regional Housing Authority. GRUB. Community Gardens. YWCA: The Other Bank, Girls w/o Limits, Furniture Bank.

Statement

Thank you, Tumwater voters, for your support and your continued trust in my leadership as your representative on the City Council.

What can you expect for the next four years? You can continue to count on an experienced listening ear, a clear strong voice, and an unrelenting commitment to the high value issues that directly impact our daily lives.

Some of these issues are: environmental health and protection of our breathable air, water resources, and natural habitats; city zoning regulations that require balancing the climate emergency and the preservation of our prairies and urban tree canopies with growth and economic development; keeping our promises for good roads, sidewalks, trails and walkable business districts; increase affordable housing and commit more city resources that will strengthen the lives of vulnerable seniors, struggling families with children, and hopeful young students. And always, I will stand strong for Tumwater's commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

I am proud and energized to work alongside you during these challenging next four years. My experience, expertise and passion is what Tumwater needs now in her time of leadership change and high demand for local action on climate, housing, food insecurity and compassion. Thank you for your vote.

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**Andrea
McGhee**

Elected Experience

Was appointed to serve on the Tumwater School Board in 2019. I am a first-time candidate for Tumwater City Council.

Other Professional Experience

Multiple leadership positions in community service organizations. Mortgage banker, Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation.

Education

Northwest University, Leadership Studies

Community Service

Thurston County Realtors Association, board member, former treasurer and consistent volunteer in various community projects. Thurston Multiple Listing Sales Association, former secretary, former treasurer. Elementary school volunteer. Church volunteer serving high school youth.

Statement

In Tumwater, we enjoy a wonderful quality of life. I aim to collaborate with the City Council to keep it that way. I have lived, worked, and raised a family in Tumwater for thirty years. During that time, our population has tripled. With my background in real estate finance and small business ownership, I bring knowledge and problem-solving skills to help shape our city's future as we experience continued growth.

The priorities that will guide me during my term in office:

Public Safety – A city can have great neighborhoods, parks, shopping, and schools but without solid policy making for public safety, these amenities are threatened. *Housing Affordability* – Housing opportunities that are compatible with incomes for our aging and emerging populations are increasingly critical. *Fiscal Responsibility* – Maintaining a business-friendly environment while carefully managing our resources will ensure Tumwater's jobs and its economic vitality.

Please join me in keeping Tumwater a special place to live. I am committed to standing up for and being a voice of reason for all Tumwater residents.

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**Kelly
Von Holtz**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

I've spent my entire adult life in public service and have worked on important issues like improving our aged transportation infrastructure, addressing the crisis of those who are unhoused, the opioid epidemic, and most recently, removing barriers to higher education for marginalized communities.

Education

I received my graduate degree in Public Administration and my undergrad in Emergency Management, both from Ashford University.

Community Service

I'm a member of Tumwater's planning commission and have previously served on the city's Parks and Recreation Board and Crimestoppers. I am a proud Olympia Kiwanian and a new member of the marketing committee for TOGETHER!

Statement

When I moved to Tumwater 15 years ago as a newly, single mom of three, I was looking for an affordable place to live that was close to where I worked. What I found was a community and a hometown for me and my children.

What Tumwater gave to me during a low period of my life has inspired me to want to give back. I am passionate about making a difference and serving my community. My experience as a public servant and in community service has prepared me for the role of council member. I am dedicated to ensuring that Tumwater remains a city we can all be proud of.

I will continue building strong community relationships – it is one of my top priorities. Communication is key between the council and citizens to ensure everyone has a voice in the decisions that affect them. By working together, we can continue making Tumwater a model city in our state.

As a member of your city council, I will be diligent in making sure our city continues to thrive while remaining an affordable, safe and livable community where all are welcome. I'd appreciate your vote. For more information visit KellyforTumwater.com

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**Stephanie
Kangiser**

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Yelm Chamber of Commerce Member 2012-current, Yelm Chamber of Commerce BOD 2020-current, Yelm Dollars for Scholars Executive BOD (Secretary) 2020-current, Rotary Club of Yelm Member 2019-current, Rotary Club of Yelm BOD/ Membership 2021-2023, Licensed Cosmetologist 1999-current, Employee Based Salon Business Owner 2012-current

Education

Tacoma Baptist Schools, Gene Juarez Academy, The Salon People Business Academy, ScaleUp Training Series, Aveda Professional Network, Business of Being Series

Community Service

I love to be involved with my Community and serve where I can. I spend my time volunteering for many different functions and events.

Statement

24 years ago I fell in love with an industry that is ever evolving in education, commitment and stamina. In that time, I have worked 12-14 hour days creating the person that I am now. 12 years ago, I had an opportunity to open my own Salon and Spa in the community that I thrive in.

This community has given back everything I have given and more. I serve on several boards within the community and my goal remains to be a salon that gives back to the community in a way that no salon ever has before. My theory is the community takes care of us, making sure we have the revenues to put dinner on our table, we need to give back to complete the local support circle.

I would love the opportunity to share a community voice in our local government.

I am looking to help bridge the gap between local Government and concerned citizens of all 98597. Everyone within city limits and beyond, those that send their kids to our Schools and all of our resident consumers that spend money to support our area deserve their voice heard because they are our community.

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**Tracey
Wood**

Elected Experience

Yelm City Council 2010 - 2022, also Mayor Pro Tem

Other Professional Experience

Yelm Business owner of Mr. Doug's Family Restaurant. Former Certified Mixologist at the Nisqually Red Wind Casino.

Education

High School Graduate; Studied at South Puget Sound Community College; Multiple elected officials training seminars.

Community Service

Yelm Chamber of Commerce Board Member; Yelm Senior Center contributor; Yelm Rotary Summer Meal Program Volunteer; Yelm Prairie Days donor; Yelm Christmas in the Park caterer; Numerous community fund raisers supported by Mr. Doug's Family Restaurant

Statement

As a former City council member I will be able to immediately be a contributing member of the Yelm Council. I am thankful to have the time to carry out the extensive duties required of a council member. I am also very thankful for all my community has given to my family and me. Together with your support we can make a difference in our great city. Thank you

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**Joseph Dale
Richardson**

Elected Experience

I was appointed to City Council position 2 in 2022.

Other Professional Experience

Coached track and field at Ridgeline Middle School from 2014-2018. I am currently the music director and associate pastor at Yelm Prairie Christian Center. I work for Steele Clayton State Farm. Acting president of Yelm Chamber of Commerce.

Education

Graduated from Yelm High School in 2001. Received certificate of ministry in 2005 from Global University.

Community Service

Have served on Young Life committee. Have volunteered with Yelm Community Schools. Washed dishes for Not By Bread Alone Ministries. Delivered food boxes in covid pandemic.

Statement

My community has my heart. I grew up here in the beautiful city of Yelm and am proud to be a Yelm Tornado! I'm known as a coach, pastor, administrative assistant, musician, council member, dad, and just plain old Joe.

I am forever grateful for my community. I really serve with some remarkable individuals! Although Yelm is growing, and growing fast, we've maintained to still have that small-town feel. I love my neighbors and feel privileged to be a voice and ear for them.

My time serving on city council has impacted me greatly. I feel a deep obligation for the people of Yelm which has also awakened my passion for mediation. My hope is that I have used this passion to help people feel heard, accepted, noticed, and seen. Everyone deserves validation.

There has been such a strong polarization of politics which has caused division. My goal is to continue to help bridge that divide. What makes us great is each other! We love the small-town feel, but if we don't take the time to consider our neighbor, we will lose the heart of the community we so love.

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**Jerry
Toompas**

Elected Experience

Government Affairs Representative supporting Washington universities and previous intern at the Washington State House of Representatives. This is my first time running for a government office.

Other Professional Experience

I am a previous business owner, insurance agent, and sales manager. I currently work as a special education teacher at Yelm Community Schools.

Education

Yelm High School alumni. B.A. Business Management with a minor in Government, EWU. Master's Degree in Business Administration and a B.A. in Education, WGU.

Community Service

I have been actively volunteering my entire adult life. I have coached youth teams, volunteered in food banks, and worked with Boy Scouts of America.

Statement

As a proud father of 8 and lifelong resident, I am running to make Yelm a prosperous, safe, and beautiful city for our families to thrive. I have seen the town grow from a population of 1,300 to more than 10,000. I have deep roots in the Yelm community and have valuable skills that will benefit the city council.

I graduated with an MBA in finance/accounting and ran a successful design and advertising business for many years. As a special education teacher at Yelm High School and Prairie Elementary, I've had many opportunities to interact with and serve many members of our community.

I plan to support many community initiatives and activities that benefit families. I will work with our police and school resource officers to create accountability and look for new ways to ensure the safety of our youth. It's also time for term limits in Yelm to ensure we continue to have a steady stream of new leaders.

I am against all forms of discrimination and will proudly stand up for disadvantaged groups and those in need. I am a moderate that will collaborate with our citizens and business community to ensure Yelm grows in a responsible way.

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**Trevor
Palmer**

Elected Experience

I have attended numerous Yelm City Council meetings and worked on many election campaigns.

Other Professional Experience

U.S. Army Veteran, Washington Army National Guardsman, Boeing Parts Straightener Specialist, Alaska Airlines Cargo, Department of Children, Youth, and Families Public Disclosure Unit

Education

Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA; M.S. in Information Technology & Administrative Management Concentration: Cybersecurity; B.S. in Aviation Management, Minor: Professional Pilot & Business; U.S. Army Basic Training, Ft. Benning, GA; Yelm High School Graduates

Community Service

As a soldier in the Washington Army National Guard, I have been involved in a number of community events, including Yelm Prairie Days and Yelm Holiday Food Drive.

Statement

Yelm has been my home my entire life. I am honored and grateful for having grown up in the City of Yelm and graduating from Yelm High School. During my time deployed overseas I realized how special the City of Yelm is and how important it is to protect this community.

I believe in the Constitution of the United States and the Army values; Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. These guiding values are a direct reflection of what it is to be an American and a bedrock for a civil society.

In addition, my experience as a pilot and working in the aviation industry has taught me the importance of planning and precision. Proper and thorough planning can eliminate the majority of problems you may encounter. This experience is applicable to all aspects of life including City planning.

As your councilmen, I am committed to representing the will of the people and serving the City of Yelm. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Ashley Lea
Brooks**

Elected Experience

Appointed October 11, 2022 after rank-choice voting by Yelm City Council; Yelm Homelessness Committee, Chair; Public Safety Committee, Vice Chair; South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI); Thurston Thrives Coordinating Council; Yelm Emergency Operations Board

Other Professional Experience

National Parent Leadership Institute, Facilitator; Salary Commission Member; Corporate Pricing Specialist; Yelm Resident Since 1997

Education

Washington Parent Leadership Training Institute Alumni; Peer Mental Health Navigator, UW; Demand A Seat Alumni

Community Service

RMS Booster Club, President; BeSMART Washington, Lead; Love Abounds Here, Executive Board Member; Mill Pond Booster Club, Member; Prairie Elementary PTO, Treasurer; YCS Volunteer of the Year x2; NVN Volunteer of the Year 2022 Runner Up

Statement

I ask to retain my seat to accomplish my goals of giving the people that call my city their home a voice and hope to continue this positive work as I strive to improve Yelm and the surrounding areas. I have resided in Yelm 26 years, and like so many of you, seen the growth of our community. It's important that changes are made to benefit all of us.

Ways that I strive to improve our community are by working closely with our fire department and Red Cross installing free smoke detectors in the homes of our neighbors, volunteering my time with Yelm Police Department to teach citizens about firearm safety, and coordinating resident access to health insurance and services.

Continuing my journey as a lifelong learner, I immerse myself in social situations where I see and hear what each citizen of Yelm prioritizes. Your interests are my interests. Splash pad, sidewalks, senior citizens, and SPED. The combined perspective is used as I cast my votes on budget and policies.

When your vote is cast for me, please know that I am dedicated to fulfilling the requirements of the position. As well as committed to the process of representing Yelm.

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**Maritza
Bravo**

Elected Experience

Appointed as a Centralia School Board Director in October 2022.

Other Professional Experience

Lewis County Deputy Clerk from July 2018 to June 2019. Lewis County Civil Paralegal from June 2019 to October 2021. Lewis County Victim/Witness Coordinator since October 2021.

Education

High School Diploma- Centralia High School, 2015; Paralegal Certificate- South Puget Sound Community College, 2019; Bachelors in Business Administration- University of Arkansas Grantham, 2023

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

I was raised and lived in Lewis County for the majority of my life, primarily in Centralia.

I have been a Lewis County Employee since July 2018. I began my career in the Lewis County Clerk's Office as a Deputy Clerk and transitioned into the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office as a Civil Paralegal. I am currently still employed at Lewis County Prosecutor's office as the Victim/Witness Coordinator and have held that position since October 2021.

I believe investing in and supporting our youth's education is important and impactful to our local community. My goal is to continue to grow and nurture a trusting relationship with Centralia citizens in the Centralia School District. By doing so, I hope that students will be provided with the support and opportunities to achieve their goals.

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**Andrea
Ware**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

Worked in the hospitality industry for 14 years.

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Classical Civilization: UCLA, 2010

Community Service

Currently volunteering at Edison Elementary establishing a community garden, and working in the kindergarten classroom weekly; Currently volunteering at Fosterful as support to children entering foster-care. Previous volunteer experience: Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center supporting disabled children through horseback riding; Convalescent home, spending one-on-one time with individuals; Lunch-Buddy program, connecting with an elementary student weekly; Mentored middle-school girls through Girls Climb On, helping them discover their inner-strength through rock-climbing; GLSEN, working with youth to find their inner-confidence; Community School as a reading-buddy

Statement

I believe in action, in freedom, and in the sovereignty of individuals, as well as the determined strength we have when we find common ground to stand on and unite together as human beings. One of those critical points we can band together on is the importance in raising grounded, compassionate and capable young people today so they can become the movers and shakers with the utmost integrity of tomorrow. I know that we live in a contentious time filled with division, confusion and fear. However, I also know we live in a time of fantastic opportunity and hope. My goal as a Centralia community member is to not only listen with both ears to the needs of our fellow neighbors, but create and implement actionable, practical plans to support and strengthen our students, our school staff, and our community as a whole. I have an open heart and an open mind to the infinite possibilities we can achieve as a community in support of our young people, our future, our legacy. As a parent of two children in the Centralia School District, I am deeply invested in supporting and protecting our youth.

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**Mandi
McDougall**

Elected Experience

Served 4 Year Term on Centralia School Board, also served as Board Vice Chair

Other Professional Experience

Downtown Centralia Business Owner, 12 years

Education

Centralia High School Diploma, Associate of Arts Degree
Centralia College, Bachelor of Arts Degree Trinity Lutheran
College

Community Service

Kiddin Around Board Co-founder and Secretary, Dollars
for Scholars Committee Member Lighted Tractor Parade
Coordinator, Summerfest Parade Coordinator, Centralia
Downtown Association Board, Jupiter Arts Board, Mothers of
Preschoolers Coordinator

Statement

I am proud to call Centralia my hometown, and nothing makes me more proud than sending my children to the very schools I attended. The incredible teachers and opportunities afforded me in Centralia helped to shape the person I am today. I have served our community for over 10 years; Event Coordinator for the Lighted Tractor Parade and Summerfest Parade, Kiddin Around co-founder and Secretary, past board member of the Centralia Downtown Association and Jupiter Arts Gallery, past Mothers of Preschoolers Coordinator, as well as owning and running a small business in our historic downtown.

Over the past four years, I have been honored to serve on the Centralia School Board, most recently as the Vice Chair. We have worked together to increase transparency and communication, hired an exceptional superintendent to lead our district, and weathered a double levy failure and covid pandemic. Our board works very hard to navigate the complexities of public education while remaining respectful to differing ideas and always keeping our students as the #1 priority. I am committed to continuing the work we have started over the last 3 years, and ask for your vote to serve another term!

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**Sarah
Holmes**

Elected Experience

I worked for the Centralia School District for 4+ years as a paraeducator. I know the areas we need to improve on from the perspective of an employee, a parent and a community member.

Other Professional Experience

Small business owner, wife, mother.

Education

Graduate of Onalaska High School. Graduate of Centralia College with an ATA degree in Medical Administration. Working towards a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

Community Service

Coaching, Girl Scouts, school volunteer and precinct officer for LCRP.

Statement

Raised in Lewis County, I know the values our community holds highest. Protecting our children is my priority. Staff and students should feel safe in their environment. I will advocate for our student's safety and well-being with compassion and consistency.

To regain the community's trust, we need transparency from top to bottom. As a parent of children in the district, I want to know their learning age appropriate, academic based curriculum and how my tax dollars are spent. Let's cut unnecessary expenses from the budget.

Parents are the primary stakeholders in their children's upbringing so we must remove the toxic, divisive social ideologies to put emphasis back on learning. I will advocate for extracurricular activities that promote leadership, collaboration, and character.

Having strong administrators to withstand challenges and maintain structural support for our teachers is vital. We must invest in staff with a passion for teaching children skills they need for success. CRT and other personal social agendas have no place in the classroom, being injected into our children.

Community support for our schools depends greatly on trust and communication. We can achieve that together by making our schools safe for everyone and putting focus back on learning.

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**Matt
Dorcy**

Elected Experience

I have participated in an advisory role on political campaigns for County Prosecutor and City Commissioner. This is the first elected position I have pursued.

Other Professional Experience

Founding Member Urraco Coffee Company, Founding Member FUZION Architectural Design, Director of Retail Store Design T-Mobile USA, Sr. Project Manager Starbucks Coffee Company.

Education

Shelton High School - Graduate 1995, Associates Degree in Architectural Drafting - High Tech Institute 1997, Certificate in Commercial Construction Management - University of Washington 2000.

Community Service

OUSC Head Soccer Coach U-11 Girls Soccer 2020 – Present, First Baptist Church of Shelton Middle School Youth Group Volunteer

Statement

A good school district is the cornerstone of a good community. It provides a quality education, attracts home buyers, encourages economic development, provides home value security, and maintains neighborhood stability. If you live in the Griffin School District, regardless of whether you have school aged children, you have many reasons to care about maintaining Griffin School as the premier school district for K-8 education.

I have observed other greater Olympia area school districts and the negative impact a school board can have when it promotes a culture of victimhood and grievance over accountability and achievement. I will work with my fellow board members and school administration to ensure every student receives the resources needed to achieve their full academic potential without sacrificing the necessity of teaching the value of personal responsibility and hard work.

Equally important to meeting the needs of students is recognizing that many residents in our community are living on fixed or limited income in their retirement. In my professional capacity I manage multi-million-dollar projects and programs that require detailed budget planning to deliver on expectations and profitability. As School Board Director I'll leverage my professional experience to bring fiscal responsibility and conservative stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

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**Tesa
Frevert**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

Banking and finance, including multi-million dollar grant management. Physical Therapist Assistant, primarily in pediatric outpatient rehabilitation. Emergency Substitute Teacher in Griffin School District and have spent time in every grade level at Griffin. International youth education and cultural liaison.

Education

MPA (*in progress*), The Evergreen State College; BA (2003), Colorado State University; AAS (2012), Pueblo Community College

Community Service

Griffin School classroom and extra-curricular activities volunteer, PNW Theatre Company Treasurer, Burns Point Water Utility Board Member, Little Cougars Basketball Coach, DAR, 4-H, Trout Unlimited

Statement

As a community member and involved parent, I have watched my children grow and flourish as they attend Griffin. I have witnessed first-hand the talented and dedicated teachers, staff and administration we have while guest teaching and volunteering in almost every classroom.

I attend and participate in a majority of board meetings and am well aware of the many challenges our school faces. With my vast experience in fiscal management and countless hours spent in the school, I am well suited for the demands of a Director.

One of the biggest upcoming challenges that the next board will face is hiring a Superintendent. Creating a unified team focused on what is best for our children above all else is extremely important. To do this, we must prioritize a collaborative relationship between the community and school staff that is accountability driven with open channels of communication. My hope and goal is that every teacher will feel supported and every student will feel welcome, safe, and valued.

I am capable and uniquely qualified to serve the Griffin community and support our children's education as a School Board Director, helping lead by listening, connecting, and caring. I appreciate your vote.

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**Emma
Rose**

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Associate Professor at the University of Washington Tacoma with previous experience as a consultant for government. Appointed to the Griffin School Board in 2023.

Education

PhD in Human Centered Design & Engineering, MS in Technical Communication, BA in English.

Community Service

Equity Team, Griffin School; Literacy Committee, Griffin School; CTE Advisory Board, Tacoma Public Schools.

Statement

Griffin School is the heart of the broader Steamboat area community. As a community member and parent of two children who attend Griffin, I have a strong commitment to ensuring that our school can be the very best it can be.

Public schools are key to supporting students and helping them achieve their dreams. To do so, we must create the conditions where every student feels a sense of belonging and can succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. Each and every student should feel safe, supported, and respected. I see an opportunity for us to work collectively as parents, community members, staff, and administrators to create a culture where every child can thrive.

As a School Board Director, my role is to help the school make informed and responsible decisions about policy and budgets and work in partnership with the Superintendent to ensure all our students succeed.

Having been appointed to the Griffin School Board in February of 2023, I take seriously the opportunity and obligation I have to support our school. Looking to the future, we will continue to engage the community to ensure Griffin's success. I appreciate your vote and value the opportunity to serve our school and community.

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TCAuditor





**David
Kangiser**

Elected Experience

No elected experience

Other Professional Experience

I am a Water Resources Specialist for the City of Tumwater focused on implementing the Stormwater Management Program and have worked there for 3+ years. My previous work experience includes environmental zoonotic disease vector surveillance and working with local jurisdictions on water quality restoration projects with the Washington Department of Health. I also have experience as a Salmon and Steelhead Biologist working on salmon, steelhead and habitat restoration efforts on Hood Canal watersheds.

Education

Master's Degree - Environmental Studies; The Evergreen State College 2012

Community Service

Volunteer recreation soccer coach for Oly United Soccer Club and Tumwater Soccer Club

Statement

The Griffin Community is a special place to raise our kids. As your School Board Director, I will maintain that unique culture, supporting students through collaboration, empowerment, transparency and informed decision making. A collaborative approach to problem solving ensures balanced solutions to address challenges that face our Griffin Community. I believe in empowering students with student-centered learning that inspires critical thinking, creativity, and practical skills. I believe in making informed decisions by gathering comprehensive data, seeking community input, and consulting with experts. I recognize the importance of a robust science curriculum that develops analytical skills, curiosity, and prepares students for a data-driven world. With a background in public service, I bring transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility to ensure efficient use of taxpayer funds. Your trust and support will enable us to shape the future of our Griffin Community through a collaborative and empowering culture. I ask for your vote for Griffin School Board Director.

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**Blair
Baker**

Elected Experience

First time public office candidate.

Other Professional Experience

21 year Olympia business owner.

Education

Griffin School; Capital High School; South Puget Sound Community College; Body Mechanics School of Massage

Community Service

Over 15 years of volunteer experience with youth sports, school, and other family focused organizations. This includes past and current board positions served.

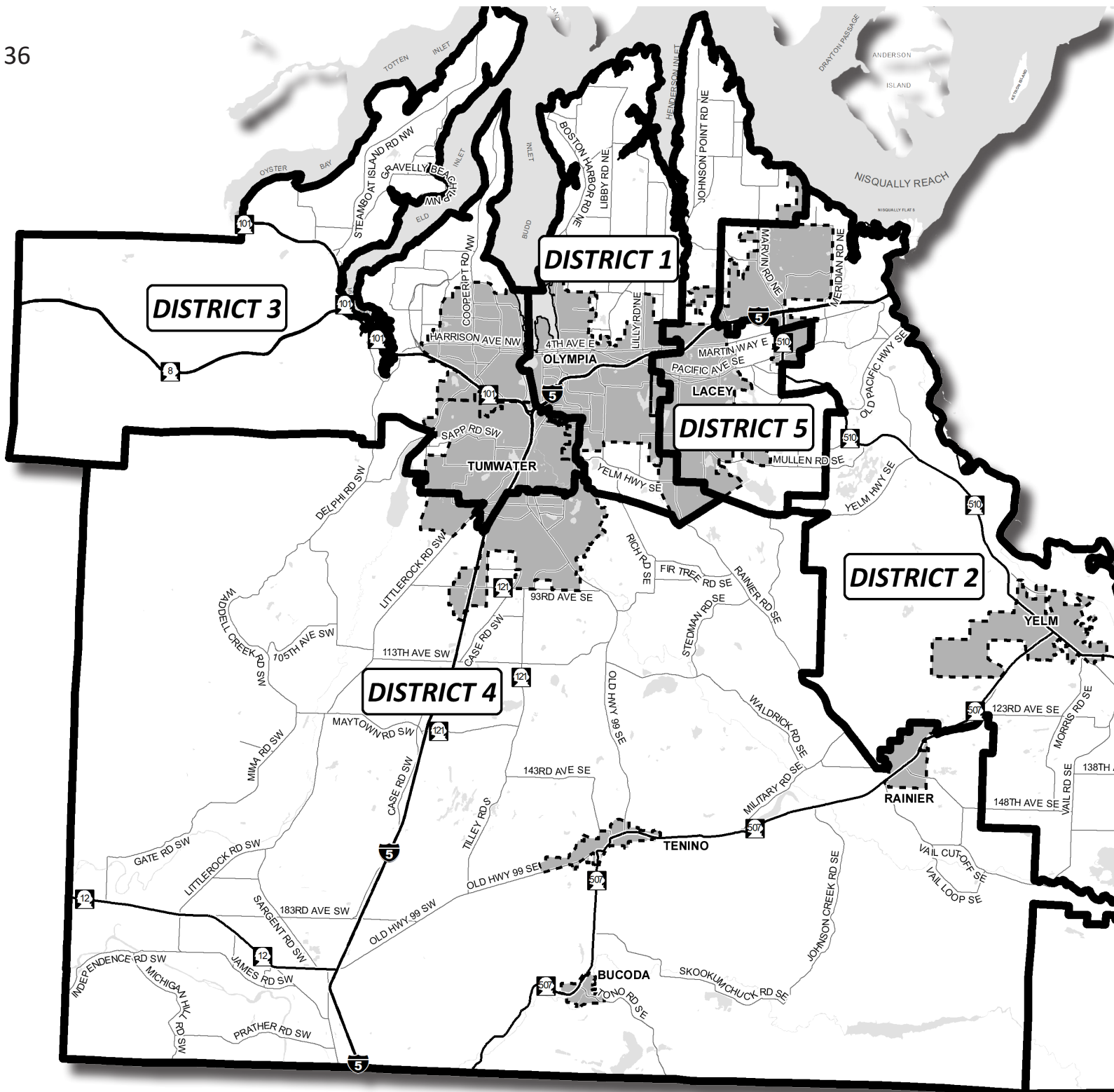
Statement

It's All About The Kids! As a lifelong Griffin community member and alumni, I have experienced first hand the quality educational foundation our district provides. It is my desire to serve my community on the Griffin school board to further our growth and keep us moving in a positive direction. My hope is Griffin will develop a culture where everyone feels valued and successful while maintaining a focus on educational excellence. I'm extremely proud of our school, students, and staff. I believe we have a responsibility to create a safe environment where every child feels they belong. As a Griffin and Capital High School parent, I see the real challenges facing our schools. Here at Griffin we have a unique opportunity as our own district to set the example that kids are what matter most!

It truly takes a village and we all have something important to contribute. I feel that all opinions with positive intentions are valuable. I look forward to the opportunity to listen and learn from others and work together to achieve progress for our school without personal feelings and agendas. Thank you for considering me for this position and I look forward to earning your vote.

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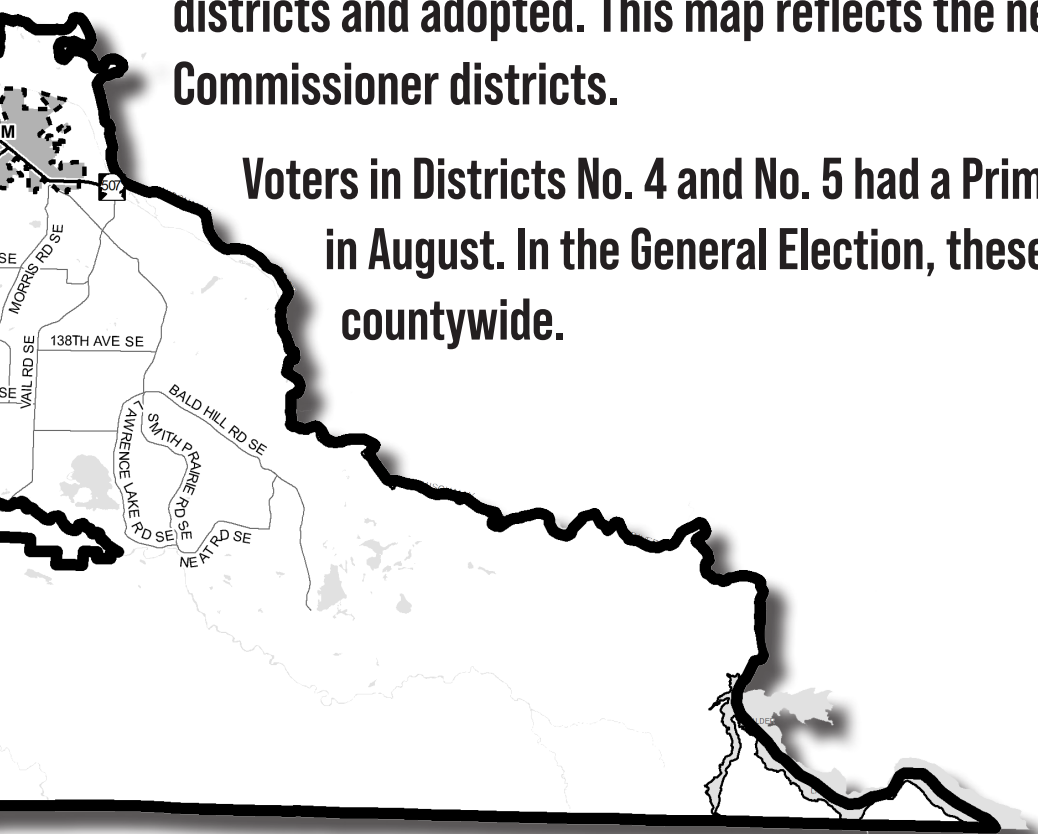
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Thurston County Commissioner and Port Commissioner Districts

In the 2022 General Election, voters approved increasing County and Port Commissioners from three to five commissioners. The commissioner districts were then redrawn from three to five districts and adopted. This map reflects the new County and Port Commissioner districts.

Voters in Districts No. 4 and No. 5 had a Primary Election in August. In the General Election, these races appear countywide.



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**Veronica
Shriver**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

Currently work as an Insurance Risk Manager for 20 years, investigating claims, working with policyholders, and mediating/negotiating with attorneys and judges; Founded Pet Connection Magazine; Public Awareness for early learning thru a nonprofit agency; Substitute teacher for a private school.

Education

B.A. in Politics from University of Washington with a minor in Non-Profit administration.

Community Service

NT school volunteer; English teacher for the Latino community; Youth counselor; Missionary trips to work with children's charities in Mexico. Soccer and football mom. Married for 20 years, with 2 kids.

Statement

I'm Veronica Shriver, and I'm asking for your vote to represent *You* on the North Thurston school board. I'm a long time Lacey resident, wife, and mother of two children. A daughter of a WWII vet and Mexican immigrant.

Since 2016, the district has seen dismal educational outcomes. Despite rising property taxes, student test scores have declined. Over 50% of district students fail to meet state standards in English, Math, and Science, despite the district allocating \$14,857 per child in the 2021-2022 academic year. This excessive expenditure has not yielded significant improvement, prompting the question: what is the leadership's plan to address these challenges?

If you are concerned by these startling statistics, like I am, then consider voting for me for change. I will question the numbers, hold those accountable from the top-down, and investigate where our money is going to offer solutions based on data. It will take someone new to offer a fresh perspective and new way forward.

I support competitive compensation for teachers and staff, equitable class sizes, and the promotion of career and technical training as an alternative for students not pursuing higher education after graduation. I have been endorsed by Sheriff Derek Sanders.

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**Gretchen
Maliska**

Elected Experience

North Thurston School Board Director 2017-present, 2 years as Chair

Other Professional Experience

Director of Career Connected Learning, Shelton School District; Career & Technical Education Program Manager, Olympia School District

Education

MA in Education, Career and Technical Education Administrator, Eastern Washington University; BA in Educational Leadership, Evergreen State College

Community Service

Embracing Equity Leadership Residency; Rotarian; Thurston Regional Planning Council; North Thurston Public Schools: Legislative Committee Representative, Facilities Advisory Committee, Boundary Committee, Levy Co-Chair; Past Board Member, Washington Center for the Performing Arts

Statement

As a community leader in education and an active parent for North Thurston Public Schools since 2006, I am dedicated to the success of all students in our district and understand that partnerships with families, staff, and community are what allows us to reach across the aisle to advocate and become stronger in every way.

I have devoted myself to giving back to students as an active community volunteer for more than 25 years, serving leadership roles in youth sports, multicultural and equity groups, performing arts, leadership, North Thurston Citizens for Schools, and our Board of Directors. As well, I have devoted my career to providing opportunities for students to discover their passion through Career and Technical Education.

My life experience with a blended family has helped me lead through multiple lenses, including students with special needs, highly capable programs, athletics, arts and activities, mental wellness and more. I believe in celebrating and honoring differences and addressing the individual needs of every child to help them achieve success. Our community is diverse in every way and my continued hope is that we can seek to understand one other respectfully and work together, so our students are the top priority.

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**Stephanie
Scott**

Elected Experience

n/a

Other Professional Experience

I've spent the past 15 years developing programs that help small businesses thrive, create jobs, and help people find employment. I am currently the Director of a Washington State Department of Commerce economic development program that is accelerating growth in key industries in Washington through collaboration. I also serve on the Board of Directors of the TCI Network, a global community of innovation leaders headquartered in Barcelona, Spain.

Education

B.S. Business, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN

Community Service

Community organizer and dedicated advocate for students and families within NTPS and throughout our community

Statement

All youth in our community deserve equitable access to high quality public education. This begins with ensuring compliance with the NTPS Equity Resolution, prioritizing critical resources such as paraeducators and guidance counselors, and providing a safe learning and work environment for all students and staff.

I love NTPS because of the many incredible teachers and staff, students and families, and committed community members and organizations who support youth. One of my top priorities is empowering NTPS families to share their input about what's working well and where there are opportunities for improvement, and then acting upon those insights.

I'm a proud NTPS parent, innovative economic development professional and an active ally to Black, Indigenous, and other students of color and LGBTQIA+ youth. I support Labor Unions, including the North Thurston Education Association and the Washington Education Association.

I live in Lacey with my two children; a 2021 Timberline graduate and a daughter who attends Komachin Middle School. When I'm not championing youth leaders, growing key industries in the state, or having kitchen dance parties with my kids and two cats, I can be found hiking mountains throughout Washington.

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**Esperanza A.
Badillo-Diiorio**

Elected Experience

Washington State PTA Region 4 Director (2012) Horizons Elementary PTSA 4.4.6 (2008-present), Komachin PTA (2010-present) Timberline Booster Club (2018-present)

Other Professional Experience

WDS Customer service (2008-2013), St. Andrews Preschool Assistant Preschool Teacher (2015), Visiting Angels HealthCare Aide (2023-present)

Education

Attended Pierce College (1988-1990), Yelm High School (1988)

Community Service

Lacey Loves to Read Battle of the Books; North Thurston Boundary Committee; North Thurston Parent Advisory committee; Girl Scout Leader

Statement

As a parent of five children who have gone through the North Thurston Public School District, I am very passionate about being a voice for all students. I believe that when our staff, families and community come together, we can support students and provide them with the tools they need to succeed.

I am extremely passionate about serving my community and have volunteered in the North Thurston Public School district for over twenty years. I have served in various positions within the district as well as dedicated service and time as a school volunteer coordinator, and in the classroom. As a mother, wife, and grandmother, my experience with scenarios in my life will help me bring a different perspective to the board. I have children who are highly capable and children with special needs. I advocate fiercely for my children and for continued services within the district, while teaching my children how to advocate for themselves and aspire to reach goals that seemed unreachable.

My vision is to help all students achieve success. When at the table, my hope is that we can listen, have respectful and civil conversations, and make sure that student success is paramount at every turn.

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**Michelle J.
Gipson**

Elected Experience

First time candidate.

Other Professional Experience

Currently employed as operations director, overseeing youth, family and community programming. Experience in staff development, as well as fiscal, systems, and program management. Past experience in vocational instruction.

Education

Degrees include MS - Computer Information Systems; BS - Business Administration (accounting concentration); leadership certifications and DEI training.

Community Service

Active member of: The PARC Foundation Board (secretary); Lacey Rotary and Rotary Interact. Also served on the WSECU Scholarship Committee, United Way Day of Service, City of Olympia Equity Focus Group, CIELO, NLBC, community-based work promoting health and wellness and chronic disease prevention, and numerous other service opportunities.

Statement

I am running for the North Thurston School Board because I believe that *All* children can learn and thrive in a changing world and quality education ensures that outcome. Having lived, worked, and volunteered in this community since 1999, I have raised five children, all of whom attended NTPS. Like many others in this community, I am an immigrant and have been a military child and wife. Over the years, I have observed changes in the community that now make Lacey and schools in the NTSD the most diverse in Thurston County and the leadership should reflect that diversity. Education is now at a critical crossroads in this society and policy making at the school board level is more important than ever. Our children and our schools thrive when our youth, their families and our educators are supported, heard, feel safe, and welcomed. My educational, professional, and personal background and experience make me uniquely qualified to serve as a school board member. We must ensure that *All* students have equal access to an equitable education and that they be provided more support for their emotional well-being. Your vote for me provides the opportunity to serve our community in this capacity.

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**David G.
Newkirk**

Elected Experience

North Thurston Public Schools - Board Director - 2 Terms
(2015-2023)

Other Professional Experience

Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small business - Engineering Consulting - 20 years.

Education

Associates of Arts Degree - SPSCC

Community Service

I served 6 honorable years in the *United States Marine Corps* and I am a current member and of the *Hawks Prairie Rotary* and the *Society of American Military Engineers*. I have also volunteered for many other great local organizations such as the *YMCA*, *Salvation Army*, *Chinqually Booters* and *TCYFL*. Volunteering for schools and helping with the local levy and bond campaigns has been a priority of mine for many years.

Statement

I am a proud local product of North Thurston Public schools. I am also a Marine Corps veteran who will fight for all children to have a quality education. There is no greater purpose than helping our children succeed. All children deserve a great public education. We must meet our children where they are and work tirelessly to build them up. Not all children learn the same way; it is the job of an educator to find ways to teach all children, no matter what their hurdles may be. I firmly believe that the greatest leaders listen to all sides and weigh all outcomes before making any decisions. I have four children attending various schools within North Thurston Public Schools. Our children are our future, and I am honored to be able to work alongside the many great people of our community to ensure that our District will always be able to provide a great learning environment for our children.

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**Maria R.
Flores**

Elected Experience

Olympia School Board Director District 1- 2019-present;
Legislative Committee Representative, District 5-Washington
State School Directors Association (WSSDA) -2019-2022

Other Professional Experience

Executive Director-Center for the Improvement of Student Learning (CISL), Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI); Olympia School Board Legislative Representative; Olympia Schools Supportive Education Council (OSSEC); Mediator- King County Dispute Resolution Center; Social Justice Mediator- University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Restorative Practices Facilitator; Compassionate Schools Facilitator; Former union member- Indian Educators Federation, AFL-CIO

Education

Master of Public Administration (MPA)-Public Policy, The Evergreen State College; K-8th Elementary Education Alternative Teacher Licensure, University of New Mexico; BA-Politics and Environmental Studies, Whitman College

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

Public education changes lives and there is nothing more sacred and transformational than our schools in our community. I have devoted my life as an educator, policy leader and parent to ensuring that every student is met where they are at and provided with an equitable, inclusive, and excellent education; that every educator and their professional growth is supported; and that our schools have ample local, state and federal resources.

During my time serving on the Olympia School Board, I have worked tirelessly to support the needs of our students, families, and educators during an unprecedented pandemic. I have used my 20 years of experience to help create our evidence-based *Academic and Student Well-Being Recovery Plan*, which has provided intensive academic, physical and mental health and social emotional wrap-around services to support the growth, recovery and resilience of our schools. I have also led the development of our Equity Plan to create an equity analysis tool, policy and procedure to identify disparate student outcomes, dismantle inequitable systems and close our opportunity gaps.

I would be honored to continue to serve our students, families, educators, and community.

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**Talauna
Reed**

Elected Experience

Current Olympia School Board Director District 2, Thurston County Democrats' Precinct Committee Officer, LD 22 State Committee Member and WA State Democrat Affirmative Action Committee.

Other Professional Experience

Olympia Education Foundation, Thurston County Regional Housing Council, Office of Behavioral Health and Advocacy Advisory Council. Awarded Olympia YWCA's 2021 Womxn of Achievement.

Education

BA in Organizational Management. WA State Certified Peer Counselor and Domestic Violence Advocate Certification.

Community Service

Core Organizer for Olympia Chapter of Showing Up For Racial Justice, Matriarch of Justice for Yvonne McDonald, Founder of Joy and Justice Book/Gift Giveaway and Founding Member of Black Leaders in Action and Solidarity of Thurston County.

Statement

My name is Talauna Reed and I am currently serving on the Olympia School Board. As a mother of twins who attended Olympia schools, I understand firsthand the importance of a quality education and the need for a fair and inclusive system.

During my time on the board, I have consistently fought for greater transparency, community engagement and the interests of students and teachers. I was the only director to vote against the district's budget cuts and staff reductions because I firmly believe that it is unacceptable to balance budgets simply by cutting teachers and essential programs.

I am actively involved in advocating for renters through my work with the Tenants Union of Washington State. I bring valuable insights and a commitment to bringing underrepresented communities to the table. Additionally, I am a passionate community organizer who will fight tirelessly for the rights and well-being of all families, ensuring that their voices are heard, and their needs are addressed.

Please vote for me, Talauna Reed, for the Olympia School Board to have a strong and dedicated voice representing your concerns. Together, let's build a stronger, transparent, and more equitable education system that empowers all our students and supports our families.

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**Jess
Tourtellotte-Palumbo**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

TRIO Student Success for Disability Support, The Evergreen State College; Substitute Teacher, Prescott WA; Dislocated Worker, Employment Security Department, Walla Walla WA; Employment Facilitator, Ventura and Oxnard CA; Youth Advocate and Independent Living Specialist for Centers for Independent Living, Salem MA and Los Angeles County; Policy Intern for NCIL, Washington DC; Cashier for Wendy's, Portsmouth NH

Education

University of Illinois at Chicago, MS in Disability and Human Development; The Evergreen State College, BA; Lewis and Clark High School

Community Service

Trustee, Olympia Education Foundation; *Secretary*, Olympia United Soccer Club

Statement

Disabled at birth, Jess Tourtellotte-Palumbo's carved a path of success that did not come easy. Through the support of wonderful teachers, Jess expanded the boundaries of her learning in mainstream and special education classrooms, gaining confidence and greater awareness of who she was as a person and as a learner. Her background has given her over a decade of experience working with folx from marginalized communities—many of whom hold intersectional identities. Her goal is to ensure students are provided a welcoming and safe space to express themselves, feel heard, and receive equitable opportunities inside and outside of their classrooms.

Proud to be a first-generation college graduate, Jess accepted an internship in Washington, DC working for the National Council on Independent Living lobbying on Capitol Hill for the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Her professional experiences brought her full-circle to education, working at The Evergreen State College in TRIO Student Success for Disability Support.

Jess dedicates her campaign to all students she has met, students she is destined to meet, and to her 4-year-old kiddo, Eli. You are all so important. Let your voices ring and your spirits shine. You are amazing.

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**Frank
Durocher**

Elected Experience

None.

Other Professional Experience

Over 13 years of Project Management experience in software development and construction projects.

Education

Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies from Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, CA.

Community Service

Before advocating for our community and teachers at the Board meetings, I have served as president of my PTO as well as on the advisory committee to navigate out of the pandemic with different learning models. I've been a licensed foster parent, soccer coach, team manager, and Young Life youth mentor.

Statement

Let's work together to restore the once heralded Olympia School District! As a parent and committed community member, I've watched academics slide and families leave the district in search of better options. I desire to listen to and represent all families and create a district where all feel welcome through a renewed focus on the fundamentals of education: academic excellence, fiscal responsibility, staff support, and school safety.

Above all of that: I am here for the kids, not a social agenda.

For years I have invested in the Olympia School District. I believe we should *partner with* the educators, listening to their needs and experience to support the front line of education. I have been willing to stand up at Board meetings and speak on issues publicly, and now I am asking for your vote to represent our students and our community as your next Board Director.

I value my ability to encourage, facilitate, and build bridges through honesty, integrity, and transparency among leaders. I am committed to finding the best answers in collaboration with our community and leadership. I want to hear from *you*, and I want to represent *you* on this board.

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**Hilary
Seidel**

Elected Experience

Olympia School Board of Directors, 2017 - present

Other Professional Experience

I have a professional background in non-profit youth and family services and over 20 years of experience in higher education, educator support programs, communications, and education policy.

Education

Bachelor of Arts; The Evergreen State College

Community Service

I am an active volunteer in our schools and my church youth ministry program. I have previously served on both local and national non-profit boards. Most recently, I have served on the Washington State School Directors Association Board of Directors, and I currently chair the Thurston Regional Planning Council.

Statement

We have amazing students, educators, and schools in Olympia. When you first elected me in 2017, I pledged to prioritize engagement, innovation, and equity. As your school board member I have focused on visiting schools, learning from educators, and listening to students, parents, and community members.

Over the past six years, we've grown engagement through surveys, forums, committees, and adding more student voices to our board. We've expanded hands-on and advanced learning. We've added support staff like social workers, behavior coaches, and family liaisons. We've increased art, music, and PE classes at our elementary schools. We've invested in equity through student support groups and equity teams in schools, dedicated staffing for Native education, convening an equity steering committee, and more.

We've emerged from COVID with graduation rates still among the highest in the state, but we have challenges ahead. Recovery from the pandemic continues. State funding for education has not kept up with the cost of living in Olympia or the needs of our students. I know we can come up with good solutions, supported by our whole community, that build on all that is great about Olympia's schools. I humbly ask for your vote and your partnership.

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**Leslie
Van Leishout**

Elected Experience

No elected experience however served on the OSPI advisory committee for arts benchmarks and standards (2001-2011) and currently a member of the Thurston County Homeless Advisory Board.

Other Professional Experience

20 years teaching, almost 10 years as an educational administrator. 2012 Winner of the Washington Golden Apple Award for teaching excellence and inducted into the Educational Theatre Association Hall of Fame (2013).

Education

BA in Theatre Education with English, drama, history, social studies, and CTE endorsements. Masters in educational leadership with a principal certification.

Community Service

Active with my church community, Educational Theatre Association Co-Chapter Director, National Core Arts Coalition, BSA committee member, and school volunteer.

Statement

Our schools are facing an incredible and unprecedented challenge in the next couple of years. Enrollment is down creating financial instability, a homeless crisis continues to expand creating disenfranchised and marginalized students, and the mental health emergency for young people means we cannot afford to use the same old solutions and expect different results.

My name is Leslie Van Leishout and my entire professional career has centered around supporting students, educators and our greater school community. I'm a public school graduate and I'm proud all my children attended Olympia's incredible public schools.

As a teacher and an educational administrator, I put my values of transparency and accountability into action, but I cannot sit on the sidelines and watch our district continue to languish in the past. We need modern data-driven solutions. This means supporting educators, making the hard choices and updating our techniques for a changing world for the better.

Olympia School District must face the changing future of education. My experiences in education both as a teacher and administrator, my work in local and national arts, and my commitment to the social needs of families make me the candidate to bring a calm focus to the Olympia School District.

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**Amanda
Siemandel**

Elected Experience

I was appointed to the Rainier School Board District #1 on July 22nd, 2021-present.

Other Professional Experience

I have spent my entire professional career serving others from running non-profits to working at an amazing state agency.

Education

I am currently achieving my lifelong goal and attending Grand Canyon University to obtain my Bachelors of Science in Business Management.

Community Service

Since 2009 I have been volunteering in many capacities to support our military service members both home and abroad.

Statement

Hello Rainier Families. I am hopeful and excited to continue to serve you on our School Board. I have consistently shown that it is not my job to have an opinion, stance, or political party. It is my job to listen and represent you, our community. I thrive on hearing from you and working together to find positive solutions to help our kids.

I am a lifelong learner. I have been grateful and appreciative of all the leadership and growing opportunities that have been earned throughout my career. I want to show our community that there is nothing you cannot achieve with a little hard work and dedication. Time and time again I have seen our children strive, thrive, and achieve their goals with the wonderful and supportive help of our phenomenal staff.

I value and believe in showing up, open communication, forgiveness, and loving everyone for their authentic selves. I believe that Rainier is a place our children learn and grow, and for the past six years, I have seen our son grow in this incredible environment and now our daughter will share that same experience.

I would be honored to continue serving our amazing community.

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**Aaron
Lang**

Elected Experience

No elected experience; this is my first time running for an elected office. Precinct Committee Officer, Rainier-602, *appointed*.

Other Professional Experience

US Navy veteran. Currently a Project Manager in business operations; former Engineering Manager. I am a people and process manager with 12+ years in the professional AVL systems industry. I've experienced regular advancement in my career from the field to the executive leadership table.

Education

HS Diploma; several college courses not pursuing a degree. WA Specialty Electrical Administrator (AD06); several other professional certificates. US Navy Hospital Corpsman.

Community Service

Board of Directors, Clearwood Community Assn. 2018-2020; President, Tenino Youth Baseball, 2022-present.

Statement

Three things are on the top of my mind seeking this position: Prioritizing academic excellence, empowering parents & students, and preserving local control.

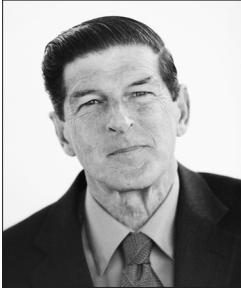
A robust and practical education is necessary for success in life, and that's what our schools should prioritize above all else. With sociopolitical pressures increasing in public education in our culture, I want to see Rainier focused on academic excellence — the most significant investment we can make in our community. We have fantastic teachers, staff, and administrators. Together, we can build on our schools' strengths and continue working toward making them the best in the state.

My wife and I chose Rainier to call home because this community's values stand apart from our region. We want our kids to attend schools that value humility and respect, minimize distractions, and prioritize pragmatic learning and independent critical thinking over assessment-driven instruction.

I am deeply committed to being solutions-oriented and genuinely nonpartisan. If elected, I promise to be a principled voice of reason, promote liberty, reject imprudent state policies, and advocate for our community's parents, students, and voters. I humbly ask for your vote and the support of our community.

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**Jerry F.
Sprouffs**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

No Information Submitted.

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

It has been a privilege to serve on the Rainier School District Board of Directors for the last few years. As a Rainier graduate and life-long resident, the academic and social growth of all students in our public school system continues to be a priority of mine.

I am proud of our accomplishments these past years. With the dedication and excellence of our administrators and staff, we will continue to change and grow to meet the demands of our Students; to start them on a path to post graduation success.

With your support I look forward to another term and tackling the challenges of State and Federal regulations, while doing what is best for the students of Rainier Schools.

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**Jon
Palmer**

Elected Experience

During my military career I was on a college board in Mason City, Iowa. I have owned properties and been on Homeowner Association boards.

Other Professional Experience

I am a retired Sgt. Major with 27 years in the U.S. Army and the recipient of military awards to include a Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Meritorious Service Medal. I developed and administered a program for soldiers departing from military service.

Education

AA Degree, Shasta College, Redding, CA

Community Service

Involved in our local church where I volunteer with a youth program. I have gone on several medical missions recently to foreign countries, primarily serving refugees.

Statement

I have been married to my wife, Sheryl, for 54 years and our daughter graduated from Rainier High School. We have been living in the outskirts of Thurston County in the Rainier School District. My grandson will be attending Rainier Schools in a few years and I am looking forward to improving the environment and being a part of the next generation. I believe parents should have a say in the education of their children and that they should be informed as to what the schools are teaching and promoting. Parents and schools should be able to work together for the betterment of all students.

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**Dana Morgan
Spivey**

Elected Experience

Rainier School Board Director Pos. #3, Elected November 2011, Re-elected November 2015 and November 2019.

Other Professional Experience

Administrative Assistant for Thurston 911 Communications Radio Department, 2020 - present; Executive Assistant for the City of Yelm, 1993-2020.

Education

Rainier High School, South Puget Sound Community College, and Clover Park Technical College.

Community Service

WIAA Rep. for Rainier School Board; Rainier HS CTE Program Advisory Chairperson/Senior Presentation panelist since 2005; Rainier Education Foundation Volunteer/Board Member since 2005; Volunteer on various Rainier committees/boards and in classrooms since 1999, including the Rainier Elementary/MS/HS Booster Clubs; Member of Rainier Ruffians 4x4 (non-profit) club.

Statement

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving our community as a School Board Director with the Rainier School District. I am proud to be a longtime Rainier resident, past K-12 Rainier student, a Rainier parent to our three grown children and a School Board Director since 2011.

In my time on the school board, I have been a vocal advocate for academic excellence, fiscal responsibility, equity and inclusion, student well-being, and community partnerships. I have worked collaboratively with my fellow board members, district administrators, teachers, staff, and community members to develop and implement policies and programs that support student success.

I am proud of the progress we have made in improving student achievement, increasing graduation rates, and promoting a safe and welcoming learning environment for all students. If re-elected, I will continue to bring my passion and commitment to these important tasks and work towards making our schools the best they can be for every student, every day, in every way. Thank you again for your continued support!

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**Brian
Hackethal**

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Business Owner and Bartender

Education

BA Finance, Ba Management.

Community Service

Assistant Den Leader, Assistant Cubmaster for Cub Scout Troop 9307 in Rainier: As an Assistant Den leader my duties include carrying out the activities related to the scouting adventures and as the assistant Cubmaster my duties are to lead the pack meetings, lead ceremonies, and assist the den leaders. Board Member/Treasurer for Got Your 6 Fishing: A 501C3 whose goal is to prevent veteran suicide through recreation using guided fishing trips and rod building classes as a medium for healing.

Statement

Hi! I am Brian! My wife and I moved to Rainier in 2016 so we could build a small homestead and teach our two boys how to provide for themselves. I am the type of person who believes in a collaborative approach to life, whether that is professionally or with friends and family. Community service has always been a core driver for me and started when I was young and has continued into adulthood. I am of the belief that it is important to give back to the community you live in and that is why I am running for school board. I feel my finance background would be beneficial for managing the budget and my collaborative spirit would be helpful for setting the vision, mission, and strategic goals for the district. If you are curious about my values take a moment to look up the Scout Law as that is my approach to leadership and how I model my behavior for my children.

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**Grant
Rodeheaver**

Elected Experience

I am honored to have served on the Rochester School Board. The last few years have been especially challenging, but have also give me a wealth of experience and understanding of the districts needs.

Other Professional Experience

Deputy Executive Director, Information Technology; Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

Education

AA South Puget Sound Community College; BS University of Washington

Community Service

RSD Board Member 2018-present; Member and past president -WSDOT Memorial Foundation

Statement

I am honored to have served as your School Board Director. The last few years have been especially challenging, but have also given me a wealth of experience and understanding of the district's needs.

If re-elected, I will continue to prioritize Academic Excellence. I will advocate for rigorous standards, innovative programs (CTE, Dual Language, etc.), and resources that empower our students to succeed academically. I believe in the importance of Career and Technical Education (CTE) as a crucial component of a well-rounded education that prepares students for success in the workforce and beyond.

Safe and Inclusive Schools: I am committed to providing safe, nurturing environments where every student feels valued, respected, and supported. We want students to feel a connection to our schools and community. Athletics, Music, Arts, and Clubs are key elements to creating these opportunities and fostering a sense of belonging.

I am also committed to both Parent and Community Engagement and Fiscal Responsibility. I will continue to foster strong partnerships between schools, families and the community, encouraging open communication and collaboration. I will also ensure responsible budgeting, making strategic investments that prioritize student needs while being mindful of taxpayers' interests. Thank you, Grant Rodeheaver

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**Wava
Garza**

Elected Experience

This will be my first elected experience.

Other Professional Experience

I homeschooled my children. I explored curriculums, teaching methods, and learning styles. I serve as the part time caregiver for my special needs grandson who is a student at RHS. I worked nineteen years as a medical insurance biller, working closely with all insurance providers. As the homeowner/contractor, I have constructed three homes in Rochester.

Education

I am a High School graduate and completed college courses in accounting.

Community Service

I have volunteered at Adna Elementary grades K-4, Timberland Regional Library, Meals on Wheels, and various community fundraising auctions, fun runs and bike rides.

Statement

We, as parents and the community, desire the best for our children. Parents are the primary stakeholders in their child's upbringing, and we hope these young people will be resilient, resourceful, and happy. Education should help form these capabilities. Our students in Rochester School District will graduate with the ability, confidence, and excitement to take on the challenges of a changing world. They will succeed.

To fulfill this mission, financial resources will need to be used prudently during these difficult economic times. Fiscal responsibility is a priority. Asking questions related to funding and expenses will be a goal of mine.

Learning is a lifelong endeavor. I want children to love learning. This means encouraging a culture of inquiry and investigation, asking questions and applying critical thinking skills. Learning and mastering academic fundamentals, to read, to write, to do arithmetic are vital.

I welcome the opportunity to work cooperatively with fellow board members, administration, staff and students to help children build for their future. If chosen to serve as a Rochester School District director I will be equipped and ready, I will ask questions, I will listen, and I will encourage change whenever necessary.

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**Penelope
Mena**

Elected Experience

First-time candidate.

Other Professional Experience

Over 15 years of public service experience at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). I began my work in public service at OSPI in the Multilingual Education Department, then the Equity and Civil Rights Office, and currently I am a federal program supervisor for the Title I, Part A program.

Education

Master's in public administration, The Evergreen State College 2015.

Community Service

Dual Language Task Force member at Rochester School District. Volunteered for One America's Citizenship Day Events. Taught at Centro Integral Educativo Latino (CIELO) in Olympia.

Statement

I am Penelope Mena, and I am running for a seat on the Rochester School Board because every student deserves the best possible education. My sisters and I have been part of the Rochester School District family since we arrived from Mexico in 1990. The district provided us with a safe and conducive environment for us to learn English, thrive academically, and graduate. That is why I am committed to: Ensuring our diverse students have a safe, functional, and conducive experience for learning. Partnering with the school district, the community, and our families to work together on school improvement efforts. Promoting an academically rigorous curriculum that prepares students for success in the 21st century. This includes supporting the Dual Language Program because bilingualism is the future. Making sure students have access to the latest technologies and resources necessary for their success. Supporting policies that attract and retain the best educators and ensure they have the necessary resources to succeed.

I am ready to bring my passion, experience, and commitment to the school board. I thank you for considering me as a candidate, and I look forward to earning your vote.

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**Susie
Hawes**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

I owned and operated our family business since 1977, managed rental properties, and was a church secretary.

Education

Graduated with an AA from Centralia College, and attended classes at Saint Martin's College.

Community Service

I served as treasurer for the Larch Mountain Little League board, co-founded / managed the Rochester Community Closet for over ten years, was a Sunday School Superintendent, and served on the board of Rochester Youth Dynamics. I am currently serving on the board of The Beacon of Hope. I volunteer for JustCare Animal Rescue, and I founded the JustCare Animal Pet Food Bank.

Statement

Rochester School District had a history of excellence. The key to regaining educational excellence is by parental guidance, involvement, and by creating a partnership between our families and our schools. Every education dollar matters, safety of our children matters, and your children need a solid foundation upon which to build their future. We must give children a quality education. Let's work together for that high level of academic excellence for your children.

District policies should be the result of parental engagement in educational decision making through open communication and transparency. Common sense solutions are paramount. A solid foundation for our students of local values and priorities is necessary for your children to compete in this quickly changing and challenging world. I will work diligently to represent Rochester parents, children, and community.

As a parent and grandparent, I believe that the greatest generation is not behind us, but standing before us. Your children are your most valuable, most precious investment, so let's work together and stand united securing a bright future for them.

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**James Neil
Turner**

Elected Experience

2000- Current Director District #4; President/Chair Rochester School Board.

Other Professional Experience

Glaze by trade. Shop Foreman at local glass shop in Olympia since 1996.

Education

Clover Park High School Class of 1984.

Community Service

I'm currently involved with several nonprofit organization's across the State of Washington. Locally I work with Rochester Citizens group in support of Swede Hall & Swede Days Parade. I also drive the parade float for Capital Lakefair. I also work pit security for the Waterfollies Organization in Tri-cities during the Hydroplane Races. Service work is very fulfilling for my soul.

Statement

I am a dedicated advocate for our students, seeking your continued support as a candidate for School Board Director. It has been an honor and privilege to support students and families by placing student safety and achievement at the forefront of my service.

As a current member of the Rochester School Board, I understand the complexity of balancing the heightened post-pandemic needs of our students with fluctuations in school funding. We must prepare students for life beyond high school, utilizing tax dollars wisely and ensuring equal opportunities for all.

I'm a strong proponent of ensuring multiple pathways to living wage careers for the youth in our community. This is accomplished by offering top-notch career and technical programs, college preparations offerings, and ensuring all students have strong reading, computer, and financial literacy skills, as well as a strong work-ethic.

Our district has made remarkable progress in supporting student success, yet much work lays ahead. Collaboration among students, parents, teachers, staff, administration, school board, and the community is key. As a board member I will serve tirelessly to ensure we have ample educational space for our growing community, safe learning environments and opportunities for our students to thrive.

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**Michael L.
Morrow**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

My experience includes work in the transportation, sales, lending, and construction industries. Being a small business owner prepared me for my current role managing operations for a corporation. My responsibilities include asset management, employee supervision, and policy writing.

Education

A High School graduate having completed college courses, I hold specialty certificates. The certificates I hold are in relation to Business, Trucking, Crane operations as well as a Firefighter 1 certificate.

Community Service

My commitment to community has led me to coach in youth sports, serve as a Volunteer Firefighter, and serve in our Church in several roles.

Statement

As a father of two Rochester students, one a Rochester alumni, I have seen the successes and struggles within our district. I am running for School Board Director to be a voice for parents who want the best education for their students. Parents see themselves as the primary stakeholders in their child's education, and I will work to empower and engage parents in the decision-making of the Rochester School District. Studies show a direct correlation between parent involvement and student success. Together we will work to prioritize academic instruction, transparency in curriculum, communication, finances and give students the necessary skills to function successfully in the greater society.

As a leader and supporter of education, I am excited to stand strong and serve our students, parents, and community. I will engage collaboratively with teachers, administration, and fellow board members as we work together to provide an experience of excellence for the youth of Rochester. I share the concern for our future in challenging times, committed to work locally to build strong and productive schools that make sensible, capable, and effective leaders for our nation. Once elected, I invite you to join me in this endeavor. Thank you for your support.

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Submitted

**Ryan T.
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Elected Experience

No Information Submitted..

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

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Community Service

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Statement

No Information Submitted.

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**Jennifer
Johnson**

Elected Experience

Appointed Tenino Youth Fastpitch Board 2023, Tenino Youth Wrestling Co-Secretary 2019-2020

Other Professional Experience

Currently serving Thurston County government with 19 years of experience in accounting and finance.

Education

Tenino High School and South Puget Sound Community College Real Estate and Accounting.

Community Service

Raise For Rowyn Grant Committee member, Tenino Youth Sports Coach- various sports.

Statement

It would be a privilege and honor to serve as a board member for the Tenino School District. I truly love my town of Tenino. Being born and raised here along with my husband of 29 years; also a Tenino High School graduate, it was important to us to share the same experience with our 2 children to grow up in the same small community.

While small towns can have so much to offer, they can also can bring many challenges to areas such as education.

I have high expectations for student success which is based on several key components. Offering equal opportunities in a variety of programs in academics, athletics, arts, vocational skills, and extracurricular activities to help students stay busy and active. Hiring highly qualified and caring staff who have our continued support, help students achieve their goals in a safe environment. A connected community is so important to our youth, as learning goes way beyond the walls of our schools.

I believe in accountability, transparency, and common sense. My 19 years of experience in accounting and finance will provide a pivotal role in serving in this position. I look forward for this opportunity to serve my community.

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**Adam
Barr**

Elected Experience

I am have proudly served one four-year term as a Director for the Tenino School District.

Other Professional Experience

Experience as a teaching artist, enhancing creativity and educational growth, as well as in sports management, improving athletic programs. Additionally, my background in operations management has honed my skills in organization and leadership.

Education

My educational experience includes an Associate's degree from Centralia College and a Bachelor's from the Evergreen State College in Multimedia Design.

Community Service

A School Board Director, a coach and board member for youth sports, bicycle share program co-founder, and having provided graphic art support to non-profit organizations in the Tenino Community.

Statement

As a candidate for Director of the Tenino School District, I am dedicated to driving positive change and fostering academic excellence. My goals revolve around expanding educational and extracurricular opportunities, promoting student engagement, and ensuring equity for all. I am committed to providing diverse educational pathways, enhancing art programs, sports and other extra-curricular activities, and delivering a well-rounded educational experience. Creating an inclusive and supportive environment is crucial. I will encourage student participation, compassion, teamwork, leadership skills, and encourage mentorship opportunities. With equity at the forefront of my agenda, I will tirelessly advocate for fair and just treatment, ensuring that every student receives the necessary support to succeed.

With experience in sports management, community involvement, and as a teaching artist, I am well-equipped to lead and advocate for our students' best interests with support from parents, and educators. Together, let us build a district that prioritizes academic excellence, fosters student growth, and celebrates each individual's unique talents and strengths. With your support, we can embark on this journey towards a brighter future for the Tenino School District. Together we can apply the W.U.T.A.N.G. model for success. "Wisdom Unleashed: Transforming Academics for the Next Generation"

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**Jessica
Reeves-Rush**

Elected Experience

Tenino School District #402, School Board Director #4 2021-2023

Other Professional Experience

ReclinerLand, Inc. buyer, decorator and media specialist from 1998-2014. Forest Grove Cemetery Clerk, and freelance writer 2016-2021. *Currently*, Tenino Depot Museum, Director/Curator and Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Specialist for the City of Tenino.

Education

University of Washington, Bachelors of Arts in English Literature 1994-1997

Community Service

I spent ten years as a leader for Boy Scouts for Pack and Troop 9014. I volunteered for 23 years for the First Presbyterian Church of Tenino. I volunteer at the Tenino Depot Museum. I have been a classroom and parent volunteer at the Tenino School District.

Statement

The last two years serving on the Tenino School Board has been a very educational experience. I have learned a lot about what makes a school district tick. In addition to being a parent myself, and witnessing the student's perspective through my children, I have also been learning about the teacher and administrator experience and what it takes to steer a large ship, like a school district.

Tenino School District means a lot to me, as a former student, from Kindergarten through High School, my roots here are deep. I care passionately about the district's success in providing the youth of our community with a quality education and a great start in life.

I'm looking forward to furthering the board's vision for the district.

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**Jeff (Cowboy)
Curry**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

Small business owner; Commercial driver; Master horseman; Master farrier

Education

Technology degree

Community Service

Established a food bank serving the Grays Harbor, King, Pierce, Spokane, and Thurston Counties Which supplied food to various rehab programs and food banks currently serving the Olympia homeless community.

Statement

Worked for Tumwater district over 20 years with all staff K-12 special needs and parents To facilitate success for all students and running start.

I am very aware of the drug problems on our buses and in our schools, and I have a great plan to make our district a leader in the war on drugs. Thurston County Is no 2 in the country for fentanyl deaths and use. Education is crucial for parents and children to stop this epidemic in our community. We are having a crisis finding qualified employees for district, because of the work environment and hiring practices.

Better technology programs, Olympia to Seattle Is supposed to be the next Silicon Valley of the world, And we should get on board. Tech certifications give kids opportunities for high-paying jobs and give opportunities for high paying jobs, and many can work from home right out of high school. I will offer my ideas and help create the kind of school district people desire to live and work in.

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**Jill Tokarczyk
Adams**

Elected Experience

None.

Other Professional Experience

Financial Advisor, Portfolio Manager, Editor, Reporter, Small Business Owner

Education

Master of Business Administration (MBA), California Lutheran University; BA Degree Communications, University of Washington.

Community Service

Various outdoor, military, health, youth and senior contributions.

Statement

Helping young people learn and gain educational skills to develop to their highest potential are two of my main goals. Broad and balanced public education that provides a strong foundation for our students in reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies, fitness, and the arts are crucial for a strong society and individual participation in our challenging times. I also would work for District policies and budgets that provide quality curriculum and educational materials to teach the full range of students from Special Need to Gifted.

I support education that serves all students and parents, and that is transparent and open. I also would work to provide a safe school environment.

My background in communications and finance enables me to have an ear to the voices of students and their families, and to help lead the Tumwater School District to be fiscally sound and provide prudent management of your tax dollars that go to education.

Thank you for your support. I am committed to serve our schools, students and their families.

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**Casey
Taylor**

Elected Experience

School Board Director – District 2 – Tumwater School District 2019-current; School Board Vice President 2019-2021; School Board President 2021-2022

Other Professional Experience

I am a Senior IT Project Manager with the State of Washington and hold a PMP certification.

Education

Tumwater School District 1977-1990; Linfield College 1990-1994, B.S. – Business Information Systems

Community Service

Girls Scout of America, YMCA coach, Boys and Girls Club of America, Watch D.O.G.S

Statement

Having grown up in the Tumwater School District and the son of a high school educator, coach, and athletic director, I saw firsthand the hard work and commitment necessary to be successful for our students. Since I took this office in 2019, I have strived to provide transparency into the district and how it operates. In that time, many improvements have been made to communicate with the parents, students and community around transfers, budget, curriculum, transportation, and athletics. I have been an advocate for returning to in person school and extracurricular activities, and I'm proud that Tumwater was one of the first to return from the damaging forced lockdowns of 2020-2021. I have made myself available to the community and have enjoyed my interactions and conversations that help make the district better. As the District 2 board director I will work hard to bridge the gaps between students, educators, administration, and the community, so that students in our district are able to succeed. Together we can continue to improve the quality and reputation we have worked so hard to build for this community and school district. Thank you for your time and support.

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**Scott
Killough**

Elected Experience

It has been my honor serving as a school board director for Tumwater School District for the past three and a half years, most recently as the board president.

Other Professional Experience

I am entering my ninth year as the Regional Science Administrator at Capital Region ESD 113. Prior to that, I taught for nearly twenty years in the Olympia area.

Education

Earned my Master's of Education in 2000

Community Service

Volunteered as a youth baseball coach, and as the official announcer at Tumwater HS Varsity Fastpitch games.

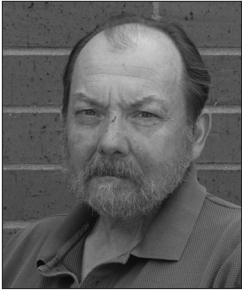
Statement

During my tenure, it has been a challenging time for our board, and school boards statewide. I am most proud of the moments when the community had concerns and came together to conduct themselves in civil discourse. It is only through conversations and hearing everyone's point of view that will allow us to move forward as a community. It sounds simplistic. The role of a school board member comes down to two main questions: are students being educated, and are we making fiscally responsible decisions. I realize there are many facets that play into both of those areas, and sometimes one strongly impacts the other. The difficult part comes with gathering as much information as possible and making the right decisions.

I believe I have proven myself to the community of Tumwater as a valuable member of our school board.

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**Eric
Heid**

Elected Experience

This is my first time running for an elected office.

Other Professional Experience

Retired: US Army Special Forces NCO (22 Years), CEO USIA Corp, Founder Heidaway Services International PMC, USCD DEC Board Member

Education

Army and Navy Professional Development Schools, Campbell University, NC GS, MDEA, FL DDT

Community Service

10 years on Prairie Elementary School PTA/PTO Boards, Crossroads Community Covenant Church outreach programs, 1st Special Forces Group Scholarship Fund, President, Special Forces Association Chapter 16

Statement

I am running because my children – Austyn 2007, Alex (Goobie) 2011 and Addy 2019 spent 13 years, k-12 in YCS (Yelm Community Schools) received an excellent education aided by exceptional teachers. I now have the time to repay YCS. Success lies at the intersection of Opportunity and Desire I will work to provide that opportunity. I believe in equality for all students. Graduation is their primary goal, allowing them to advance in the Trades, College, or National Service. My decisions are Faith Based and Christ Centered. My goal is to help improve student achievement, graduation rates, educational reform, and student safety. Our entire community, including our YCS students, and their families need to feel a sense of ownership in our schools. My goal is to make this happen with your help.

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**Casey
Shaw**

Elected Experience

First time candidate.

Other Professional Experience

14 years in heavy civil, bridge, and marine construction. Lead WA Estimator and Design Build Project Manager for public works projects. Experience managing large teams and projects greater than \$75M. Routine collaboration and negotiation with government agencies, such as WSDOT, WDFW, Ecology, EPA, and numerous Ports and Tribes.

Education

Yelm High School – Valedictorian (2006); University of Washington – Bachelor of Science – Construction Management

Community Service

Youth baseball coach. Assistant youth soccer coach. Former youth basketball coach. Former Yelm Chamber of Commerce Teen Ambassador President. Former Camp Counselor. Active in the local church.

Statement

The education kids receive today is the foundation for their future. Our families deserve a voice regarding this education, including the information and environment our kids are exposed to. We deserve a board of directors that represents our voices and our children's needs, even if that means standing against the State's current agenda.

With the State pushing Senate Bills 5237 and 5462 to remove the authority and ability of school boards to represent our families, now is the time to elect directors that won't back down from a fight. As a father, uncle, coach, and lifelong Yelm resident, my heart is invested in our youth, their families, and our community. I am no stranger to tackling tough negotiations with government agencies and will use this experience to stand for our families.

Our kids deserve a proper education, future, and safe learning environment. Through responsible budgeting, a heart for our children, and unwavering resolve in the face of diversity, we can give them this.

Decisions we make today will impact our children's lives forever; it's time to have the hard conversations and initiate the change that is needed. It's time to be a voice for the families, not for the State.

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**Allyn
Verbal**

Elected Experience

This is my first time running for public office.

Other Professional Experience

Legislative Intern, Governor's Commission on Women; Appointed Representative, Governor's Affirmative Action Council; Law Clerk, Vermont Department of Labor & Industry; Intern, Legal Aid and Defender's Association, Inc.; Combined Federal Campaign Manager, United Way of Southeastern Michigan; RVSR, Department of Veteran's Affairs, Detroit, Seattle, & San Juan, Puerto Rico

Education

Spelman College, B.A./ History; Vermont Law School, JD; Vermont Law School, LLM/Environmental Law

Community Service

National Alumnae Association of Spelman College-Lifetime Member; Member, Yelm Policy Advisory Committee; Member, Yelm Middle School D.O.G.S.; Yelm Community Schools emergency substitute teacher; Certified Red Cross Volunteer

Statement

I purchased my home in Yelm in 2019. Currently, I am in the process of jumpstarting parent groups at Yelm Middle School (YMS) and Yelm High School (YHS). Since my student enrolled in YCS in August 2022, I have attended all school board meetings except three. The newest YCS board director has been on the board for almost ten years; the other four directors have been there for at least fifteen years or more.

Yelm Community Schools (YCS) spans 192 miles, is comprised of ten schools, and educates over 5900 students. There are five district board directors.

Do Yelm citizens know their YCS district director? How does the board get community input *Before* they vote publicly? Are the YCS directors involved in their districts or the City of Yelm?

I believe it's time for transparency, relationship, and community. I want the YCS school board to aggressively create ongoing relationships with YCS stakeholders. I want the YCS school board to improve community awareness of provided services. I want the YCS school board to become more visible in their districts and the City of Yelm. So, I encourage you to *Vote the VI* for a voice, value, and visibility in the YCS.

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**Denise
Hendrickson**

Elected Experience

Yelm Community School Board Director No. 3 1999 – 2023

Other Professional Experience

Military: US Army 1974-1976 Honorable Discharge

Education

SPSCC, Pacific Lutheran University – BBA with Accounting concentration 1988

Community Service

Rotary Club, Boys and Girls Club, Yelm Dollars for Scholars, Thurston County Coalition Against Human Trafficking, FFA Alumni, Yelm Community Park Board, Co-chaired Christmas in the Park

Statement

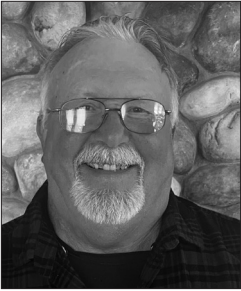
The knowledge and experience I have gained as a board member have reinforced my belief that schools represent the hopes and dreams for all students and are a reflection of our community. Education is the doorway to opportunity for the students who attend Yelm schools; and together staff, families and our community contribute to their success. I am invested in this community as a parent of alumni and grandparent of children attending our schools.

With support of our community in passing a bond, our district and community have created welcoming new facilities at Yelm Middle School and Southworth Elementary while also improving the safety and security at all the other schools in the district. The upgrades to our athletic facilities and performing arts center provides our students and community access year-round.

Another success had been adding student voice to our Board, giving new perspective and insight. While we still have work to do, we are focused on creating spaces and opportunities where all students feel they can thrive. I feel strongly that we need to focus on student achievement and continue to develop programs that support our students. I would appreciate your vote.

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**Bill
Hauss**

Elected Experience

YCS school board director since 2004.

Other Professional Experience

Electrician at Wilcox Farms for 50+ years.

Education

Yelm Community Schools 1st-12th grade, graduate class of 1968.
Bates Vocational School electrical program 1968-1970. TCC
Emergency Medical Technician Program graduate for PCFD 17.

Community Service

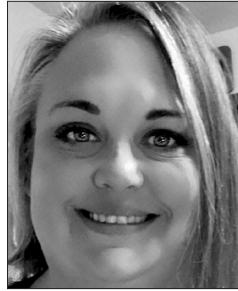
PCFD 17 20+ years fire fighter and first responder & EMT. Yelm dollars for scholars auction & interviews. YHS volunteer of the year along with my wife 2021-2023. TCYFL football coach 6 years. Prairie soccer coach 6 years. Basketball coach 1 year. YHS mock interviews 2 years. YHS senior breakfast volunteer 2023. #1 Tornado football fan 2023 3A champions!

Statement

I believe every student deserves the best education possible for their future, whether that may be college, vocational training, military or entering any employment. We have to make sure every student has the opportunity to be successful. The covid years has been stressful on our students, we need to make sure we give them every tool they need to navigate their future. We are working diligently to make up for their losses and to build their scores to surpass expectations. We should strive to support every student group beyond expectations. We have accomplished many goals but still need to work toward higher goals to make YCS the best possible place to educate our students. I feel that every student is one of my kids. Please let me continue to support our students as they are our future and legacy. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

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**Karen (Kay)
Anderson**

Elected Experience

Yelm Prairie Special Needs PTA

Other Professional Experience

Leadership Academy Graduate; YCS Special Needs Advisory Board

Education

Masters in Mental Health Counseling; Bachelors in Psychology; Associates in Criminal Justice

Community Service

Educational Advocate; Community Resource Advocate; Yelm Special Needs Support Network

Statement

As a candidate running for YCS School Board Director for District 5, I am committed to our children's education. I currently have 3 children enrolled in Yelm Community Schools and believe in creating a safe, inclusive environment for our children. As a community leader, I understand the importance of creating strong partnerships between the schools, local government, and local businesses. I build strong relationships that can build bridges between our students, schools, and community.

As a parent who have current students at YCS, I have a unique opportunity to see both the amazing aspects of the current educational systems in place and where there is need for improvements. I have great experience working with diverse communities and understand the important of collaboration and teamwork. I am passionate about providing our students with an exceptional education and truly believe we must work together to create and collaborate for the best educational experience. I thank you for considering me as a candidate for YCS School Board and look forward to earning your vote.

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**Frank
Kirkbride**

Elected Experience

Current Lacey Fire Commissioner appointed in June 2000. Reelected multiple times. A member of the Thurston Medic One Emergency Medical Services Council, and West Region EMS Council.

Other Professional Experience

Landscape Architect and real estate Development Manager; Formerly WSDOT Landscape Architect and Environmental Coordinator

Education

Washington State University, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, 1969

Community Service

Member Lacey Rotary, Lacey Rotary Foundation Chair, WSU Foundation Trustee Emeritus, former Chair Lacey Historical Commission, South Sound Cougar Club, Coastal Business Service Group Board, American Red Cross Board, and many boards and advisory groups.

Statement

Qualified, Dedicated to Public Service, Community Focused, Capable, Community Volunteer, Knowledgeable, Long Time Resident, Lacey Businessman, Medic One Councilor, and current Lacey Fire Commissioner - this is Frank Kirkbride.

Kirkbride's knowledge of emergency services, fire training, citizen needs, and solid fiscal management is critical as the fire district undertakes the increasingly difficult task of providing quality emergency services in our community. Fortunately, we are blessed with the best Firefighter/EMTs, paramedics, staff and management, dedicated to meeting the challenges. As your Fire Commissioner, a member of the Thurston Medic One Emergency Medical Services Council, and West Region EMS Council, Kirkbride's goal is to serve all the citizens of our community by providing the best emergency services with sound fiscal management and leadership.

Service demand caused by new residents and an aging population presents significant challenges to maintain the services being requested through 9-1-1 calls. Under Kirkbride's leadership the fire district is planning for the next 20 years when 35,000 additional new residents and an aging population add increased needs for medical services.

Re-elect Frank Kirkbride to continue serving our community as your Lacey Fire District 3 Fire Commissioner

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**Liberty
Hetzler**

Elected Experience

Elected to 6 year term as Fire Commissioner for Lacey Fire District 3 2018-2023.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

No Information Submitted.

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

It has been a privilege to serve as one of your Lacey Fire District 3 Commissioners for the past 6 years.

As a life-long resident of Thurston County, I have grown a business and raised my family in Lacey over the last 20 years. As a small business owner in the south sound, I understand the importance of budgets and critical investments that improve customer service and support dedicated employees.

I once again ask for your vote and would be honored to continue to serve as Commissioner of Lacey Fire District 3. Thank you for your continued support.

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**Brandon
Faust**

Elected Experience

Fire Commissioner, East Olympia Fire District 6. 2017- present

Other Professional Experience

Lieutenant Paramedic, Lacey Fire District 3. 2006 - present,
WFCA Legislative Committee member 2020- present, Finance/
Treasurer for Prop. 1 Medic One Levy

Education

No Information Submitted.

Community Service

Thurston County Boy's & Girl's Club, #1 Little League Baseball
Coach

Statement

First, I want to say thank you to the citizens and community of East Olympia for trust in electing me to this position six years ago, we have accomplished many goals that we set out for when this journey started. I joined an excellent team of administrators, together we strengthened our emergency capabilities - increasing our response to incidents here in East Olympia and throughout Thurston County.

My main goal was to increase staffing, this was accomplished with your support! We were able to restore the regular fire levy in 2021 which includes vital funding to our operations. Future goals also consist of increasing staffing to Station 61 (Normandy Street) which has now become our busiest response zone. A looming contract with the City of Olympia for incident response is also adding pressure - we have more work to do.

Secondly, with our team I helped effect new policy by creating an internal transport program that has our responders providing more vital point of care to you and is also putting dollars back into the Fire Districts budget, this is win-win. With your support I look forward to helping make our community a brighter place.

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**Gloria
Zvirzdys**

Elected Experience

I have been a commissioner for 5 years.

Other Professional Experience

I am a business owner of 2 styling salons, Artistic Talents Styling Salon and Artistic Talents @ Panorama Styling Salon

Education

I graduated from Tumwater High School and while I was still in high school I went to Beauty College and completed my 2 years of education to become a Cosmetologist.

Community Service

I volunteered at South Bay School for over 12 year in the work room helping the teacher's with there school projects. I was also a coach for little league baseball, basketball and soccer. PTA President at Chinook Middle School

Statement

My name is Gloria (Glo) Zvirzdys and I'm running once again, for Position 1, District 8 Fire Commissioner. Commissioners play an integral role in carrying out the mission, vision and goals of the district. Over the past 5 years I have enjoyed being a fire commissioner. Being part of the commissioner and department team, we have developed a strategic plan that will help project what changes might need to happen over the next 5-10 years. We had challenges during COVID, but with a great staff and communication we got through it all. I have the time to commit to being a commissioner and believe my business skills, along with my creativity and organizational abilities, will add value. I enter this race with the full support of my husband of 44 years, Victor Zvirzdys. I have a long history of volunteerism and while our kids were at South Bay Elementary School I was honored to receive the Acorn Award for my years of outstanding volunteerism. As an entrepreneur I will bring a different perspective to the table, as well as new energy and a positive voice.

Thank you for considering casting your vote for me,
Gloria (Glo) Zvirzdy

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**Jake
Hunter**

Elected Experience

I have been a Firefighter for Lacey Fire District 3 for almost eleven years and am currently a Training Lieutenant with the district. I work with our newest firefighters in the county and am involved in several different programs throughout our fire department. I have experience in training all firefighters, both career and volunteer throughout the county in one capacity or another for the last decade.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

No Information Submitted.

Community Service

Youth sports coach (2012 – Current); Reeves Middle School and Roosevelt Elementary School program volunteer; Lacey Firefighters' Charity President Volunteer Position (2014 – 2019); Volunteer firefighter at South Bay (2011 – 2013)

Statement

My wife and I grew up in Thurston County attending local schools. We have two teenage boys who both attend Olympia schools and take part in sports, band, and drama in their free time. My wife is a para educator for the Olympia School District. My wife and I built a house in South Bay's district eight years ago. In our free time we enjoy family adventure; camping, backpacking, climbing mountains, boating, and exploring National Parks. I have watched our North Olympia community grow over the last several years and I am excited to help our Fire Department reach its potential with response, service, and community outreach as we look towards the future. I have strong relationships with our service members at South Bay Fire and look forward to taking on a larger part in the growth of our local fire department.

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**Len
Albert**

Elected Experience

Mason Black Lake Fire Dept. Department Commissioner since 2020. trustee of the Thurston County Fire Commissioners Association

Other Professional Experience

I was a volunteer firefighter for Black Lake Fire Dept. for 16 years, retiring as a captain. I have also served as a medical adviser to multiple Mason County fire departments. While working at Harborview Medical Center I assisted in supervised Seattle Medic One paramedics

Education

bachelor of science University of Southern California, doctorates. University of Chicago, faculty, Stanford University and Oregon Health Sciences University

Community Service

volunteer firefighter for 16 years; board member and officer for a nonprofit corporation for over 20 years

Statement

we have weathered the trying times of the covid epidemic providing excellent service while keeping costs in check. We have more volunteers and staff firefighters and are working on a plan of cooperation with other fire departments to increase services while reducing costs. I ask for your vote to help me continue with this important work.

Contact

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**Jason A.
Foust**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

No Information Submitted.

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

My name is Jason A. Foust and I am running for the position of Fire Commissioner No. 4 for Thurston County Fire District 9, McLane Black Lake Fire Department. It has been my pleasure to serve the District since 2021 after being appointed as a Fire Commissioner. I currently work as an environmental attorney where I focus my practice on Wildfire and Forest Practices litigation for the State of Washington. I also served the District as a volunteer firefighter for a short time. I pride myself on transparency and common sense approach to the issues that face the District. I look forward to the advancements and challenges that face the District in the future and would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election. Thank you.

Contact

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**Mark
Thompson**

Elected Experience

25 years as Fire Commissioner for Black Lake Fire Department (1998 – 2018, including contractual consolidation with McLane Fire Department from 2008 – 2018) and then the voter-approved/merged McLane Black Lake Fire Department (2018 – present).

Other Professional Experience

Past president and former board member of Thurston County Fire & Rescue Training Consortium. 37 years as a deputy prosecuting attorney with the Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Education

Olympia High School; University of Washington (BA in Business Administration); University of Puget Sound School of Law (JD).

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

It has been my privilege to serve as a fire commissioner in this community for 25 years, beginning initially with the Black Lake Fire Department which later consolidated and then ultimately merged in 2018 with the McLane Fire Department to become the McLane Black Lake Fire Department (MBLFD). During this time, we have – with the support of our community – increased fire personnel, improved service, and updated district equipment and facilities to meet the growing needs of our community's emergency services. Because of these improvements, our Community Protection Rating from the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau improved throughout the merged district to lower home and property insurance rates. We recently retired early by one and two years, respectively, outstanding bonds, saving taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars in interest.

I am committed to our department continuing to provide a cost-effective, high level of service by emergency medical personnel, fire prevention and control, as well as public education about such matters to the citizens of our district and Thurston County.

I am proud of our department, and I hope you are too. I would be honored and grateful for your support to continue serving as your fire commissioner. Thank you.

Contact

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**James
Freed**

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Professional Firefighter; Army Reserve Intelligence/Budget Analyst

Education

Associates in Intelligence Operations

Community Service

I have served in the Army Reserves for nine years and am still currently serving

Statement

I am running for Thurston Fire Protection District 12 Fire Commissioner, Position No. 4, because I want to be involved and proactive in being a part of my community. I am a professional union firefighter and a service member in the Army Reserve. I will use this experience to support and serve this community to the best of my ability.

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**Arthur
Dalessandro**

Elected Experience

I was appointed as Fire Commissioner, January 2023 to fill a vacancy. I was also elected to serve on the Burns Point Water Board and have done so since 2014.

Other Professional Experience

I proudly served in the United State Army. After my enlistment, I had been employed for over thirty years in the Safety/Loss Control industry as a Vice President & Senior Executive of an employer association. I am currently employed selling those services.

Education

Community College

Community Service

I am an active member of my church, served as a Cub Scout Leader and have lent my culinary skills to various charities throughout the years.

Statement

Having lived in the Steamboat Island community for over 30 years, the well-being of our community & employees is most important to me.

My pledge to the community is to be fiduciarly responsible while ensuring our first responders are well taken care of and the community well served.

I would be honored to have your vote.

Contact

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**Dave
Pearsall**

Elected Experience

Currently serving in my 10th year as a Thurston County Fire District 13, Griffin Fire Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience

I am second in command of the largest elected law enforcement agency in Thurston County. In charge of a \$42M annual budget.

Education

Graduate of the FBI National Academy; Attended Saint Martin's University; Graduate of Pierce Community College

Community Service

President and co-founder of Chaplains Association for Public Safety-Thurston County. Board member and past president of the Oregon Washington Law Enforcement Association.

Statement

I would like to thank the Griffin community for your continued support as I serve as one of your elected Fire Commissioners.

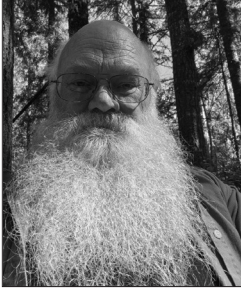
I remain committed to provide excellent Fire and Emergency Medical Service to our citizens by working closely with the fire chief, department employees, fellow fire commissioners, and our community. I will always strive to ensure that your tax dollars are spent responsibly.

The Griffin Fire Department has gone through several positive changes during my 10-tenure as your Fire Commissioner. I look forward to continued successes for the agency and the Griffin community.

It's an honor to serve as your Fire Commissioner, thank you again for your support.

Contact

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**Harry W.
Miller**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

No Information Submitted.

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as Commissioner position 1 since 2003. I would appreciate your vote to serve again as your Fire Commissioner.

Bald Hills Fire 17 has a wonderful culture of Service and Volunteerism, It is a Fantastic community, and it would be my desire as commissioner to see it continue. Thank you.

"It's Good to Be Seventeen"

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**David
Shepherd**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

No Information Submitted.

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

For the last 12 years I have had the privilege of serving the community as a Fire Commissioner at Southeast Thurston Fire Authority. We have seen a lot of changes in our community and the world since then. Our fire district has met these changes head on and accomplished monumental goals to make our community a safer place. We have staffed two stations with fulltime firefighters, created a Prevention Department, and have a fulltime medical transport unit to serve our area. None of this came without the hard work of the Fire Chief, Labor Unions, Firefighters and or our commissioners. I would like to thank them all for their dedication to our mission to serve. If elected I will continue to meet the changing needs of our community.

My name is David Shepherd, and I would like your vote.

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**Jeff
DeHan**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

No Information Submitted.

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

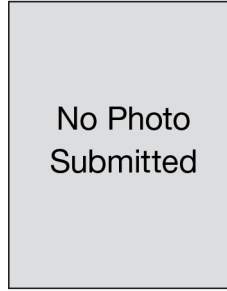
I've been honored to serve as one of your S.E. Thurston Fire Authority Fire Commissioners for the past eight years. Our Community is extremely fortunate to have such an outstanding group of professional Firefighters and Volunteers serving us. They are committed to providing exceptional fire, rescue, prevention education and emergency medical services to Yelm, Rainier and surrounding areas. They operate with compassion, integrity, respect, and support for citizens in their time of need.

We are entrusted by *you* to be responsible with your monies, to always be on the lookout for more efficient and better ways to do business. I strive to effectively utilize all available resources provided by our community. I will continue with this as we work to fulfill the SETFA and EMT mission; to prevent loss of life, personal injury, damage from fire, disaster and medical emergencies through emergency response, training, public education and information.

As a resident of the Yelm community and supervisor for the largest law enforcement agency in this area for over 25 years, I am committed to our Community. My name is Jeff DeHan and I would like your vote for S.E. Fire Authority Fire Commissioner, Sub Region 2, Position 2.

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**Bill
DeVore**

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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**Steven
Slater**

Elected Experience

Fire Commissioner 2006-Present; President Thurston County Fire Commissioners Association 2014-2020; Vice Chairman of SE Thurston Fire Authority, Fire Commissioner Board, 2012-Present

Other Professional Experience

44 years of fire service, last 14 years as Deputy Fire Chief; 20 years USAF Firefighter; Current EMT since 2000; Incident Commander, Type 4 & 5 Incidents; Test Control Officer for WSP/ State Fire Marshal's Office

Education

Bachelors of Science, Business Management, University of Phoenix; Associates of Science, Fire Command Administration, Pierce College

Community Service

Life Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Nisqually Valley Post 5580; Knights of Columbus Council 17152, St. Columban Catholic Church; Hunter Education Instructor; Washington State Master Hunter; National Rifle Association-Patriot Life Benefactor member; STEM Kamp supporter

Statement

I am proud to serve the citizens of SE Thurston Fire Authority as your Fire Commissioner. I look forward to continuing to provide guidance and leadership to our fire service. Along with the Board and Chiefs I have worked to provide a quality work environment for our career and volunteer members, to ensure accurate accountability of your tax dollars and how they are spent to provide the best service to our community we can. Internally I have served on the labor negotiation and budget teams for several years. Our growing community will bring many challenges and demands on our small department. Improvements to our facilities so we can staff them to improve response times costs money we don't have. We have a great community and will continue to work at providing you a great service.

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**Michael
Reed**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

No Information Submitted.

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

I have lived in the West Thurston Fire district for 36 years and previously volunteered at the Littlerock Fire Station for 5+ years. I have seen many changes, district growth, and both improvements and areas I would like to help improve. As a Commissioner, I will be working to help ensure improvements continue. I am a strong supporter of human resource development and working together as a team. As a local fire supporter, I want to help the district continue with community building and support. I believe each and every firefighter is a valuable and necessary asset to our community. As a Commissioner, I hope to help them as they help us. Thank you.

Contact

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**Jeff
Merryman**

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

No Information Submitted.

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

It is time for a change in our fire department board of commissioners. I'm proud to call Rochester home and after many years of engaging in open government public process, I have decided to offer myself to the community.

Our fire department needs to focus our efforts on financial stewardship with an emphasis on money management. The fire department needs leadership that has experience working with all walks of the community to find common solutions that we can all rally behind.

As a business owner, I am constantly seeking out new and inventive ways to overcome issues. I depend on my skills in communication, organization, and team management along with my years of experience in business development to create sustainable solutions.

As fire commissioner one of my top goals will be to roll back some of the anti-volunteer policies that are on the books from the early days. It's time our fire department treats our volunteers equitably. Another priority for me is to make sure the community is represented. Especially when budget talks happen. Our community cannot afford to keep throwing money at the department. I will be the voice of reason for the community. Vote for Jeff Merryman

Contact

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**Dayv
Lowry**

Elected Experience

Between 2009 and 2020; elected Treasurer, twice Vice President, and President of the Washington Association of Fish and Wildlife Professionals labor union 2022; appointed to partial term as Tanglewilde Parks and Recreation District Commissioner, Position No.1.

Other Professional Experience

Senior Research Scientist, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; Range Operations Sustainment Biologist, United States Navy; Natural Resources Management Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service

Education

B.S. Marine Biology, Hawai'i Pacific University; Ph.D. Biology, University of South Florida

Community Service

Labor organizer; North Thurston School District volunteer; Science educator and mentor

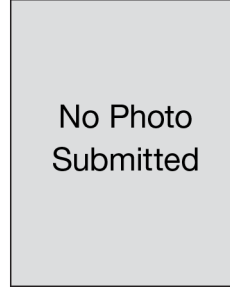
Statement

I've been employed as a civil servant for the whole of my professional career: first with the Washington State government, then with the U.S. Federal government. Over this period, I've volunteered for additional duties and responsibilities time and time again. My overarching goal throughout has been to improve government operations by increasing transparency and promoting responsible, well-informed decision making.

Over the past year, I served as a Tanglewilde Parks and Recreation District Commissioner, where I helped ensure funding was smoothly transferred from the County to the District to support park and pool operations. This included providing oversight for pool deck expansion and completion of considerable deferred maintenance. If elected to a full term, I will continue this work over the next two years to make our parks and pool the best they can be!

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**Alexis
Wallace**

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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Submitted

Marc S.
Spiegelberg

Elected Experience

Served as Grand Mound Cemetery District Commissioner since 1996

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted.

Education

No Information Submitted.

Community Service

No Information Submitted.

Statement

I have served as your Grand Mound Cemetery Commissioner since 1996 and currently serve as the Chairman of the Commission. As a member of the Commission, I work hard to improve and operate the Grand Mound Cemetery in an efficient manner. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the community. I would appreciate your vote in the General Election.

Contact

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Submitted

Kristen
Colt

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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November 7, 2023

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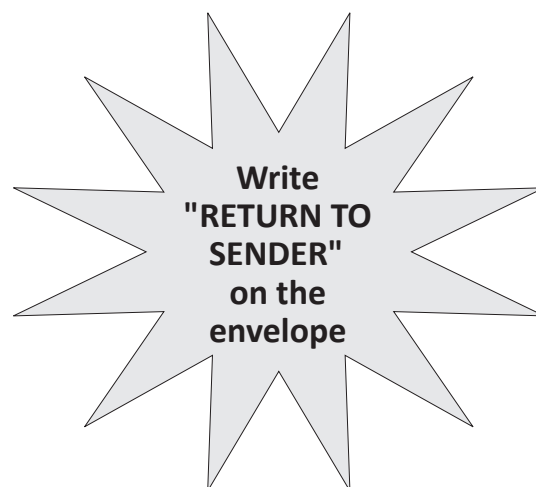
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The next pages contain a local measure certified to appear on the November 7, 2023 General Election ballot.

For the measure in the Local Voters' Pamphlet, the legislative authority of the jurisdiction placing the measure on the ballot is required to formally appoint committees to prepare statements advocating the approval and rejection of the measure. If the jurisdiction is unable to make such appointments, the Thurston County Auditor advertises for such appointments.

The Auditor's Office encourages you to thoroughly review all statements and seek additional information from the jurisdictions, the appointed citizens' committees, and the local and regional media.

Thurston County Proposition No. 1

Sales and Use Tax for Law Enforcement Protection, Corresponding Prosecution and Public Defense Services, and Elections Security

The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners has adopted Resolution No. 16289 concerning imposition of a sales and use tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.450. If approved, this proposition would authorize an additional sale and use tax at a rate of two-tenths of one percent to be used, of the County distribution, for up to 75% in law enforcement protection, including hiring additional sheriff deputies, and associated infrastructure, and up to 25% for additional prosecution and proportionate public defense services, and elections security infrastructure as stated in Resolution No. 16289.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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Explanatory Statement

Proposition 1 authorizes the County to raise funds for public safety purposes through an increase in the sales and use tax as set forth in RCW 82.14.450. This measure will impose a sales and use tax in the amount of two-tenths of one percent. All revenues shall be distributed as follows: 60% shall be retained by Thurston County and 40% shall be distributed on a per capita basis to cities within Thurston County.

The county plans to use its share of this funding exclusively for hiring additional sheriff deputies, supporting law enforcement services and associated infrastructure, including facilities, (75%), and additional prosecution and public defense, and elections security infrastructure, including facilities (25%). This funding cannot be used to supplant funding for any ongoing services and/or programs.

The proposed increase in the sales and use tax will continue to produce revenues for these public safety purposes in future years.

Statement prepared by Elizabeth Petrich
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Argument For

Invest in Public Safety

Our community is safe when our law enforcement agencies are fully staffed. That's why we need to invest in more law enforcement officers and mental health co-responders. With more deputies and mental health professionals on the streets, we can respond to crimes faster and *keep our neighborhoods and families safe*.

We can do better.

Urgent action is required. Right now, Thurston County ranks 38th out of 39 counties in deputies per capita. *That's not good enough.* We need to boost our law enforcement numbers so we can effectively combat crime and protect our community. This funding will add 28 additional deputies and allow the expansion of alternatives like Thurston County's mental health co-responder SCOUT team.

A Comprehensive Approach

This resolution allocates 75% of the funds to law enforcement and 25% to defense, prosecution, and election security – underscoring a balanced strategy in tackling crime and strengthening election security during a time of growing threats and intimidation against election workers. A comprehensive approach, one with fiscal and public accountability, is *vital for maintaining a just and secure community and protecting our democracy*.

Building a better future for all.

Voting Yes on this resolution exemplifies our dedication to the safety, justice, and prosperity of our community. This is an opportunity for us to collectively *shape a more secure and promising future for all of Thurston County and our democracy*. Endorsed by: Senator Sam Hunt; Commissioners Carolina Mejia, Tye Menser, and Gary Edwards; Sheriff Derek Sanders; Auditor Mary Hall.

Argument Against

Would you pay \$10 to get \$4 of service?

Vote No! Under state law for Public Safety Sales Tax, only 60% of the revenue goes to the county, the other 40% goes to the cities. Of the total tax collected less than 40% will be directed to actual law enforcement for the county. Vote No!

The planned and budgeted absence of a proper level of funding for road deputies, is now being presented as a *"lack of funding"* to manipulate the voters to support more sales tax increases. Do you trust that your current tax dollars are being spent effectively for the primary required services by Thurston County? No! Should the city taxpayers supplement the unincorporated for additional law enforcement in addition to paying to provide their own law enforcement? No!

Does *"more sheriff deputies on the road"* mean that the proposed tax should be used to build election facilities? No! Did the county need a second assistant county manager? No! Does the county need to spend approximately \$2,500,000 a year for a rented facility because the Commissioners chose to neglect the County Courthouse? No! Did the county need to spend approximately \$10,000,000.00 to fix up a privately owned building for the landlord of the building? No!

Thurston County Commissioners have intentionally failed to provide adequate funding to provide on the road sheriff deputies for unincorporated Thurston County. We don't need to be taxed more to get what we paid for already. Vote No!

Rebuttal of "For" Argument

Current funding is available within current revenues. Wasteful use of tax dollars is the cause of lack of funding for law enforcement. The politicians want to convince you that democracy is at risk without more deputies on the road. Who caused the problem?

Trusting the same politicians to solve the problems they created, by giving more taxes only sets up the next *"need by design"* for more tax increases. Stop the insanity. Vote No.

Rebuttal of "Against" Argument

Supporting Proposition 1 in Thurston County means enhancing public safety across *all* jurisdictions. It is crucial to recognize the county as a whole.

We must avoid blaming current elected officials for legislative requirements, laws, and restrictions established over decades to protect our community. Public safety and election security are our collective responsibility. A yes vote benefits every city and the entire county. Together, we can increase the safety of all residents and protect our democracy.



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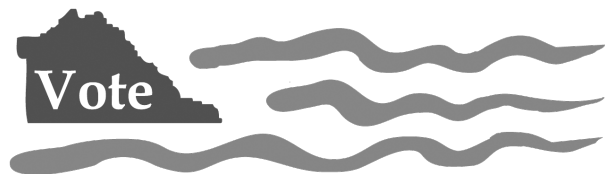


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