



Kitsap County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

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Dear Kitsap County Voters:

One of the ways you can continue celebrating the 250th Anniversary of this nation is by participating in this upcoming democratic process, the Washington Primary. You will have several opportunities to have your voice heard on who might represent you, and for many of you on local funding measures.

In Washington, it's also the first opportunity for some 17-year-olds to cast their first ballot in some candidate races. If someone in your home is 17 now, but will be 18 on or before the November 3, 2026 General Election, they can vote in this Primary. If they haven't registered to vote already, go to VoteWA.gov to register there. Or, come to our office in Port Orchard for a photo opportunity!

The Primary is your opportunity to help narrow the field of candidates to two in each race, and to weigh in on funding measures in Bremerton, Poulsbo and for those residents who live within the North Mason Regional Fire Authority boundaries.

Besides candidate statements and measure arguments, you'll find several pages with important information about voting. Want to know why your signature matters? It's in here. Want to know where college students can get help in voting? It's in here, too. Want to know how we ensure the security of your vote? There is a page for that.

If you're not sure which of the districts in this pamphlet you can vote in, go to VoteWA.gov and click on "Your Elected Officials." If what you see there is included in the pamphlet, you will get a chance to vote in that race or measure. Ballots will be on the way soon!

Thank you for your participation in this democratic process.

Sincerely,

Your Kitsap County Elections Team

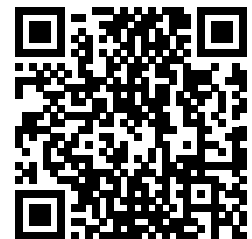
About the Cover

Ballot drop boxes are a great way to return your ballot. By doing so you guarantee that only trained election officials handle your ballots. They work in teams of at least two to collect them, transport them, and process them. Ballots returned before the weekend preceding Election Day will be included in the election night results on August 4.

The list of ballot drop boxes is on page 9 of this voters' pamphlet.

If you do decide to return your ballot by mail, USPS recommends mailing your ballot at least a week before Primary Day.

Online Pamphlet: This pamphlet is available online at Kitsap.gov/elections or by using the QR code below.



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Email Updates	kitsap.gov – 'News Sign Up' (lower right of page)
Facebook	facebook.com/KitsapCountyAuditor
Instagram	instagram.com/kitsap_county_auditor/
Bluesky	bsky.app/profile/kitsapauditor.bsky.social
X	x.com/kitsapauditor
YouTube	youtube.com/user/kitsapauditor

Has my ballot been counted?

Tracking your ballot is easier than ever!

Sign up for text notifications when you register or update your info at **VoteWA.gov**.



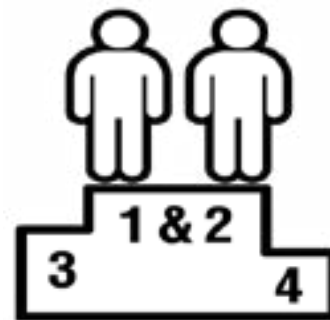
Election Information

Top 2 Primary

The purpose of the Primary is to reduce the number of candidates in each race to two for the General Election.

- Voters may vote for any one candidate in each contest.
- Voters are voting for candidates, not choosing a political party's nominees.

The two candidates who receive the most votes in the August Primary advance to the General Election. Candidates must receive at least 1 percent of the total votes cast for their position in order to be placed on the General Election ballot. It is possible that the two candidates who advance to the General Election prefer the same party.



Participating Jurisdictions

Districts participating in this Local Voters' Pamphlet are the United States Government, the State of Washington, Kitsap County, the City of Bremerton, Kitsap County Fire District No. 18 (Poulsbo Fire) and North Mason Regional Fire Authority.



Military, Overseas Voters and Early Ballots

If you are a military or overseas voter, or if you believe your ballot will not be received in time to vote, you may request to receive your ballot by email or request an early ballot up to 90 days before an election. Early ballots list only the contests known at the time of the request. To request an email ballot or early ballot, visit: kitsap.gov/elections or contact Kitsap County Elections.

Additional information for military and overseas voters is available from the Federal Voting Assistance Program at: www.fvap.gov.

Questions or Need a Replacement Ballot?

If you have not received your ballot by **July 23**, or if your ballot is damaged or lost, you may request a replacement ballot by contacting Kitsap County Elections by phone at (360) 307-VOTE (8683) or by email at auditor@kitsap.gov.

Write-Ins – Which Votes Can Be Counted

Primary write-in votes can only be counted if:

- The candidate filed a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy, and;
- If there are enough write-in votes for a candidate to finish in second.

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☒ Beau "Gus" Moniker

Election Information



Candidates for Federal, State and Judicial Offices

The Washington Secretary of State does not print a Primary voters' pamphlet, so Kitsap County includes statements from Federal, State, Legislative and Judicial candidates in its Primary pamphlet as a courtesy to Kitsap County voters. Federal, State, Legislative statements are submitted by candidates to the Secretary of State's Office. Laws for the State Voters' Pamphlet do not permit the Secretary of State's Office to disallow or censor content. The statements for Federal, State and Legislative candidates are printed here as approved by the Secretary of State's Office. If you object to a candidate's statement, please direct your comments to the candidate.

Candidates for County Offices

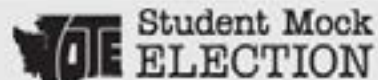
Statements for candidates for county races are subject to RCW 29A.32 sections 210-280 and Kitsap County Administrative Rules. Once deemed compliant they are printed exactly as submitted. Kitsap County Elections does not correct punctuation, grammar, typos or inaccurate information.



Committee Statements

The Local Voters' Pamphlet includes arguments submitted by committees supporting or opposing ballot measures. Statements are the opinions of the authors. Kitsap County Elections is not responsible for the content of statements or their factual and grammatical accuracy.

Teachers: Classroom Activity



The Student Mock Election is a non-partisan, educational event that teaches kids to be informed voters. Over 500,000 students have participated in Washington's annual Student Mock Election since 2004.

- Students vote on candidates and measures, just like they will in the future.
- Participants learn about the unique vote-by-mail elections process used in our state.
- Non-partisan and free to all public, private, tribal, and homeschool K-12 students.

Free resources for educators:

- Teacher toolkit includes print-friendly Voters' Pamphlet, lessons from Teaching Elections in Washington State curriculum book, posters, and coloring sheet.

Visit sos.wa.gov/mockelection for more info.

Want to be notified of the next Student Mock Election?
Scan with your smartphone camera to sign up.

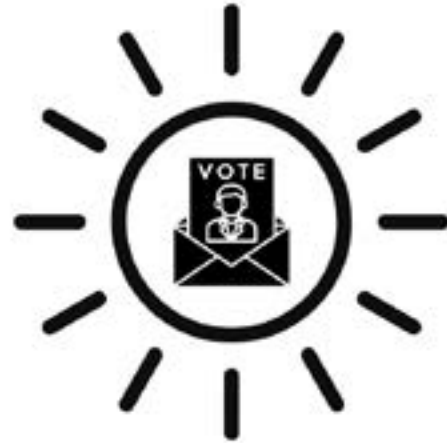


Voter Registration

Who May Vote

To be eligible to vote, one must register and be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A resident of Washington state.
- At least 18 years old. In the August Primary a 17-year-old who will be 18 by the November General Election can vote in candidate races, except for PCO races.
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction.
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.



When to Register

Individuals may register to vote at any time. To vote in the August 4 Primary, the deadlines are:

- **July 27:** Deadline for **mail and online** voter registrations, updates, and changes.
- **August 4:** **In-person** deadline for voter registrations, updates, and changes. Citizens may register until 8 p.m. on Election Day by appearing in person at one of the Vote Centers or at the Auditor's Office. Registration will also be available the Saturday and Monday before Election Day and on Election Day at the Vote Centers at the Marvin Williams Recreation Center, the Poulsbo Fire Station, and the Kitsap County Auditor's Office.

Options for Registering

- Online at www.VoteWA.gov.
- Complete a paper registration form available at libraries, city halls, public schools, and the County Auditor's Office.
- When you renew your driver's license.



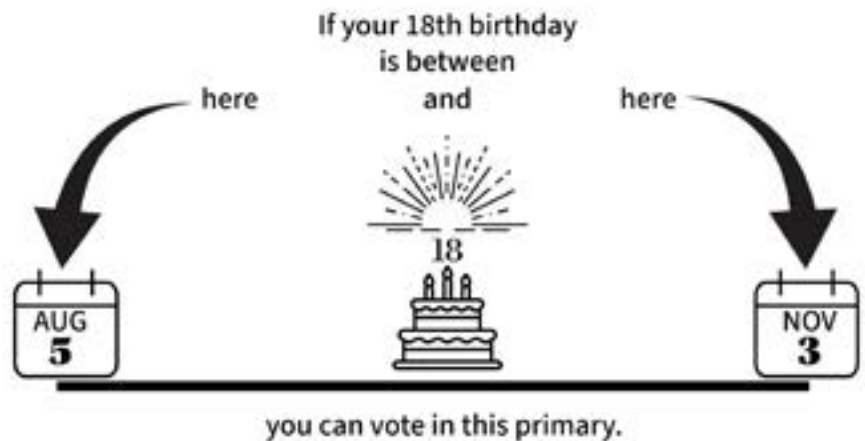
Voter Registration

17-Year-Old Voters

In the State of Washington 16- and 17-year-olds can sign up as Future Voters and be automatically registered to vote when they become eligible. A voter who turns 18 between the August Primary and the November General Election may vote on candidate races in the Primary, except for PCO races.

([RCW 29A.08.170](#))

([WAC 434-232-020-030](#))



Update Your Voter Record if You Move

If you are already registered to vote in Washington, update your voter record through July 27:

- online at: www.VoteWA.gov
- by emailing the Kitsap County Auditor – Elections Division at auditor@kitsap.gov,
- by phone at 360-307-VOTE (8683).

Address updates can be made **in person** until 8 p.m. on Election Day at the Kitsap County Auditor's Office and at the Vote Centers. Dates and locations are on Page 6. A new voter registration card will be mailed after your address change is processed.



Washington State Voter Registration Form

Instructions

Use this form to register to vote or update your voter registration. Fill in the information clearly using a black or blue ink pen. You must sign the form to verify your identity. Mail this completed form to your county elections office.

Deadline

The registration will be effective for the next election. It is not valid for the next election if you do not sign the form before the deadline. It is not valid for the next election if you do not sign the form before the deadline.

Residence

You must be a United States citizen in order to register to vote. If you are a United States citizen, you must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election. If you are a United States citizen, you must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election.

Future Voters

If you are 16 or 17 years old, you may register to vote as a Future Voter. You may register to vote as a Future Voter if you are at least 16 years old on the day of the election. You may register to vote as a Future Voter if you are at least 16 years old on the day of the election.

Public Information

Your registration information is public. You may request a copy of your registration information. You may request a copy of your registration information.

Contact Information

For more information, contact the Washington State Auditor General.

Signature

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name Change

If you have legally changed your name, you must complete a new voter registration application. Your new signature is used to validate your ballot.

To Cancel Your Voter Registration

You may sign a form requesting to cancel your registration. In the case of a deceased voter, a friend or family member may sign a form notifying the Auditor's Office. The form is available by contacting the Kitsap County Auditor's Office or online at

<https://www.kitsap.gov/auditor/Documents/CancellationForm.pdf>.

([RCW 29A.08.510](#))

Request to cancel a Voter Registration Record

Use this form to cancel your voter registration or to cancel the registration of a deceased voter.

1. Provide voter information

Name: First	Middle	Last
Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)	Voter Registration No. (if known)	
Registered Address:		

2. Select a box

- ☐ I hereby authorize the cancellation of my voter registration.
- ☐ I hereby declare, under penalties of perjury, that I am a registered voter and according to my personal knowledge or belief, the voter listed above has died and I am requesting his/her voter registration to be canceled.

3. Sign and date

Signature:	Date:
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How to return this form:

Mail: Kitsap County Auditor
614 Division St., MS-31
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Email: auditor@kitsap.gov
Fax: (360) 337-5769
Questions? (360) 337-7128

Vote Centers and Accessible Voting



Federal law requires jurisdictions to provide a vote center with certified accessible voting devices that enable voters with disabilities to cast their ballots independently and in private.

Accessible Voting Units provide all contests in audio and high-contrast text formats and are available beginning 18 days prior to the Primary.

Before Election Day

July 17 through July 31, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
Kitsap County Auditor's Office
619 Division St, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Vote Center Hours

Saturday, August 1; Monday, August 3,
8:30 a.m. -- 4:30 p.m.
Election Day, Tuesday, August 4,
7 a.m. -- 8 p.m.

Vote Center Locations

Kitsap County Administration Building
619 Division Street, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Marvin Williams Recreation Center
725 Park Avenue, Bremerton, WA 98337

Poulsbo Fire Station
911 NE Liberty Road, Poulsbo, WA 98370



Online Ballot Access and Braille Voters' Pamphlets

The State of Washington provides an accessible online ballot and a Local Voters' Pamphlet at VoteWA.gov. Braille voter pamphlets are available by contacting us at (360) 307-VOTE (8683) or auditor@kitsap.gov.

The online access is compatible with commonly used accessibility software such as screen readers and screen magnifiers, and allows for navigation without the use of a mouse and without having to see the cursor on the screen. All candidate video statements include closed captions.

Candidate and Political Committee Information

Candidates for Partisan Office

A candidate may state on the ballot a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate may choose to not state a party preference. A candidate's party 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.

Nonpartisan Offices – Primary

A Primary is held if three or more candidates file to run for a nonpartisan office. If no more than two candidates file, they appear only on the General Election ballot in the order determined by lot.

Precinct Committee Officer

A Precinct Committee Officer is a partisan office, an elected or appointed member of a major political party. Precinct Committee Officers elect a chair and vice-chair of their party's county and legislative district central committees. At the time of filing for office, candidates must be registered to vote in the precinct represented by the office they seek. Precinct Committee Officers are elected in the Primary. Precinct Committee Officer contests will only appear on the ballot if two or more candidates from the same party file for that office. **For this office only:** In order to vote for precinct committee officer you must affirm that you are a Democrat or a Republican and may vote for only one candidate from the party you select. Your vote for a candidate affirms your affiliation with the same party as the candidate. This preference is private and will not be matched to your name or shared.

Contributions to Candidates and Political Committees

For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit **Public Disclosure Commission for Washington State** at www.pdc.wa.gov, or call (360) 753-1111. The PDC also explains filing requirements and contribution limits, laws and rules. For a list of the people and organizations that donated to federal candidates, visit www.fec.gov.

Washington State Democratic Party

P.O. Box 4027, Seattle, WA 98194
(206) 583-0664
www.wadems.org/contact
www.wadems.org

Kitsap County Democratic Central Committee

P.O. Box 27, Silverdale, WA 98383
(360) 698-6833
chair@kitsapdemocrats.org
www.kitsapdemocrats.org

Washington State Republican Party

11911 NE 1st St., Ste. 201, Bellevue, WA 98005
(425) 900-3379
info@wagop.org
www.wagop.org

Kitsap County Republican Party

6610 Kitsap Way, Ste. 102, Bremerton, WA 98312
(360) 761-1176
chair@kitsaprepublicans.com
www.kitsaprepublicans.com

Major Political Parties

A political party qualifies as a "major" political party when it receives at least 5 percent of the total votes cast in any statewide office contest at the preceding state General Election in an even-numbered year. In 2026, Washington state has two major political parties: Democratic and Republican.

Minor Political Parties

A "minor" political party is any political party in which no candidate for statewide office received at least 5 percent of the total votes cast at the preceding General Election during an even-numbered year.

Marking Your Ballot

How to vote

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

Do not use pencil.

Mark one choice in each contest.

If you mark more than one choice, no votes will be counted for that contest.



Secure

Place the voted ballot in the secrecy sleeve.

Place the secrecy sleeve inside the lavender return envelope.



Sign, Date and Seal

Read, sign and date the Voter Declaration on the lavender return envelope.

- You must sign the lavender return envelope in order for your ballot to be counted.
- Sign your name in dark ink.
- Seal the lavender return envelope.



Ballot Marking Tips and Reminders

Ballot marking errors require additional staff review, which slows down ballot processing. Help us improve efficiency by **avoiding** these common errors:

Do **not** circle:



Do **not** check:



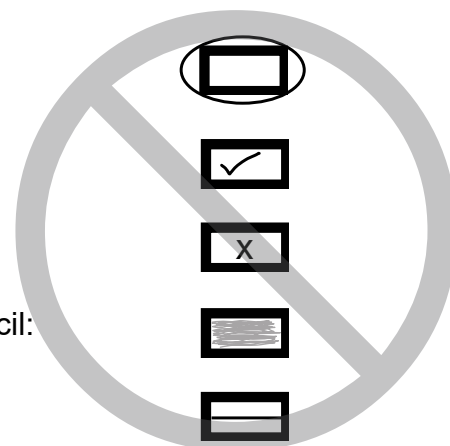
Do **not** X:



Do **not** use pencil:



No single lines:



24-Hour Ballot Drop Boxes

Voters are encouraged to use a ballot drop box. Ballot drop boxes provide a safe, secure way for voters to deposit their ballots. Ballot drop boxes are available 24 hours a day beginning July 17, 2026, until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

The locations are below, and can be found using the QR code on the right.



Bainbridge Island School District 8489 Madison Avenue North Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 (drive-up)	Navy Yard City - West Side Improvement Club 4109 West E Street Bremerton, WA 98312 (drive-up)
Bremerton - Downtown Norm Dicks Government Center 345 6th Street, Bremerton, WA 98337 (drive-up)	Olalla Bay Market & Landing 13965 Crescent Valley Road SE Olalla, WA 98359
Bremerton - East Kitsap Regional Library, Sylvan Way Branch 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310 (drive-up)	Port Gamble - S'Klallam Tribal Center 31912 Little Boston Road NE Kingston, WA 98346
Bremerton - Marvin Williams Recreation Center 725 Park Avenue Bremerton, WA 98337 (drive-up)	Port Orchard Kitsap County Auditor's Office 619 Division Street Port Orchard, WA 98366
Bremerton National Airport 8850 SW State Highway 3 Bremerton, WA 98312 (drive-up)	Port Orchard (East) - SKFR Station 8 1974 Fircrest Drive SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 (drive-up)
Burley Store 14972 Bethel-Burley Road SE Port Orchard, WA 98367 (drive-up)	Port Orchard (Glenwood) - SKFR Station 17 7990 McCormick Woods Drive SW Port Orchard, WA 98367
Hansville - Buck Lake County Park 6959 Buck Lake Road NE Hansville, WA 98340 (drive-up)	Poulsbo Fire Station 911 NE Liberty Road Poulsbo, WA 98370 (drive-up)
Indianola Tennis Courts 20761 Greenwood Street NE Indianola, WA 98342	Seabeck - Green Mountain Elementary School 3860 Boundary Trail NW Bremerton, WA 98312 (drive-up)
Keyport - Central Park 15378 Washington Avenue NE Keyport, WA 98345	Silverdale - Kitsap County Sheriff Substation 3951 NW Randall Way Silverdale, WA 98383 (drive-up)
Kingston - North Kitsap Fire & Rescue 26642 Miller Bay Road NE Kingston, WA 98346 (drive-up)	Silverdale Rotary Gateway Park 11601 Silverdale Way NW Silverdale, WA 98383 (drive-up)
Kingston - Village Green Park 10810 NE West Kingston Road Kingston, WA 98346 (drive-up)	Southworth WSF Terminal 11677 SE Southworth Ferry Drive Port Orchard, WA 98366 (near terminal entrance)
Manchester Stormwater Park 2399 Colchester Drive E Port Orchard, WA 98366	Suquamish Tribal Council Building 18490 Suquamish Way NE Suquamish, WA 98392
Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor 2500 Ohio Street Silverdale, WA 98315	Tracyton - Bremerton Elks, Lodge 1181 4131 Pine Road NE Bremerton, WA 98310
Naval Base Kitsap - Bremerton 886 Barclay Street Bremerton, WA 98314	Note: The drop box on the Olympic College Poulsbo campus is no longer available.

Sample Ballot Page 1

Sample Ballot
Primary
August 4, 2026
Kitsap County, Washington

This ballot contains all contests that will appear on the August 4, 2026 Primary Election ballot. Only the ballot issues that apply to the precinct where you are registered to vote will appear on your ballot.

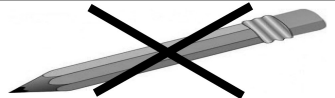
How to vote this ballot

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



Mark **one** choice for a contest. If you mark more than one choice, no votes will be counted for that contest.

Do not use pencil



If you make a mistake



Draw a line through the entire measure response, then you may make another choice.

To vote for a candidate **not** listed on the ballot, write in the name in the space provided and fill in the box.

Ballot information is available online at: [kitsap.gov/elections](https://www.kitsap.gov/elections)

Who donates to campaigns?
View information on financial contributors for federal candidates:

Federal Election Commission
www.fec.gov
Toll Free:
1 (800) 424-9530

View financial contributors for candidates and measures:

Public Disclosure Commission
www.pdc.wa.gov
Toll Free:
1 (877) 601-2828

READ: Each Candidate for partisan office may state a political party that the candidate 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.

Federal Partisan Office

Congressional District 6 U.S. Representative

- ☐ Emily Randall
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Brian P. O'Gorman
(Prefers Independent Party)
- ☐ Teresa Fox
(Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Macy Jones
(States No Party Preference)
- ☐ Leon Lawson
(Prefers Trump Republican Party)
- ☐

State Partisan Offices

Legislative District 23 State Representative Position 1

- ☐ Daria Ilgen
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Tarra Simmons
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐

Legislative District 23 State Representative Position 2

- ☐ Greg Nance
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Lance Byrd
(Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Kristin Lillegard
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐

Legislative District 26 State Senator

- ☐ Deborah Krishnadasan
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Gary Parker
(Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐

Legislative District 26 State Representative Position 1

- ☐ David Olson
(Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Natalie Bornfleth
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Adison Richards
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐

Legislative District 26 State Representative Position 2

- ☐ Randy Phillips
(States No Party Preference)
- ☐ Tedd Wetherbee
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Renee Hernandez Greenfield
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Katy Cornell
(Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐

Legislative District 35 State Senator

- ☐ Carolina Mejia
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Drew C MacEwen
(Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐

Legislative District 35 State Representative Position 1

- ☐ Dan Griffey
(Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Shaena Garberich
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Jim Pierson
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐

Legislative District 35 State Representative Position 2

- ☐ Travis Couture
(Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Maria Littlesun
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐

County Partisan Offices

Kitsap County Commissioner District 3

- ☐ Kevin Tisdell
(Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Katie Walters
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐

Kitsap County Assessor

- ☐ Phil Cook
(Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Michael Simonds
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐

Kitsap County Auditor

- ☐ Paul Andrews
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐

Kitsap County Clerk

- ☐ David T Lewis III
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Brien Kennedy
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐

Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney

- ☐ Joe Lombardi
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Chad M. Enright
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐

Kitsap County Sheriff

- ☐ Rick Kuss
(Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Brandon L. Myers
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐

Kitsap County Treasurer

- ☐ Pete Boissonneau
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐

Sample Ballot Page 2

Sample Ballot
Primary
August 4, 2026
Kitsap County, Washington

Judicial Nonpartisan Offices
Supreme Court Justice Position 1
2-year unexpired term
☐ Colleen Melody
☐ Laura Christensen Colberg
☐ Scott Edwards
☐

Supreme Court Justice Position 3
☐ Jaime Michelle Hawk
☐ David Stevens
☐ Mike Diaz
☐

Supreme Court Justice Position 5
2-year unexpired term
☐ Greg Miller
☐ Theo Angelis
☐ Dave Larson
☐ Sharonda Amamilo
☐

Supreme Court Justice Position 7
☐ David R Shelvey
☐ Debra L. Stephens
☐ Karim A. Merchant
☐ Todd A. Bloom
☐

Local Measures
City of Bremerton Proposition No. 1
Public Safety and Governmental Services Levy
The Bremerton City Council adopted Resolution No. 3409 concerning property taxes for public safety and governmental services. If approved, this proposition would fund City services, including firefighting equipment, staffing, and facilities. It would increase the City's regular property tax rate by \$0.48 to a total authorized rate of \$1.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2027. The 2027 levy amount would be used to calculate subsequent levies. Should this proposition be approved?
☐ Yes
☐ No
Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 (Poulsbo Fire Department) Proposition No. 1
Bonds for Fire and Emergency Response Facilities, Vehicles and Equipment
The Board of Fire Commissioners of Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 (Poulsbo Fire Department) adopted Resolution No. 26-05, concerning emergency response facilities to protect public health, life and property. This proposition would authorize the District to: acquire, construct and renovate firefighting and emergency response facilities, vehicles and equipment (including renovating the fleet facilities; acquiring firefighting apparatus and medic units and firefighting equipment); issue no more than \$7,640,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 6 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 26-05.
Should this proposition be:
☐ Approved
☐ Rejected

North Mason Regional Fire Authority
Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy
Will North Mason Regional Fire Authority be authorized to continue funding emergency medical services for its citizens by continuing to impose a regular property tax levy of \$.50 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2027?
☐ Levy ... Yes
☐ Levy ... No

Election of Political Party Precinct Committee Officer
For this office only: In order to vote for precinct committee officer, a partisan office, you must affirm that you are a Democrat or a Republican and may vote only for one candidate from the party you select. Your vote for a candidate affirms your affiliation with the same party as the candidate. This preference is private and will not be matched to your name or shared.
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Statement Guidelines: Candidates for Federal, State and Judicial Offices

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Emily Randall

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Elected Experience: Congresswoman for Washington's 6th District, Representing the Olympic Peninsula and South Puget Sound. Founder, Bipartisan Congressional Ferry Caucus.

Other Professional Experience: Growing up on the Kitsap Peninsula, I recognize the importance of expanding access to education and healthcare affordability. For 10 years, I worked at Planned Parenthood, Children's Hospital, and Wellesley College, helping people afford the healthcare they need and the education opportunities they deserve.

Education: BA, Wellesley College — first in my family to earn a degree.

Community Service: Member, American Association of University Women, Gig Harbor; past board member, Kitsap Community Resources; past volunteer, Access Women's Health Justice; Big Sister

Statement: I'm Emily Randall — Port Orchard born and raised, daughter of a shipfitter and a paraeducator, and *your representative in Congress*.

I made a pledge to my constituents that in Congress I would hold the Trump Administration accountable and fight to bring down costs for working families, and that's exactly what I've done.

In my first term, I've worked across the aisle to secure nearly *\$18 million* in federal funding for community projects across all six counties in our district. From wastewater infrastructure to emergency management funding, housing and ferry investments to making the PCS process smoother for military families, we were able to deliver real results for servicemembers, working families, Tribes, and local governments by finding common ground.

It's also my duty to hold the Trump Administration accountable. When Trump threatened Medicaid cuts, I held town halls across the district to listen to the concerns of our communities — and in Washington D.C., I fought back. When his administration mismanaged classified information, I demanded accountability. When ICE acted illegally, I didn't stay quiet. When the Trump Administration put their corrupt, self-dealing agenda before our Constitution, I used my position on the Oversight Committee to push back. That's what this moment requires.

Our district needs someone who is not afraid to stand strong against threats to our communities, our country, and our Constitution. We must continue to stand up to the Trump Administration's corruption and fight to protect our democracy, because *you deserve a government that works as hard as you do*.

Endorsed: Senator Patty Murray, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, National Education Association, Washington State Labor Council, League of Conservation Voters Action Fund, Women of Color in Politics, Kitsap County Democrats

Congressional District 6 U.S. Representative – 2-year term (←more→)



Brian P. O’Gorman
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Elected Experience: Brian has no experience as an elected official.

Other Professional Experience: Brian served in the United States Army and the National Guard as a Field Medic in various types of units for 16 years.

Education: Brian has a High School Diploma with some lower division college classes. All medical certifications have expired since his discharge from the military.

Community Service: Since his medical discharge, Brian has volunteered with local community organizations such as Scouting America (BSA) at Camp Hahobas, the Community Emergency Response Team, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Statement: I am running for office because both major political parties have done a disservice to the American People. Our current political situation at the federal level can be directly traced back to decisions by both parties that placed party over Country. These decisions not only put us on our current track but went against our most basic Democratic Ideals. Both the Dems and the Reps have chosen themselves to our detriment. Whether it be a backroom deal to secure a nomination in exchange for a Congressional seat or choosing a candidate because of money, they are two sides of the same tarnished, fiat-based coin. In our lifetimes, we have lost many of our Constitutional protections. These include civil forfeiture, qualified immunity, gerrymandering, and disregarding the will of the people. Congress’s impotence must be remedied.



Teresa Fox
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Elected Experience: Kitsap County Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) 5 years. Endorsements from the Counties’ Republican parties.

Other Professional Experience: Business professional with 30 years regulatory compliance; successfully managing multi-million dollar budgets; bringing projects in on-time, under budget & safely. Experienced bringing citizens, stakeholders & workers to consensus. Environmental, Health & Safety Manager Naval Inactive Ships; Regional Safety & Risk Management: Washington Labor & Industries, Olympic College, and in port/ at sea for Icicle Seafoods, Alaska; Kitsap County DCD & Fire Marshal’s Office.

Education: Olympic College; National Fire Academy; multiple professional certifications.

Community Service: Elks Club member. Lifelong Bremerton resident, active with local car clubs.

Statement: Washington’s 6th District deserves a representative who understands that our community’s strength lies in its independence, hard work, and natural beauty. From the Olympic Peninsula to the shores of Puget Sound, our working families are facing unprecedented challenges.

My family has deep generational roots in the 6th district. I am a citizen volunteer stepping forward to serve all citizens of the 6th. For too long our representation has been focused on fringe ideological activism. We need to get back to the serious business of our district. We need a pragmatic steward, not a political extremist. I am ready to serve.

I will bring common sense leadership to Washington, D.C., focusing on the issues that impact our daily lives: public safety, taxes, economic vitality.

Public safety is a paramount duty of the government. I will work tirelessly to support our local law enforcement and first responders, providing them with the resources necessary to keep neighborhoods safe and address the growing homelessness & drug crises. We must work with federal partners to protect our communities from the flow of illegal drugs and human trafficking; and hold the electeds who represent us accountable.

Furthermore, I will be a fierce advocate for our district’s unique economic drivers. Whether it is supporting our maritime industries, protecting our timber heritage, building our Naval dominance, or fostering innovation in our growing tech sectors, my priority is creating high-quality local jobs. We must also prioritize the health of our clean waters and forests through practical, science-based stewardship, rather than neglectful closure.

I am running to represent everyone in the 6th District. I will listen to your concerns, respect your values, and fight for a future where every Washingtonian has the opportunity to thrive. Vote Fox for positive change, public safety, balanced budgets & economic vitality.

Congressional District 6 U.S. Representative – 2-year term



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Elected Experience: 7th Degree Grange Officer, secretary and treasurer.

Other Professional Experience: Lifetime of professional service in healthcare, paid and volunteer and specializing in elder care.

Education: I have an associate's degree and am pursuing a bachelor's in behavioral health at Peninsula College.

Community Service: I was raised to give back through community service. From organizing youth events and tutoring Liberian refugees to volunteering in food distribution, elder care, emergency response, and local civic projects, I have spent my life supporting underserved communities and building stronger connections between neighbors.

Statement: Integrity, financial transparency, human dignity, and accountability are at the center of my campaign. I will never accept foreign money or AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) funding, and I will represent the needs of the people in our district, not corporate donors or political insiders.

Families across our communities are struggling with affordability, healthcare costs, housing insecurity, food access, and the rising cost of living. Meanwhile, our tax dollars continue funding wars overseas while critical local programs remain underfunded. The incumbent has consistently supported these military policies while accepting support connected to pro-war lobbying interests, even as District 6 families face economic hardship at home. While she highlights federal dollars brought into the district, our community has paid far more through the financial and human costs of wars that do not improve our quality of life.

I believe in fully funding schools, infrastructure, healthcare, senior care, environmental protection, food security, and strong local economies — not endless war. Our communities deserve investment in people, not policies that prioritize military spending over basic human needs.

I support universal healthcare, raising the federal minimum wage, and redefining the full-time work week as 32 hours. I support funding for Long COVID research, affordable elder care, veterans' healthcare, clean-air standards, and restoring programs like Meals on Wheels.

I stand for labor rights, gender equality, marriage equality, voting rights, privacy protections, free speech, and international human rights. I support protecting our forests and rivers in partnership with Tribal nations, regulating AI responsibly, limiting government surveillance, abolishing ICE, closing detention centers like Dilley, and strengthening relationships between community health advocates and law enforcement through accountability and public trust.

Together, we can build a future rooted in care, justice, sustainability, peace, and support for all life.



Leon Lawson

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Elected Experience: Three-time statewide candidate: Governor (2020), U.S. Senate (2022), Governor (2024). Received 118,178 votes —the greatest no-spend performance in Washington history

Other Professional Experience: Owner/Operator of Dogcon Auto dealership (12 years) on the Squaxin Island Reservation in Shelton and founder/owner of DGS Records. Author of multiple proposed federal and state legislative bills.

Education: Education is Vast: includes operating a successful car dealership on tribal land, authoring legislation, and running three statewide campaigns.

Community Service: Grassroots leader building MAGA Washington infrastructure in deep-blue WA-6, creator of high-impact music and media to unite the 6th District, and advocate for juvenile rehabilitation, tribal empowerment, seniors, veterans, and working class families.

Statement: I am not a politician. I am the guy who kept showing up when everyone else wrote off the 6th District. I ran for Governor in 2020, U.S. Senate in 2022, and Governor again in 2024 — three consecutive statewide campaigns in one of the deepest blue states in America. With zero dollars raised or spent, I received a combined 118,178 votes, proving real grassroots energy beats the consultant-donor machine every time. Now Endorsed Six years deep, I have seen the system up close, and I have never backed down. I built and operated Dogcon Auto dealership for 12 years right on the Squaxin Island Reservation in Shelton. I gave honest zero-down deals to working families and tribal members with 90% return customers — until the system came after me for speaking out. They killed my business, stole my home, and tried to silence me. All they did was light the fire. As DJ Dogcon and owner of DGS Records, I weaponize music to cut through the noise and wake up the real West Coast. I am also the author of bold legislation including the Dogcon Youth Rehabilitation & Workforce Campus Act, the American Senior Drug Freedom & Co-op Health Act, the Anti-Human Harvest / Professional Licensing Integrity Act, and the Vehicle Blockchain Title Transfer Act. I stand for juvenile rehab that turns lost kids into productive citizens, tribal empowerment, crushing Big Pharma middlemen, secure elections, and policies that put working families, seniors, and veterans first. No more games. No more gaslighting. No more career politicians hiding from debate. Three statewide campaigns in, with 118,178 votes and zero spending, I am the most experienced, most consistent, and most battle-tested America First candidate in the 6th. Together we finish what we started. Leon A. Lawson

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Election Security in Washington

Before an Election

Voting systems certification and testing



Ballot counting equipment is tested and certified by an independent testing authority and the State of Washington.

Voting systems are not connected to the internet.

Pre-election audit: logic & accuracy tests

Before every election, counties test their voting systems to make sure the machines are correctly set up and accurately counting votes.

Voter registration database

Washington's statewide voter registration database is constantly maintained and updated as voters become registered, move, change their name, pass away, or are no longer eligible to vote.

All eligible voters are automatically mailed ballots. Only one ballot per voter is accepted.

Contact your local county elections office to learn more



sos.wa.gov/county-elections-offices

During an Election

Paper ballots



Voting on paper ballots allows election officials to audit results of an election after votes are counted.

Signature verification

Trained election officials compare your signature to your voter registration file to confirm your identity and eligibility.

If your signature is missing or doesn't match, your ballot is "Challenged" and you are notified. Once your signature is verified, your ballot status will update to "Accepted".

VoteWA

Check the status of your ballot at VoteWA.gov. Once your ballot status is updated to "Accepted," your ballot will be opened and scanned. Only one ballot per voter is accepted.

Chain of custody

Ballots are sealed in secure, tamper-evident containers and at least two staff are present whenever your ballot is handled.

Scanning and tabulation

Ballot scanners and vote counting machines are physically secured in locked rooms. Election staff sign in and out each time the room is opened, and always in groups of two or more.

After Election Day

Random batch audits



Your local election officials hand count randomly selected precincts or ballot batches and compare those numbers to the voting system totals to make sure the vote counting machines counted correctly.

Random ballot audits

Your local election officials compare a random sample of individual ballots to the voting machine record to ensure reported results are correct.

Full ballot reconciliation

Your local election officials keep detailed records of the steps taken to process each ballot or group of ballots, creating an audit trail.

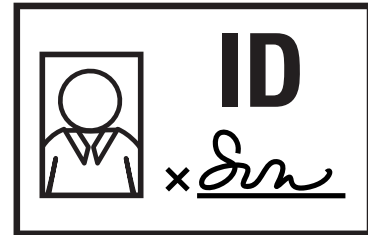
A final report at the end of the process includes a summary of the ballots received and counted.

Why is my signature important?

Your signature is needed to make sure your ballot gets counted.

1

Your ballot will only be counted if your signature is verified. If you registered to vote online or through Department of Licensing, the signature from your driver's license, permit, or state ID will be on your voter registration record.



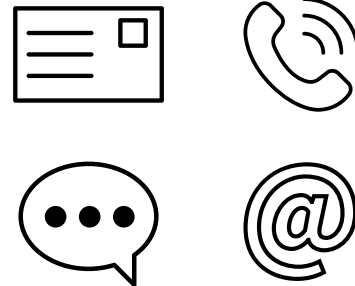
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The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. Trained election officials are responsible for verifying each and every signature.



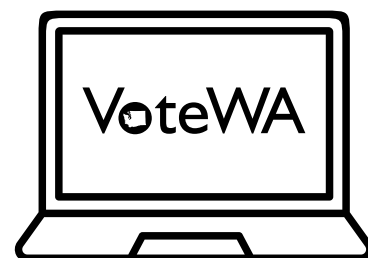
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If your signature is missing or does not match your voter registration record, **the county elections office will contact you** by mail before results are certified. They may call, text, or email if you gave them this info. Your ballot will only be counted if your signature is verified.



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You can track and check your ballot status at **VoteWA.gov**.



Legislative District 23 – State Representative Position 1 – 2-year term



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Elected Experience: Democratic Precinct Committee Officer, State Committeeman 23rd Legislative District Democrats

Other Professional Experience: Business and Community leader with 20 years experience as a strategist for Amazon, Zillow, and Expedia, reforming systems and uniting teams to build success. Transitioned to support my wife to help grow her Kitsap small business and build a family farm with our children.

Education: BA, Political Science, University of Colorado; MBA, Hult International Business School

Community Service: Board Member: Kitsap Community Foundation, Olympic College Foundation, Kitsap Economic Development Alliance, YMCA, County and District Democrats Executive Boards; Kitsap Intra-County Ferry Board Advisor; North Kitsap School District Levy Campaign Lead

Statement: Divisive politics and the status quo are failing us. Kitsap should be a place where seniors age in place, kids build a future, and families aren't forced to choose between groceries, gas, childcare, medication, and rent. *Too many are paying more, getting less, and losing trust.*

In business, nonprofit, and community leadership, I've united people to fix broken, wasteful systems, and lead innovation. With your vote, I'll fight for fair taxation, honest budgets, reliable ferries, affordable homes and childcare, strong schools, and safer communities. I'll use my expertise to end insurance and retail price gouging. *It's time for new leadership.*



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Elected Experience: State Representative (2021-present); Deputy Speaker Pro-Tempore; Vice Chair, Community Safety; Joint Select Committee on Civic Health. Member: Technology, Economic Development and Veterans, Healthcare, and Rules Committees.

Other Professional Experience: Attorney, small business owner, nonprofit consultant. RN (former), Harrison Hospital and Martha and Mary; Case Aide, Child Protection Services.

Education: Central Kitsap High School; AAS, Olympic College; BSN, Pacific Lutheran University; JD, Seattle University School of Law (magna cum laude).

Community Service: I am a U.S. Marine mom supporting military families and volunteer regularly with anti-poverty and civil rights organizations. I have served on several Boards and Commissions for seniors, women, and people with disabilities.

Statement: Raised in Kitsap, it's my greatest honor to serve you. Since 2021, I've passed landmark healthcare legislation, expanded voting and civil rights, reduced barriers to behavioral health, increased affordable housing and fought to protect our environment. I *know* working families need urgent solutions to lower housing, health and childcare costs, and you deserve *proven leadership*. I am the progressive leader with the *record of results* to ensure opportunity isn't reserved for the ultra-wealthy.

Broad Support: Governor Bob Ferguson, Washington State Labor Council, Washington Conservation Voters; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates; Kitsap Firefighters, teachers, nurses, law enforcement, construction workers, elected officials, more.

**Greg Nance**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Elected Experience: State Representative 2023-present. Vice Chair, Maritime Caucus.

Other Professional Experience: Greg co-founded and chairs Moneythink, a nonprofit reducing student debt. President Obama named Moneythink a “Champion of Change” in 2012. He has helped students earn over \$27 million in scholarships. Greg grew up in Kitsap and worked as a landscaper, house painter, and firewood splitter.

Education: Kitsap K-12 public schools; UChicago (Truman Scholar); Cambridge University Master’s — Management & Innovation (Gates Scholar).

Community Service: Ran 3,156 miles — from the Atlantic to the Pacific — to mobilize champions for youth mental health. Longtime Kitsap youth mentor and school speaker. Former Board Member, Kitsap Mental Health Services.

Statement: Greg Nance is honored to represent Kitsap, the community that raised him. He’s fighting to fix our ferries, protect Puget Sound, and support working families. He worked across the aisle to secure \$895 million for ferry construction, maintenance, and workforce. He passed legislation protecting kids from fentanyl, expanding affordable childcare, and bolstering Olympic College healthcare programs. He secured \$42 million to modernize West Sound Tech and helped protect 680 acres of Kitsap forest from clearcutting.

Supported by: Suquamish Tribe and Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe; Washington State Labor Council (representing 600 unions and 500,000 members) — including teachers, nurses, and firefighters.

**Lance Byrd**

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Professional Experience: A Senior Technical Program Manager with over 26 years in IT. Solves complex technical and people-related challenges, prioritizing the success of individuals and teams. Spent eight years in the restaurant industry as a cook and kitchen lead while earning an associate degree, gaining firsthand insight into business and working family needs.

Education: Associate of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering Technology, North Seattle College. Industry certifications from Amazon Web Services and Microsoft.

Community Service: Active volunteer at Refuge Church in Bremerton. Coordinates events and assists in strategic planning for the local party.

Statement: Lance is a longtime Kitsap resident with deep family ties and strong community roots. A firm believer in fiscal responsibility, he insists government must live within its means so working families and small businesses can afford to live and prosper here.

He will focus on Kitsap voters’ top priorities: making housing more affordable, reducing crime, supporting law enforcement, lowering the cost of living, balancing the budget, and providing real help and shelter for the mentally ill. Lance will protect education funding and essential services while respecting Washington voters’ clear, repeated decision against a state income tax.



Kristin Lillegard

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Elected Experience: PCO 29th LD

Other Professional Experience: Board Member of Peninsula Community Health; Presently a Client Relationship Director; Previously in administrative assistant roles, customer service, banking, insurance and manufacturing.

Education: Associates in Humanities from Olympic College.

Community Service: Membership Coordinator for West Sound DSA - 1 year, Regional Coordinator for Whole Washington - 1 year, Roadside and Trail Trash Pick Up -10 years.

Statement: As a proud democratic socialist, I'm running to end the ceaseless transfer of wealth from the working class to the top 10%. As Washingtonians struggle to afford basic necessities, we need bold action to provide relief. Passing Universal Healthcare is necessary to get people timely care. Kitsap needs faster and more efficient buses and ferries to connect our communities. To give our youth a future, we need equitable education funding leading to a living wage after graduation. And with 72% of Kitsap residents priced out of the housing market, we urgently need sustainable affordable housing. A better world is possible.

Student Engagement Hubs



Public universities offer Student Engagement Hubs to ensure that students never miss an election just because they're away from home.

For dates, hours, and locations, contact student leadership at:

- CWU Ellensburg
- EWU Cheney
- TESC Olympia
- UW Bothell
- UW Seattle
- UW Tacoma
- WSU Pullman
- WSU Tri-Cities
- WSU Vancouver
- WWU Bellingham

Legislative District 26 – State Senator – 4-year term



Deborah Krishnadasan

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Elected Experience: Current State Senator, LD 26, former Peninsula School District Board Member and President

Other Professional Experience: A mom, community leader, and advocate for public education, Deb has held professional roles at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and in mergers and acquisitions at Microsoft.

Education: BA, Western Washington University

Community Service: Deb founded one of the largest public school advocacy organizations, Stand Up for Peninsula Schools, earning Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce's "Citizen of the Year (2023)". She also earned the "Golden Acorn" award for service as a PTA member and treasurer at Purdy Elementary. Past President of Peninsula Hawks Scholarship Foundation.

Statement: I stepped into public service to focus on the real issues people face. Whether it's fixing our roads, creating jobs, or lowering costs, I'm committed to delivering for you. Every bill I passed was bipartisan and focused on making lives better. As State Senator, I expanded the Property Tax Relief Program for fixed-income seniors and disabled veterans, established an energy assistance program, and increased support for local healthcare and childcare programs.

My first experience in local politics was leading the effort to rebuild schools, delivering six new schools after decades of failed attempts. That experience showed me that when we listen and work toward commonsense solutions, together we can accomplish big things. I bring that same commitment to Olympia every day as your State Senator.

I secured funding for the 26th District's transportation infrastructure, food banks, jobs, and other priorities. I voted against a gas tax increase and taxes on small businesses. I proposed the first sales tax cut in Washington in 40 years. We need leaders who listen, have integrity, and deliver results. That's what I've done, and with your support, I'll keep doing it.

Endorsements: Congresswoman Emily Randall, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, teachers, union workers, and more.



Gary Parker

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Professional Experience: *Intel Corporation* - Over 30 years as engineer and executive overseeing global operations and complex product delivery. *Owner of BBQ2U*, honored as 2025 Business of the Year by the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce. Voted SS *Best BBQ*, 8 years running!

Education: Bachelor of Science, Electronic Physics – Park University

Community Service: *I'm proud to have invested here, in our community*, voted 2025 Finest Citizen and 2024 GH Citizen of the Year, for building community through school fundraisers, senior movie days, community bingo, and founding *Authors Corner* supporting local writers. President, Rotary Club of Gig Harbor; Trustee, Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce Board.

Statement: Maybe you'd agree that helping others, *when we can*, is something we should all try to do? That belief in service and putting people above politics is what brings *our* community together.

But it takes humility and discipline to truly serve people. It means genuinely listening, saying no to outside special interests, and remembering who you work for. *I'm that person*. That's why it's so frustrating to see our incumbent spend her time working for Seattle while communities like ours feel forgotten.

I want to serve *our* seniors by protecting access to affordable care and making sure they are not taxed out of their homes. I want to serve *our* working families so they can afford to put gas in the car, food on the table, and provide for their children.

I've spent years as a corporate technology executive leading multi-national teams, and today I run a local business employing people and serving *our* community. Through all of it, one Truth has stayed consistent: if you want to serve people well, you have to genuinely care about them. *I care about you, our community, and am willing to serve, if you'll have me*. If so, Vote for Gary Parker!

How do I register to vote as a...

New Washington resident

Welcome! Register to vote online, by mail, in person, or when you get your new driver's license, permit, or ID at the Department of Licensing. You may not vote in more than one place, so cancel your previous voter registration.



Military or overseas voter

Register to vote anytime on or before Election Day. You may receive your ballot by mail, email, or fax. Spouses and dependents also away from home have the same voting rights.



College student

Register to vote using either your home or school address, but you may not vote in more than one place. Your ballot can be mailed to you anywhere in the world; however, your residential address must remain in Washington.



Non-traditional address voter

Use any physical location you consider your residence such as a shelter, park, or marina. Your mailing address can be general delivery at a local post office, a PO Box, or an address of a trusted friend or relative. A federally recognized tribe may designate tribal government buildings to serve as residential or mailing addresses for voters living on tribal lands.



Seasonal resident

Vote in Washington even if you're away during an election. To ensure you receive your ballot, update your mailing address at **VoteWA.gov** or with a county elections office. Your ballot can be mailed to you anywhere in the world; however, your residential address must remain in Washington. You may not vote in more than one place.



Person convicted of a felony

Your right to vote is automatically restored once you're no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in any state or federal prison.

Register to vote upon your release from prison. If you were previously registered before your felony conviction, you will need to register again to receive a ballot.



**David Olson**

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Elected Experience: Peninsula School Board, District 5 (2013-Present); Candidate, Superintendent of Public Instruction (2024); Pierce County Charter Review Commission, District 7 (2016)

Other Professional Experience: United States Navy Officer (retired); Public Finance Banker; Defense Contractor

Education: SNHU, B.S. Organizational Leadership; Magna cum Laude

Community Service: Current: Board President, Greater Gig Harbor Foundation; VFW Post 2463; American Legion Post 262; Gig Harbor Rotary. Previous: President, City Club of Tacoma; Vice President, Hilltop Business Association; Board Member, World Trade Center Tacoma; Regional Coordinator, Drug Education for Youth; Junior Achievement; Habitat for Humanity.

Statement: Olympia has lost focus. As a Navy veteran, public finance banker, and 13-year school board member, *I help lead one of Washington's top 10% school districts. We focus on literacy, math, school safety, responsible spending, and career, technical, and skilled-trades pathways.*

Olympia should strengthen schools, *not cut K-12 programs*, including Running Start and Transitional Kindergarten, while passing an income tax and diverting money from the police and firefighter pension fund. *Washingtonians deserve better.* I will bring balance, accountability, and common sense to Olympia, standing with parents, students, seniors, veterans, law enforcement, and working families. I respectfully ask for your vote.

**Natalie Bornfleth**

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Elected Experience: SKEA Executive Board Member-at-Large; Uniserv Representative for WEA Olympic

Other Professional Experience: Classroom teacher, Sidney Glen Elementary; Former Nuclear Test Pipefitter, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard; Air Force Veteran, Logistics Readiness Officer

Education: BA Political Science, Washington State University (2005); PSNS Apprenticeship, ATA Industrial Trades, Olympic College (2017); Graduate Certificate, Education for Environment and Community, IslandWood (2018); Master in Teaching, University of Washington (2019)

Community Service: In addition to my work as a teacher and union advocate, I serve as a Local Delegate to the WEA Representative Assembly and a State Delegate to the national Assembly. Actively involved in Indivisible Advocacy and a local Precinct Committee Officer.

Statement: I'm running to get better results for the people of the 26th LD. We've made progress in Olympia, but on affordability and outcomes from taxpayer-funded programs, we're still missing the mark. Raised in Kitsap, I'm a mom, veteran, teacher, former shipyard worker, and tireless advocate for working families.

I'll fight for progressive revenue and to minimize sales and property taxes. We *need* fresh ideas to lower housing and healthcare costs, strengthen public schools, and create resilient jobs. I'll stand up to *anyone* that puts profits over results we can see and trust. Endorsed: Washington Educators' Association, Washington State Labor Council.



Addison Richards

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Elected Experience: State Representative, 2025-current.

Other Professional Experience: Northwest Justice Project, served domestic violence and human trafficking victims; Kitsap Legal Services, served people in housing crises; PCVA, Associate Attorney.

Education: Peninsula High; UW; Villanova Law, JD.

Community Service: Peninsula High Cross Country Coach, Rotary, Foundation for Washington Courts, and volunteer for many organizations. *I grew up here and have lived in every part of the district, working through school for my dad's small business. My mom's a public-school teacher. As State Representative, I've heard from thousands of you at the doors and share your concerns. I love our community and want to help our state work better.*

Statement: You deserve common sense leaders in Olympia. As your Representative, I've worked to address the rising cost of groceries by securing a tax cut for Washington farmers, sponsored legislation to fund more local police officers, and voted against raising taxes on working families and seniors. But we must do more to bring down the cost of housing, healthcare, gas, and utilities, while creating well-paying jobs.

I helped complete a trade school in our community, and I'll prioritize funding for our schools to expand opportunity for all. I'll continue protecting reproductive rights and our democracy. *I ask for your vote.*

Elections Audits

Hash Testing

When an election tabulation system is certified by the Federal Government's Election Assistance Commission, it carries with it a digital signature. Before each election we run a hash test to make sure the signature matches what the EAC certified, which means the system has not changed.

Logic and Accuracy Test

This test is completed before each election to ensure the accuracy of voting equipment. Ballots are marked according to a grid provided by the Secretary of State's Office, then run through our ballot tabulation system. The system's results are compared to the state's original grid.

Random Batch Audit

On election day Elections officials select a race or measure and then randomly pick six batches of ballots of up to 200 ballots each to hand count the next day. The results are compared to the results provided by the county's tabulation system.

Risk-Limiting Audit

The Secretary of State's Office randomly selects a sample of individual ballots that are hand checked to be sure they were tabulated correctly.

Recount

If a candidate race or state measure is close enough, within a half percentage point, state law requires a recount. If there is less than a quarter percentage point difference between two candidates, that race must be recounted by hand. Outside those margins a candidate can request and pay for a recount.

**Randy Phillips**

(States No Party Preference)

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Elected Experience: I was elected President of the Associated Students of Tacoma Community College in 2024. In 2025, I was elected Vice President of Federal Affairs for the Washington Student Association, representing around 126,000 students across our state.

Other Professional Experience: +15 years of Washington workforce experience.

Education: Bachelor's of Applied Sciences degree in Applied Management, Project Management, in June 2026 from Tacoma Community College.

Community Service: For the '25-'26 school year, I volunteered and was elected to serve students across the country as the President for the United States Student Association, elevating the needs of over 2.2 million students to federal lawmakers.

Statement: I believe in leaders who want to serve, not for personal gain but to make a real difference for the people. I will be a representative who listens and understands. My journey brought me back to school in my thirties, where I learned the importance of education, advocacy, and public service. I've seen what can happen when communities are heard. I took those lessons to our nation's capital. Now, I want to bring that energy back to our community. And I will work to be someone you can trust and believe in. Are you ready for Randy?

**Tedd Wetherbee**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Elected Experience: Not a career politician. I'm a longtime community leader running to bring practical leadership and our community's voice to Olympia.

Other Professional Experience: For almost 14 years, I've employed community members as a small business owner. Prior, I worked with the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees and later helped lead infrastructure projects serving underserved communities in Africa.

Education: Florida State University

Community Service: I support local education through the Peninsula Class of '88 Foundation, advocate for veterans with the Permission to Start Dreaming Foundation, support environmental protection efforts with Communities for a Healthy Bay, and contribute to the Carol Milgard Breast Center.

Statement: As a small business owner, employer, and longtime community member, I know how important opportunity is. I'm running because too many families are being priced out of housing, struggling with rising costs, and feeling ignored by politics that focus on division instead of solutions. I'll fight to lower costs, expand affordable housing, improve healthcare access, strengthen public schools, protect reproductive freedom, and ensure equal treatment for LGBTQIA2S+ individuals and immigrant communities. I'll work to make sure our community has a voice in Olympia! Proudly endorsed by Pierce County Executive Ryan Mello and approved by the 26th Legislative District Democrats.

Legislative District 26 – State Representative Position 2 – 2-year term



Renee Hernandez Greenfield

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Elected Experience: First-time candidate for State Representative. Elected Faculty Representative, Tacoma Community College AFT-WA local.

Other Professional Experience: Special Educator, Holly Ridge Center. Adjunct Instructor, Tacoma Community College. Former CPS Investigator, Suquamish Tribe. Managed ECEAP, Early Head Start and childcare programs. Former small business owner.

Education: MS, Psychology, University of Phoenix. BA, History, Occidental College. Early Childhood Program Administration certificates, Olympic College.

Community Service: Representative, Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization Advisory Board. President, South Kitsap School District Native Education Parent Council. Home Visiting Advisory Member, Suquamish Early Learning Center. Former Tri-chair, DCYF Childcare Provider Supports Advisory Subcommittee.

Statement: Peninsula families are exhausted by housing costs, gridlock, unreliable ferries, and schools forced to do more with less. As an educator, working mom, and union member, I've spent every day bettering the lives of our children and their families. I'll fight for home prices that match local wages, excellent public schools, and roads and ferries we've waited decades for.

Endorsed and Approved: *26th District Democrats, Kitsap Democrats, State Labor Council, Washington Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, National Women's Political Caucus, Washington Conservation Action, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, Congressmember Emily Randall, County Councilmembers Hitchen and Denson, Commissioner Rolfes, and more.*



Katy Cornell

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Elected Experience: Gig Harbor Planning Commission. Endorsed by State Representative Michelle Calder-Valdez, former State Representative Spencer Hutchins, and Key Peninsula Fire Fighters.

Other Professional Experience: Nonprofit leader, small business owner, and pastor with 18+ years leading teams, managing budgets, and developing successful programs that serve communities, families, refugees and empowering people out of poverty and addiction.

Education: Raised locally. South Kitsap High School graduate; Associate degree, Olympic College; Bachelor's in Psychology, NU; Masters in Nonprofit Leadership, Seattle U.

Community Service: Co-President, Walk In The Light International; VP, Heart for the City; Organized Christmas presents, food, school supplies, baby products drives alongside my husband and three children.

Statement: You deserve a Washington where hard work still leads to opportunity, families can afford a home, small businesses can thrive creating good-paying jobs, and communities are safe. I'm running because too many feel these opportunities are gone.

I've spent my life serving others, building solutions, and bringing people together to solve difficult problems with compassion and accountability. We can fix the root causes of our affordability crisis, strengthen public safety, support roads, bridges, and ferries, and *ensure the government serves people effectively through smarter spending, not higher taxes.* Let's fix what's broken in Olympia and restore opportunity for everyone.

How do I know if something is true?

When reviewing online or printed information, think about:

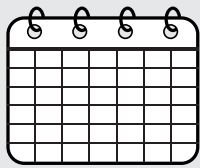
Who made this, and who is it for?

Was it a company, or an individual person? Who is the intended audience?



Why did they make it?

Think about the purpose. Is it to inform, entertain, or persuade?



When was this made?

Is the information relevant today?

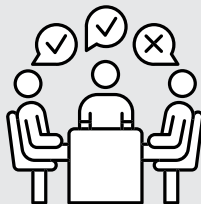


What makes it believable?

Is there evidence from a reputable source or expert?

How might other people read this message?

Consider how someone with a different background might interpret it.



Ask the experts

Get trusted info from your county auditor or elections office. Consult a fact-checking site or ask an official source.



Legislative District 35 – State Senator – 4-year term



Carolina Mejia

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Elected Experience: Thurston County Commissioner (2021-Present). PCO Smith Lake.

Other Professional Experience: Co-Chair, Washington State Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee; Chair, Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization; Chair, Thurston County Board of Health; County Road Administration Board; National Association of Counties Rural Action Caucus; Washington State Affordable Housing Advisory Board.

Education: Christian Brothers University (BA); University of Washington School of Law. County Leadership Institute Alumni 2025, Public Health Leadership Academy 2026.

Community Service: Kiwanis Club of Olympia, Zonta Club of Olympia, League of Women Voters Member.

Statement: Working families like mine are struggling, and I want to be a voice for lowering costs as your State Senator. Arriving in this country as a young child, I witnessed my parents model a life dedicated to showing up for our neighbors. That's what still drives me.

As County Commissioner, I helped establish a Home Fund to support our neighbors facing skyrocketing housing costs, helped families afford necessities during a formula shortage, managed a pandemic health crisis, and directed more than \$20 million to help struggling families and businesses in our region.

I also worked to develop the first USDA-certified meat processing facility in Western Washington, a public-private partnership that fills a critical gap for our ranchers and strengthens our regional food system. But much more work has to be done.

I see the challenges we face through the eyes of a neighbor and a parent. I want all our kids to grow up in a community with good jobs, safe neighborhoods, quality schools, and access to healthcare. I've felt how our families have been left behind while resources and attention go to other communities. I'm ready to listen, work across the aisle, and fight for us.



Drew C MacEwen

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Elected Experience: State Senate 2023 to present, State Representative 2013 to 2023

Other Professional Experience: Managing Partner of Mountain Lakes Capital, Veteran of the US Navy Submarine Service

Education: Bachelor of Science from Excelsior College and graduate of the US Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program

Community Service: Member of Shelton Rotary Club and supporter of Mason General Health Foundation

Statement: Thank you for the honor of serving the 35th District since 2013. Throughout my time in the Senate, I've focused on strengthening our communities through economic development, infrastructure improvements, and transportation investments that support long-term growth. I remain committed to advancing these priorities. I will also continue to speak out about the state's ongoing spending challenges and advocate for responsible budgeting. Washington needs a more balanced approach in the legislature, one that reflects the full range of voices and concerns across our state. I encourage you to reach out to me directly with your questions, ideas, and feedback. It is a privilege to represent you, and I look forward to continuing to serve the people of the 35th District. I humbly ask for your vote.



Dan Griffey

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Elected Experience: Washington State Legislature

Other Professional Experience: Truck Driver, Lieutenant Firefighter EMT/instructor, Union President, Small Business Owner and Emergency Training Instructor at our local schools.

Education: North Mason High School 1989, North Bend Fire Academy 1989, Industrial Electronics (2year certification) Olympic College, occupational certifications- as well as fire officer.

Community Service: Advocated and supported Turning Pointe for domestic violence survivors (women, men, kids, and pets) Homes for our Troops, Habitat for Humanity, United Way, fed the hungry at St. David's, chaperoned school events and started as a volunteer firefighter at 16 before making it a 30+ year career. I am dedicated to our community.

Statement: I enjoy working with you and across the aisle to find real solutions for accountability and affordability. I voted to support first responders (not raid pensions), protect kids from predators, fought for community notifications of sexually violent predators and to stop housing them in our neighborhoods, provide first responder training, support small businesses (voted "No" on the income tax) and worked to end loopholes allowing criminals to walk free. I've been able to help countless people in our district work through tough issues and get results. Your input matters to me. I would be honored to have your vote.



Shaena Garberich

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Elected Experience: Elected Fundraiser, Chapter 30 Oxford House, led fundraising efforts, supporting community stability, and coordinating peer-led events to meet shared needs.

Other Professional Experience: I am a litigation paralegal, outreach specialist, Peer Recovery Coach, and advocate, helping communities navigate systems and access housing, healthcare, and recovery.

Education: Paralegal, mentored by the late attorney Jeanette W. Booth, organized community programs, and became a Certified Peer Recovery Coach.

Community Service: My education is grounded in hands-on experience. I learned the legal field through paralegal work mentored by the late Jeanette W. Booth. I organized community programs and am a Certified Peer Recovery Coach.

Statement: I'm Shaena Garberich, a community advocate and Peer Recovery Coach with experience as a paralegal and outreach specialist. I've helped individuals navigate housing and recovery challenges. I served as an elected fundraiser, led church outreach, and helped shape policy with the Washington Recovery Alliance. I'm running to fight for affordable housing, behavioral health, and a government that listens.

Legislative District 35 – State Representative Position 1 – 2-year term



Jim Pierson

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Elected Experience: Precinct Committee Officer

Other Professional Experience: 30+ years technical and team leadership, Army Special Forces Veteran. Product manager, engineer, architect, inventor, instructor, consultant for large-scale software systems and nine-figure projects worldwide. Team builder, leading complex problem-solving and delivering results.

Education: Graduated high school early. Completed Army Special Forces Qualification Course, Airborne, communications and electronics training, cross-trained in medical and engineering roles. Additional college and technical coursework in engineering, statistics, programming, business management. Performed graduate-level work.

Community Service: Active in efforts to protect residents from eminent domain impacts in Thurston County. HOA architecture committee member. Regular participant in the Commercial Aviation Workgroup. Member of Rotary. Trail Builder.

Statement: Government should not be an enemy of the people. It should be a steward that makes systems work for people. I will listen to you, protect your right to be who you are, work for fair taxes, housing you can afford, better roads, safe communities, small businesses that can thrive, and climate policy that is practical and lowers costs for families.

Healthcare ties this together. When profit comes first, families pay more and get less. I will push for patient-first healthcare solutions that lower costs and expand access without breaking what works. Endorsements: Kitsap, Mason, Thurston, and 35th LD Democrats.

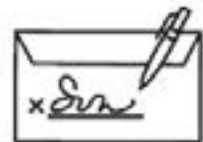
Voter tip:

On Election Day,
use a drop box
before 8 p.m. Visit
VoteWA.gov to find
the nearest drop box.



Voter tip:

Remember to sign and
date your ballot return
envelope. Trained election
officials are responsible for
verifying each and every
signature.



Legislative District 35 – State Representative Position 2 – 2-year term



Travis Couture

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Elected Experience: State Representative, 35th District; House Republican Budget Leader

Other Professional Experience: Small business owner and licensed general contractor; U.S. Navy veteran (USS Nebraska and USS Alabama); Former program manager overseeing \$1B+ in defense assets supporting Naval Base Kitsap operations; Former operations director leading 100+ employees in disability services across Kitsap County

Education: Master of Business Administration; BA in Organizational Leadership — Brandman University

Community Service: Supported community organizations including, but not limited to: Love INC, Kiwanis, Habitat for Humanity, Youth Connection, Turning Pointe Survivor Advocacy Center, and Care Net, along with local outreach supporting families, veterans, and individuals in need

Statement: I'm a veteran, father, husband, small business owner, and your State Representative fighting for safer communities and lower costs.

While families struggle, Olympia Democrats passed the largest tax increases in state history - including an income tax - and raided funds from a pension for retired first responders to fuel reckless spending. Meanwhile, soft-on-crime policies have made our communities less safe. I fought to hold criminals accountable, defend parental rights, and stop dangerous policies that put children at risk. I'll keep fighting for affordability, less taxes, public safety, and our rural way of life. I respectfully ask for your vote.



Maria Littlesun

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Elected Experience: I am a first time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: Two decades of experience in healthcare management, and crisis response in the 35th District.

Education: Centralia College, Certified Nursing Assistant. Crisis First Responder Training.

Community Service: Elders Day Program, Manager. Vulnerable Adult Protection Team, Manager. Squaxin Island Family Wellness Team Committee Member, supporting tribal Indian Child Welfare teams. Shelton School District Levy Renewal, 2026 Chair. Indian Education Parent Advisory for Shelton Schools, President.

Statement: I'm a lifelong Shelton resident, mother of a special needs child, and caregiver to my veteran grandfather. As a social worker, crisis responder, and healthcare worker, I've seen the challenges our community faces. I'm running to ensure our district is Represented by someone who knows the struggles working families are facing and will fight to build a community where everyone can thrive. I'll focus on making life more affordable, expanding housing, strengthening our public schools, and increasing access to healthcare.

Endorsed: Mary Johnson, Olympic Middle School Principal; Washington State Labor Council; 35th LD Democrats; Mason County Democrats; Skokomish Tribal Council

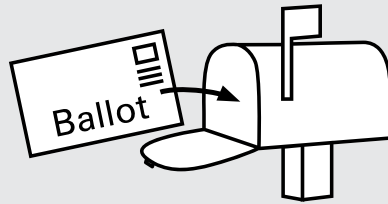
What is different about voting in Washington?

1

Vote by mail

Washington votes by mail every election.

We were the second state in the nation to adopt vote by mail and the first to provide all postage paid. A ballot is mailed at least 18 days before each election, ensuring you have time to cast an informed ballot without waiting in line.



2

Online voter registration

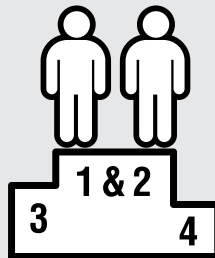
We offer online voter registration. Register to vote or update your address at **VoteWA.gov**.



3

Top 2 Primary

Washington uses a Top 2 Primary system where the two candidates who receive the most votes in the August Primary Election advance to the November General Election, regardless of their party preference.



4

No party affiliation

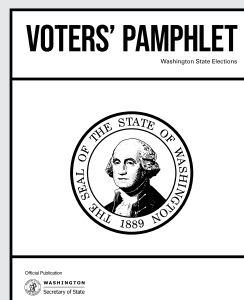


Washington voters do not register by party affiliation. Vote for any candidate regardless of their party preference.

5

Voters' Pamphlet

Only a few states produce a Voters' Pamphlet like this one. The state pamphlet is mailed to every household before each General Election.



6

Same day registration



Citizens can register and vote a ballot in person during the voting period until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Visit a county elections office (listed at the end of this pamphlet).

Kitsap County Commissioner District 3 – 4-year term



Kevin Tisdel

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Elected Experience: Kevin Tisdel has not held an elected office.

Other Professional Experience: Business owner, General Manager, and Production Manager, Collision Repair Industry 20 years' experience. Fourteen years Civil Service primarily at City of Seattle, Seattle Public Utilities. Drainage and Wastewater LOB Operations and Maintenance Division. Solid Waste LOB Planning and Program Management. Asset Planning and on-boarding, biennial operations budget, staffing, purchasing and contracts, ROW work and rail permits, maintain Washington State Department of Ecology and EPA regulatory permits, signature process and legislative coordination.

Education: Sacramento State University

Community Service: Includes Chair @ BKAT dist. 3 advisor 2018 -2022. Salmon creek restorations 1980's

Statement: I am a fourth-generation Kitsap County native. My hands-on experience working in large government organizations has given me a behind-the-scenes understanding of the processes needed to protect Kitsap's workforce, quality of life, affordability, and recreation. I have traveled the globe, and I can say Kitsap is a place where you don't have to be wealthy to be rich.

I am a process-minded person, focused on outcomes rather than photo-op projects. I will fight like a gentleman to Keep Kitsap. I want to ensure we maintain the freedom to look out over open landscapes after a day's work, pull off the road, and share a meal with family or friends.

My experience working for one of the fastest-growing cities in the nation has equipped me to serve the citizens of Kitsap County. I understand local medical needs and economics, and I have a solid strategic plan to help Kitsap grow the right way, at the right pace, so we can all keep clear minds.

I will do the job for you, not on you. Please visit my website to read more.



Katie Walters

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Video statement:

<https://youtu.be/36esgB4QWkI>

Elected Experience: Kitsap County Commissioner, District 3

Other Professional Experience: Executive Director, Leadership Kitsap; Marketing and Community Relations Director, Bainbridge Island Museum of Art; Adjunct Professor, Olympic College; Public Relations Consultant

Education: M.A., Communications, Washington State University; B.A., Public Relations, Political Science minor, Gonzaga University

Community Service: Greater Kitsap Chamber, Bremerton Rotary, Scouting America Troop 1506 (proud mom of three Eagle Scouts), Olympic College Advisory Committees, Maritime Washington Advisory Board, parish volunteer, community cleanup volunteer; Chair, Kitsap Transit; Past Chair, Housing Kitsap; Chair, Olympic Consortium; Vice Chair, Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council; 2nd Vice Chair, Washington State Association of Counties; former Kitsap Regional Library Trustee

Statement: It has been an honor to serve as your County Commissioner. I am seeking re-election to continue delivering results for our community.

For over 35 years, I have raised my family and built a career across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors in Kitsap County. As your Commissioner, I have focused on projects that strengthen our communities, advancing the Olympic College Allied Health campus and improving access to healthcare. I have strengthened transportation through expanded transit and ferry service, improved county operations by streamlining permitting and coordination, and supported workforce development, broadband, and economic vitality through efforts like the Silverdale Daffodil Festival and Bremerton Fan Zone.

Kitsap is growing. We must manage growth thoughtfully, protecting our rural character and natural environment while investing in infrastructure, public safety, and economic opportunity. I bring a collaborative, practical, fiscally responsible approach grounded in transparent decision-making.

Our strength is in our community. I am grateful to have earned the support of a diverse, bipartisan coalition across Kitsap County, including our local mayors, Sheriff, Prosecutor, the Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribes, and the Kitsap County Democrats. I am proud of what we have accomplished together and would be honored to earn your vote.

You may be asking, “Why isn’t the county commissioner race on my Primary ballot?”

In the primary, only voters who live in County Commissioner District 3 can vote on that race.

In the General Election all Kitsap voters will be able to vote in that contest.

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Kitsap County Assessor – 4-year term



Phil Cook

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Video statement:

<https://youtu.be/OhUk8MGJ4fo>

Elected Experience: Kitsap County Assessor 2015 – present

Other Professional Experience: Nearly 25 years in real estate and property management in Kitsap County; sales manager and mortgage originator with a Fortune 500 company; prior experience in operations and logistics management, education, and youth athletics

Education: Master of Public Administration, University of Southern California; M.Ed., Azusa Pacific University; B.A., University of Arkansas; Lean Six Sigma trained

Community Service: Scouting America volunteer and Eagle Scout; Navy League member; youth sports and community clean-up volunteer; past board member, United Way of Kitsap County; Relay for Life, Rebuilding Together, CSTOCK Theater volunteer

Statement: Serving as your Kitsap County Assessor for the past 12 years has been an honor. My focus has always been simple: accuracy and transparency in the valuation process, excellent customer service and fiscal responsibility with taxpayer dollars.

Throughout my tenure, Kitsap County's Assessor's Office has become one of the most efficiently operated offices in Washington State. The office has been recognized by the National Association of Counties for improvements to the Senior/Disabled Exemption application process developed by our team. These workflow improvements have become the recommended best practice by the State of Washington.

I believe the office should remain citizen focused by ensuring accuracy, maintaining transparency in the valuation process, adopting new technologies as they become available and providing exceptional customer service. I am proud to have worked with community leaders across the political spectrum throughout Kitsap County and Washington State to deliver practical results for residents.

I will continue working to ensure the Assessor's Office remains effective, accountable, fiscally responsible, and focused on serving all people of Kitsap County. I respectfully ask for your vote.



Michael Simonds

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Professional Experience: I served our country aboard the USS Nebraska as a Navy nuclear missile technician, settling in Kitsap County. In 2017, I joined the real estate technology firm Redfin, building their local team as the first agent based in the county. For nearly a decade, I has negotiated home sale values and analyzed complex housing data daily. My deep background in advanced data analytics and property valuation uniquely equips me to bring a modern, technical, and highly accurate approach to the Kitsap County Assessor's office.

Statement: As your Kitsap County Assessor, my mission isn't to increase county revenue; it's to ensure that the revenue we do collect is balanced fairly and accurately across every single neighborhood. Outdated assessment models create an unbalanced burden, where working-class neighborhoods often pay more than their fair share while high-value properties lag behind. That is an equity issue.

I am running to bring accountability, transparency, and modernization to the Assessor's office. My platform focuses on utilizing advanced data analytics to correct neighborhood-level imbalances, ensuring no community is overtaxed to compensate for under-assessments elsewhere.

Furthermore, I will focus on accessibility by creating user-friendly online tools so every resident can easily understand how their property was valued and navigate the appeals process. This includes expanding direct outreach for seniors, veterans, disabled, and lower-income residents to ensure they are utilizing every tax exemption and deferral program allowed under Washington State law, helping long-term residents stay in their homes.

My approach to the Assessor's office involves ensuring the system is fair, accurate, and transparent. I ask for your vote to bring true balance and fairness to Kitsap County.

Kitsap County Auditor – 4-year term



Paul Andrews

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Video statement:

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Elected Experience: Elected Kitsap County Auditor in 2018.

Other Professional Experience: Along with being the chief election official for Kitsap County, Paul is Co-Chair of the State Licensing Committee, Secretary of the Kitsap County Finance Committee, Past President of the Washington State Association of County Auditors, a state appointed member of the Recording Standards Commission, Voting Systems Review Board, and the VoteWA Executive Steering Committee. Prior to being elected, Paul's experience included 29 years as an IT professional and Kitsap County Data Analyst.

Education: Degree in Building Design. State Certified Elections Administrator. Certified Election and Registration Administrator (CERA) through Auburn University. Leadership Kitsap graduate.

Statement: It has been my pleasure to serve you as County Auditor. Throughout my time in office I have prioritized transparency to the taxpayers, ensuring that county financial information is available, that elections are open, and that historical documents are accessible.

Tax dollars are precious and responsibility is imperative. I have focused on cross-training staff to be able to do more with less, while being able to meet the immediate needs of the public. Technology improvements have allowed us to provide more services while freeing up staff to serve more people in person. I have built an office that meets your needs today and will adapt to meet your needs in the future. Growth is inevitable, we are here to serve.

I am proud of the work I have done representing all voters. The individuals, groups, and parties that rely on me and my office to help make Kitsap great are heard and supported.

The Auditor's office plays an important role in our county and requires hands-on experience to ensure its success. I am uniquely qualified to continue leading this vital part of our local government with accountability and integrity. I ask for your vote and continued support.

Statement Guidelines: Candidates for County Offices

Statements for candidates for county races are subject to RCW 29A.32 sections 210-280 and Kitsap County Administrative Rules. Once deemed compliant they are printed exactly as submitted. Kitsap County Elections does not correct punctuation, grammar, typos or inaccurate information.

Kitsap County Clerk – 4-year term



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Video statement:

<https://youtu.be/NATMjRA1tj4>

Elected Experience: Appointed Kitsap County Clerk in 2021. Elected Kitsap County Clerk in 2022.

Other Professional Experience: County Clerk's Domestic Violence Specialist, Deputy County Clerk. President Washington association of County Clerks

Education: Bremerton High School, Olympic College, Professional Development Academy

Community Service: Kitsap Legal Services, Board President; Coffee Oasis board. Volunteer for local youth and adult athletics.

Statement: The Clerk's Office is responsible for maintaining official Superior Court records, assisting judges, attorneys, and citizens involved in legal matters, and providing passport services to our community. For over 41 years, I have proudly served the people of Kitsap County through the Clerk's Office. I understand that navigating the court system can often feel confusing and overwhelming, and my office is frequently the first place people turn to for information, support, and direction during difficult times in their lives.

As Clerk, I have worked to modernize the office by supporting technology improvements such as e-filing, allowing people to file documents remotely while saving time and money and improving access to justice for everyone. I am committed to maintaining a professional, efficient, and customer-focused office that serves all residents with fairness and respect.

I am honored to have earned endorsements from the Kitsap County Democrats, the 26th Legislative District Democrats, and numerous retired judges, attorneys, and community members.

Kitsap County is my home, and I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue serving our community with integrity, experience, and dedication.



Brien Kennedy

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Professional Experience: Account Executive, Amazon / Project Manager, Microsoft / Director of E-commerce, Smartpants Gummy Vitamins / Director of E-commerce, Nuun Hydration / Growth Consultant: Alpha Lion, Organifi, Pattern, Netrush, EA Langenfeld / Deputy Clerk, Kitsap County Superior Court

Education: Bachelor's of Arts in Business Administration, Michael G. Foster School of Business, University of Washington

Community Service: Student mentor, coach, and competition judge at Seattle University Albers School of Business and the University of Washington Foster School of Business. Kitsap County District Dawg: Legislative advocate for higher education access, University of Washington Alumni Association.

Statement: I ran out of patience watching the government run on autopilot. Unchallenged incumbents, invisible offices, no one asking hard questions about whether the work is actually getting done.

I rose to executive levels at some of the fastest-growing companies in the country, brands later acquired for billions. I built and ran my own consulting business for seven years. A health crisis forced me to step back. When I returned, I joined the Kitsap County Superior Court Clerk's office as a deputy clerk because it's an administrative executive role and I've spent a decade doing exactly that in the private sector.

What I found was an office most residents don't know exists, serving thousands of people every year who do. Jury duty. Passports. Court records. People navigating court without lawyers, without a guide. They deserve better than that.

This is only the third contested Clerk race in 28 years. Our county deserves a choice and a higher standard. If elected, I will audit office operations publicly, build plain-language guides for every service we provide, and hold monthly open office hours for any Kitsap resident. Someone willing to be held accountable. That's what I'm offering.

Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney – 4-year term



Joe Lombardi

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Elected Experience: None.

Other Professional Experience: For the past decade, I've served our community as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Assistant Attorney General for Washington State, and a Kitsap County Public Defender. My diverse experience makes me ready on day one to keep our communities safe and our justice system accountable and fair. I've put murderers, domestic abusers, and other violent criminals behind bars, recovered the life savings of defrauded seniors and homeowners, and protected the civil rights of hundreds of our neighbors.

Education: University of Washington, J.D and B.A in History.

Community Service: Chairperson, Kitsap County Public Defense Advisory Committee on Civil Rights and Social Action.

Statement: Years of mismanagement and poor leadership has led to experienced and talented prosecutors leaving the Kitsap County Prosecutor's office, mishandled cases with violent offenders going free and cases where people's rights are being violated. I'm running to restore confidence in our legal system and assure the highest standards of safety and justice.

As Kitsap County Prosecutor I will personally prosecute the most serious violent offenses and retain high-quality experienced trial prosecutors so dangerous people are no longer released back on our streets.

I will expand the use of proven diversion programs for low-level and first-time offenders that reduce rates of future reoffending and ensure people with mental health issues are offered the services they need to become productive members of our society. I will keep both ICE and national politics out of county cases.

I am not a politician, it was never my dream to run for office. I am a public servant who cares deeply for our community and who is frustrated by a lack of good management making our county less safe. Together we can get Kitsap County back on track and stop the damage caused by incompetence.



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Elected Experience: Kitsap County Prosecutor since 2019.

Other Professional Experience: I began practicing law in 2004, joined the Prosecutor's Office in 2008, and was previously Chief Deputy Prosecutor - Felony & Juvenile Division. I am a WA Minority and Justice Commissioner, hold multiple roles with WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, and am past president of the Kitsap Bar Association.

Education: North Kitsap High School, BA from University of Washington, JD from Seattle University.

Community Service: I am a Board Member for Kitsap Community Resources and Peninsula Services. I serve on the NK Recovery Resource Center Operational Workgroup, Police and Community Together, and Substance Use Recovery Services Advisory Committee.

Statement: I have dedicated my career to prosecuting criminals, fighting for justice, and keeping Kitsap County safe. I'm running for re-election to continue this critical work.

My team is addressing crime at the source and improving our community through creation of the North Kitsap Recovery Resource Center and pre-arrest diversion program, and expansion of Kitsap THRIVE Court, Washington State's first Girls Court, and the Tribe's Welcome Home Program. We are saving money through our new civil litigation team, paperless office, and zero case backlogs, and all of our prosecutor positions have been filled. Currently we are creating a real time data website so the public can see cases filed and resolved. We will also become the first county in Washington to use Race Blind Charging, redacting race-identifying information from police reports.

I'm endorsed by every local Democratic elected official, the Kitsap County Democrats, and Kitsap County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Guild.

Kitsap is the community I grew up in, raised my family, and have devoted my 22+ year legal career. My legal background, government experience, and community service uniquely qualify me to lead. I will always strive to build a better place for all and I look forward to earning your support.

Kitsap County Sheriff – 4-year term



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Professional Experience: Deputy Sheriff and trained Mental Health Co-Responder. Retired Naval Officer with prior enlisted experience. Former Boy Scout and Police Cadet. Associate member of the National Sheriffs' Association and member of the International Association of Crime Analysts. Over 30 years of combined professional experience

Education: Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. Doctoral student in Criminal Justice Leadership.

Community Service: Co-Director of the HOPE Worldwide Chapter and active partner with New Day Ministry. Board member of the Fraternal Order of Police Evergreen Lodge #1. Member of Poulsbo Rotary, VFW, American Legion, and United States Submarine Veterans. Former Scarlet Road Mentor, Volunteer.

Statement: Our community deserves *experienced leadership* that will focus on public safety, accountability, and protecting constitutional rights. Like so many in Kitsap, I first arrived here in 1999 through service in the Navy. After retiring, I continued my commitment to service as a Deputy Sheriff. I am married with three children who attended Central Kitsap schools. This county is the foundation of our family.

Throughout my career, I've led in high-pressure environments where integrity, discipline, and sound decision-making were essential. The Sheriff's Office must be professional, visible, and responsive. Policing strategies should be guided by *evidence-based research* and proven results, informed by my graduate education in criminal justice and leadership.

Protecting children from exploitation, abuse, and drugs is a *top priority*. I will aggressively combat the fentanyl crisis through proactive enforcement, strong regional partnerships, and targeted operations against traffickers who destroy families. I will defend individual liberties, protect property rights, support victims, and work relentlessly to reduce crime across Kitsap County.

As Sheriff, I will represent all residents in our diverse community. I pledge to keep Kitsap safe while ensuring the Sheriff's Office remains fully accountable to the people we serve. *Let's work together to build a safer, stronger Kitsap County.*



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Professional Experience: Began serving Kitsap County at 17 as an Explorer Cadet before serving as a 9-1-1 Dispatcher, Reserve Deputy, Patrol Deputy, and Supervisor. Leadership experience in Patrol, Support Services, and Investigations. Founding member of the Crisis Intervention Team, Field Training Officer, FTO coordinator, and former statewide instructor. Currently supervising major crime and child abuse investigations.

Education: Graduate of Central Kitsap schools. Attended Olympic College, the FBI-LEEDA Leadership Trilogy Program, West Point Leadership Program, and advanced law enforcement leadership and investigative training. Recipient of the International Association of Chiefs of Police 40 Under 40 Award.

Statement: I'm running to serve as your Kitsap County Sheriff because I believe public safety is the foundation of a strong community. Our Sheriff's Office must be properly staffed, supported, and equipped to meet the growing needs of Kitsap County while continuing to provide professional, responsive service to the people who rely on us every day.

For more than twenty years, I have worked alongside the dedicated men and women of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office in Patrol, Support Services, and Investigations. During that time, I've seen firsthand the challenges facing law enforcement, including staffing shortages, increasing demands on public safety, and the need to strengthen trust through professionalism, transparency, and accountability.

Meeting these challenges requires more than promises. It requires experience, relationships, and responsible leadership. As Sheriff, I will focus on supporting employees, strengthening recruitment and retention, building strong community partnerships, and ensuring the Sheriff's Office remains focused on its core mission: protecting and serving the people of Kitsap County with professionalism, fairness, teamwork, and integrity.

Kitsap County Treasurer – 4-year term



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Elected Experience: Treasurer, Kitsap County (2023-Present)

Other Professional Experience: Chief Deputy Treasurer, Kitsap County (2022), Investment and Banking Officer, Kitsap County (2019-2022), Institutional Fixed Income Broker, Multi-Bank Securities (2009-2018)

Education: MBA, University of South Carolina (2018-2019), B.S. - International Business and Finance, University of South Carolina (2003-2007)

Community Service: Port Orchard Rotary Club Foundation Chair (2025-Present), Instructor at L.E.V.E.L. U.P. financial literacy camp (2023-Present), Instructor with Peninsula High School drumline (2023-Present), REEF Independent Percussion (2014-2015), Santaluces High School indoor drumline (2012-2013), Clarkston High School drumline (2008-2011)

Statement: I am running for Kitsap County Treasurer because I believe fiscally responsible government is essential to a strong community. During my time in the Treasurer's Office, I have focused on protecting taxpayer resources while improving public service, and I want to continue that work moving forward.

One of my first priorities was implementing no-fee e-check payments, providing taxpayers with a free and convenient electronic payment option. I also established an insured cash sweep program that has earned more than \$2 million for the county general fund since its inception.

Over the past seven years, we have developed a strategic five-year ladder investment approach designed to take advantage of changing market interest rates while reducing investment risk. This disciplined strategy has helped safely maximize returns on public funds.

I am proud to be endorsed by the Kitsap County Democrats and the 26th Legislative District Democrats. As Treasurer, I will continue prioritizing responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, transparency, and accessible customer service for the residents of Kitsap County.

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**Colleen Melody**

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Legal/Judicial Experience: Supreme Court Justice. Colleen Melody works every day to uphold the rule of law, improve access to justice, and protect the rights of Washingtonians.

Other Professional Experience: Colleen was a career civil rights lawyer and public servant. She taught at the University of Washington and brought pro bono cases on behalf of immigrants and veterans. She worked at a pizza shop in high school and waited tables through college.

Education: UW for college and law school, both with high honors.

Community Service: Colleen worked to improve access to services in her rural community, including better resources for seniors, increased healthcare services, and more affordable childcare.

Statement: Colleen grew up in Spokane, the daughter of a teacher and a healthcare advocate. As a civil rights lawyer, she protected Washingtonians whose rights were violated by multinational corporations, special interests, and the federal government. Colleen returned millions in wages owed to workers and protected employees from pregnancy discrimination and sexual harassment. As the leader of the Attorney General's Civil Rights Division, she beat the Trump Administration when it tried to impose its unconstitutional Muslim Ban and separate families at the border.

Now more than ever, state courts must safeguard our rights with independence and impartiality. Washington's laws provide broad protections in privacy, the workplace, housing, healthcare, and education. State courts must be places where victims of crime and discrimination may seek justice with safety and dignity.

Colleen is a working mom who lives in rural Western Washington with her husband and two public-school daughters. She is endorsed by every sitting Supreme Court Justice; retired Justices Yu and Madsen; Governors Ferguson, Inslee, and Gregoire; Attorney General Brown; hundreds of judges and elected leaders statewide, and the Washington State Labor Council.

Your rights matter. Justice Colleen Melody has worked her entire career to protect them.

**Laura Christensen Colberg**

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Legal/Judicial Experience: I've made thousands of judicial decisions as a Snohomish County Superior Court Commissioner *pro tem* and court-appointed Arbitrator, over the past 18 of my 29 years in family law practice. I have come alongside families in all stages of brokenness, navigating the complexities of litigation with compassion and confidence.

Other Professional Experience: Free Methodist Bible Quizzing; Denominational Director (since 2018), Competition Judge (since 1989); Family Law Lecturer, Rigos Bar Review (1997–2013).

Education: Wenatchee High School, Valedictorian; Seattle Pacific University, BA *summa cum laude*; University of Washington School of Law, JD.

Community Service: Board Member, Shoreline Free Methodist Church (3 years); Elder, LFP Presbyterian Church (6 years).

Statement: I am the *only judicially experienced candidate* for Position 1, having served on the bench more than 20 times as long as all others in this race combined.

Unique among these candidates, I have *zero history of partisan activism*. You can trust me to measure all laws against the Constitution as written, without any political shadows clouding my objectivity. Impartiality is a judge's job, and I am your best hope for it here.

More significantly, your vote for me will put a Justice with *deep family law expertise* onto the Court for the first time since no-fault divorce was legalized in Washington 52 years ago. While the landscape of family law practice has shifted seismically in subsequent decades, our state courts still fall short. Because the Supreme Court—in addition to deciding cases—oversees the procedures and priorities of lower courts, as a Justice I will advocate for “fast-tracking” appeals in family law matters, to bring timely closure to uncertain chapters. Years of legal limbo may be acceptable in other arenas, but for children in crisis you can't undo damage caused by delay.

If you value *experience, impartiality, or family law expertise* on our State Supreme Court, I am your best choice.



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Legal/Judicial Experience: Ballard Spahr/Lane Powell (2010-present) (Practice Chair 2010-2024) (Board 2017-2019, 2023-24); Perkins Coie (1999-2010); Bogle & Gates (1996-1999). Significant experience before Washington courts on constitutional and other complex issues; Ranked as among the top in my field: Super Lawyers, Best Lawyers in America, and Chambers.

Other Professional Experience: Adjunct Professor, University of Washington School of Law (2002-present); Washington State Bar Association; American Bar Association; Council on State Taxation.

Education: University of Washington School of Law (with Honors) 1991; Princeton University (magna cum laude) 1988, Economics - Paul Volcker Award recipient.

Community Service: American Red Cross; St. Cecilia Parish; Scouting America; Bainbridge Island Youth Orchestra; Kids in Concert.

Statement: I am running to bring independence, principled judgment, and respect for the rule of law to the Washington Supreme Court. An independent court protects constitutional rights, ensures equal justice, and serves as a final and balanced check within our system of government. The role of the Supreme Court is to apply the constitution and laws as written, not rewrite them.

For more than 30 years I have represented clients at all levels of Washington's court system, including more than a dozen Washington Supreme Court cases. As a tax and constitutional attorney, I work on complex issues that directly affect Washington families and businesses. I have also taught at the University of Washington School of Law for over 20 years.

I learned the value of hard work, integrity, and public service early, working at my grandparents' restaurant and watching my father serve as Alaska's attorney general. Washington deserves justices who will apply the law predictably, as written, and without favoring any political agenda. My commitment is to protect your constitutional rights and work to make the Washington Supreme Court accountable and worthy of your trust.

Take politics out of the courtroom. Vote Scott Edwards, Position 1.



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Jaime Michelle Hawk

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Legal/Judicial Experience: Judge Jaime Hawk has been a state and national legal leader for over 20 years. As a Superior Court Judge, federal public defender, and ACLU civil rights attorney, she has protected our rights and freedoms.

Other Professional Experience: Adjunct Professor of Law. Supreme Court Minority and Justice Commission. In work before law school, Judge Hawk supported domestic violence survivors and found them safe shelter.

Education: Raised by a single mom, Judge Hawk was the first in her family to attend college, graduating with honors from Gonzaga University Law School.

Community Service: Judge Hawk has advocated on boards for immigrant children, voting rights, veterans, and women's rights.

Statement: Judge Hawk fought in the courtroom for those who could not afford a lawyer. She handled trials and appeals, and defended Washingtonians against the federal government. She is the first attorney with the ACLU of Washington to become a judge. Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal and Governor Bob Ferguson endorse Judge Hawk.

Judge Hawk is a trusted, experienced legal leader. Senators Murray and Cantwell appointed her to their federal judge selection committee. The American Bar Association selected her to observe Guantanamo Bay military hearings, and later chose her to assist families at the border torn apart by Trump-era immigration policies.

Judge Hawk has presided over hundreds of criminal, civil, and family law cases, as well as appeals from lower courts. She has never had a trial overturned for legal error. She follows the law. More than 100 current and retired judges and justices from across Washington endorse Judge Hawk.

Judge Hawk will bring a strong, independent voice. Endorsed by the National Women's Political Caucus, local and county Democratic organizations, and the State Labor Council, she understands the concerns of women and working families and will bring that perspective to the Court. Judge Hawk will protect our rights and the rule of law.



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Legal/Judicial Experience: Superior Court Judge; Senior Felony Prosecutor; Federal Public Defender, Chief Public Defender Colville Confederated Tribes; Federal Prosecutor; International Prosecutor in Pristina, Kosovo; Justice Advisor in Bamiyan, Afghanistan.

Other Professional Experience: Federal Civil Rights Investigator; U.S. Navy Veteran; presenter: legal education seminars in Beirut, Lebanon, Kolasin and Budva, Montenegro, and for the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys.

Education: Juris Doctor, University of Washington School of Law; Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington. Department of State Certificate in Islamic Jurisprudence.

Community Service: Deacon, Mount Olive Lutheran Church; VFW Larry Godwin Post 1694 Honor Guard; Skookum Rotary; UW Law School Mentor; YMCA and UW Law school mock trial judge.

Statement: The duty of the Washington State Supreme Court is to uphold our constitution and to protect our rights and freedoms. Public policy is the province of the political branches and not the courts.

In the last two decades, direct appointment of judges by the governor rather than election of judges by the people has become a longstanding tradition. Our State Constitution mandated the election of judges because direct appointment leads to *ideological* and *political* decisions. Appointments were reserved for vacancies. Judge Stevens was elected and not appointed. His election will bring common sense and balance to the Supreme Court.

After High School, Judge Stevens joined the Navy. After his enlistment, he used his veteran's benefits to attend the University of Washington where he met his wife Pam. After graduating, he worked as a Federal Civil Rights Investigator for the Fair Housing Enforcement Center Seattle fighting racial, ethnic, and religious discrimination. He then went to the UW School of Law. Judge Stevens and his wife live in Shelton close to six of their nine grandchildren.

As a lawyer and judge he has tried more than two hundred jury trials. His supporters include tribes, judges, public defenders, prosecutors, attorneys, and law enforcement.

Washington Supreme Court Justice Position 3 – 6-year term



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Legal/Judicial Experience: Judge, Washington Court of Appeals, Division I (2022-Present); Judge, King County Superior Court (2018-2022), including Chief Judge of the Clark Children and Family Justice Center.

Other Professional Experience: Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Washington (10 years), where he founded its Civil Rights Unit. Previously in private practice. Adjunct Professor, Seattle University School of Law, Constitutional Law.

Education: Juris Doctor, Cornell Law School; Graduate studies in Classical Philosophy, Princeton University; Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, University of Notre Dame.

Community Service: Chairperson, Washington Supreme Court's Interpreter Commission; Member, Judicial Ethics Board; Volunteer, Spanish Legal Clinic at El Centro de la Raza; youth soccer coach.

Statement: At a time when the rule of law is under assault, I am proud that President Obama nominated me to the federal bench in recognition of my long record fighting for civil rights; a nomination Mitch McConnell refused to even bring to a vote.

That same commitment to equal justice under the law has earned me the endorsement of leaders and the largest unions across Washington: three former Governors (Inslee, Gregoire, and Locke); Attorney General Nick Brown; nine Supreme Court Justices; over one hundred judges; the King County Democrats; and the Washington Education Association. Three bar associations rate me *Exceptionally Well Qualified*, including Washington Women Lawyers.

I was born in Peru and raised in South Seattle. As a federal lawyer, I founded the Seattle U.S. Attorney's Civil Rights Unit and led efforts to reform Seattle's Police Department. Governor Inslee twice appointed me to the bench: first to the Superior Court, where I presided over 45 trials, and again to the Court of Appeals, where I have authored over 200 opinions, including those protecting Washington's workers, holding corporations accountable, and keeping the public safe.

The independence and integrity of our courts have rarely mattered more. I respectfully ask for your vote.

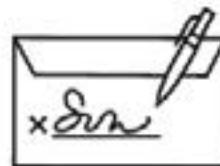
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Legal/Judicial Experience:

Partner and Appellate Group

Co-Founder, Carney Badley Spellman (2008–present). Previously: Private Practice; Judge Pro Tem, Seattle Municipal Court; Judicial Law Clerk, Washington Court of Appeals; Municipal Prosecutor.

Other Professional Experience: Martindale-Hubbell: AV Preeminent peer-review rating for highest level of professional excellence; Top Rated Lawyer in Appellate Law, 2013.

Education: Harvard University, B.A., Northeastern University, J.D.

Community Service: King County Bar Judicial Evaluation Committee, 20+ years (Chair, 1999–2000). Founding member, Washington Appellate Lawyers Association (2001). Co-founder, KCBA Appellate Practice Section (2005). KCBA Trustee. KCBA Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Luncheon Committee. Scouting: Pack 144; Troop 166. Youth soccer: coach and disciplinary committee chair. St. James Cathedral Choir.

Statement: As an attorney with 40 years of experience doing appeals in Washington, I'm running to serve on the Supreme Court to help it do justice in each case: fairly, impartially, according to law.

Appeals safeguard the fundamental fairness of our courts. They are usually the only way to correct a court's error. That's why experience matters on the Supreme Court: it needs to "get it right."

I have worked on 135 appeals in courts across Washington — including the Supreme Court. I've helped courts get decisions right for clients of all backgrounds: students, small business owners, house cleaners, physicians, employees, deputies, families. I've won unpaid wages, defended protection orders, and ensured fairness in family disputes, health care, business deals, and trial procedures. The other candidates have little or no experience on appeals, or cases before the Supreme Court. You need not settle for that.

My experience goes beyond the courtroom. I worked to improve health care in jails across Washington. I served as non-partisan counsel in the State Legislature. I've promoted excellence and ethics in the legal profession. I'm fair, independent, trusted. I ask you to send my experience and belief in justice under the law to the Supreme Court.



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Legal/Judicial Experience: Current Supreme Court Justice appointed by Governor Ferguson following a diverse, award-winning 26-year legal career as a Partner at K&L Gates.

Other Professional Experience: Throughout career, led Appellate and Intellectual Property teams, and pro bono cases representing immigrant children, veterans, refugees, small businesses, and people experiencing homelessness.

Education: BA, Claremont McKenna College; MA, Oxford University; MA, London School of Economics; JD, Yale University

Community Service: Trustee, King County Bar Association; President, Middle Eastern Legal Association of Washington; Member, Attorney General's Youth Internet Safety Task Force; Founders Award, Kids in Need of Defense; ACLU Humanitarian Award; Mentor of the Year, King County Bar Association

Statement: As a Justice and throughout my legal career, I've fought for the rule of law, the rights of all individuals, and to ensure our courts remain fair, independent, and accessible. Before joining the Supreme Court, I frequently volunteered to help people who couldn't afford lawyers. I sued the federal government when they forced children—as young as 4 years old—to appear without lawyers in immigration court. The federal government eventually agreed to pay for lawyers, and the ACLU gave me the Humanitarian Award.

I also represented an Army veteran, a naturalized U.S. citizen, after ICE wrongly detained him for seven months. The Northwest Immigrant Rights Project gave me the Amicus Award for my "groundbreaking work".

I've worked to mentor attorneys to expand diversity in our profession, and with Turkish and Greek ancestry, I am proud to be the first Justice of Middle Eastern descent on our highest court.

I am endorsed by all of my colleagues on the Supreme Court; Governors Ferguson and Gregoire; former U.S. Attorneys Durkan, Gorman, and McKay; over 500 Judges and attorneys statewide; 52 State Legislators; Executive Zahilay; mayors statewide; WA State Labor Council; King County and numerous LD Democrats; and more!

Washington Supreme Court Justice Position 5 – 2-year unexpired term



Dave Larson

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Legal/Judicial Experience: 41 years legal experience; trial judge (18 years, Ret.), trial lawyer (23 years). Rated AV Preeminent as a trial lawyer and Exceptionally Well Qualified (Judge and Supreme Court candidate).

Other Professional Experience: Mediator and arbitrator (1990-2008); President, Federal Way School Board

Education: JD, Seattle University School of Law; BA, University of Puget Sound.

Community Service: DMCJA President's Award for Protecting Judicial Independence (2018); Judge William Nevins Award (2014) and Hero of Federal Way Schools (2018, 2022) for Commitment to Civics Education; Best City Leader (2022); Kiwanis (Everyday Hero Award and more); Founder, Aktion Club of Federal Way (service club for adults with developmental disabilities), and more.

Statement: Judge Dave Larson's 41 years of distinguished experience, 18 years as a trial judge, 23 as a trial lawyer, form an unrivaled record making him the most qualified and best prepared candidate for our state's highest court.

Dave will restore trust in our courts by rising above partisan interests, applying the law without fear or favor, and restoring judicial independence. A truly nonpartisan candidate, Dave reaches out to Democrats, Republicans, Labor, Business, and voters across Eastern and Western Washington, because justice that serves only some of us serves none of us. He will protect your individual rights and the judicial independence that is currently under threat.

Dave's innovative criminal justice reforms have been recognized nationwide. He has collaborated with legislative Democrats and Republicans to help our trial courts address crime and addiction with compassion and accountability. However, our Supreme Court's decisions have weakened that response. As a justice, he will help fix current problems and build towards lasting and effective solutions.

Our Supreme Court needs Dave's unique perspective gained from his significant trial judge experience. That experience, integrity, and steady judgment are exactly what's needed to restore trust in, and improve, our courts. Vote Judge Dave Larson for Supreme Court.



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Legal/Judicial Experience: Judge Sharonda Amamilo was elected to the Thurston County Superior Court in 2020, where she presides over criminal and civil jury trials, family and juvenile matters, child welfare cases, and administrative and lower court appeals. Her career includes all aspects of public defense and private practice, representing workers, families, small businesses, and youth in foster care. She also served as a grievance committee chair and participated in collective bargaining at Bates Technical College.

Other Professional Experience: Retired Army Intelligence Warrant Officer.

Education: JD - Seattle University; MBA- Saint Martins University; Graduate Certificate - Data Analytics from Cornell University-online

Community Service: Board President, WA Microenterprise Association

Statement: The role of a Justice is to uphold the rule of law with integrity, fairness, and respect for every individual. Throughout my career, I have worked closely with families and individuals facing some of life's most difficult challenges. Those experiences taught me that court decisions can change the course of a person's life and shaped my commitment to applying the law thoughtfully, carefully, and fairly.

I understand the pressures facing working families, small businesses, children, and vulnerable communities. I approach every case with preparation, humility, care, and respect because people deserve to know they were heard and treated fairly in court. I believe the best judicial decisions are grounded in preparation, thoughtful collaboration, and respect for the rule of law. I also understand the Washington Supreme Court plays an important role in helping ensure courts across our state function fairly, consistently, and with public confidence.

Rated Exceptionally Well Qualified by the Washington State Veterans Bar Association, Pierce County Minority Bar Association, Loren Miller Bar Association, QLaw Foundation, and Joint Asian Judicial Evaluations Committee; and Well Qualified by the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington.



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Other Professional Experience: I have my own practice. Veteran.

Education: MBA, City University of Seattle; JD and LL.M. in Taxation, Thomas M. Cooley Law School; and LL.M. in Global Law and Economics, Antonin Scalia Law School.

Community Service: I volunteer as Tacoma Eagles president and serve meals for Catholic Community Services and a local synagogue. I have provided pro bono legal advice to low-income residents, seniors, teamsters, veterans, and nonprofits.

Statement: Hello—I'm back. I'm thee *family lawyer* from Sumner, Washington, who drew national political attention in 2024 by running for Supreme Court Justice. Thank you to the 59,676 Washington voters who supported me in 2024—I'm grateful.

I'm not promising a tariff stimulus rebate check (I'll watch for a meteorite to hit Mt. Rainier first), but I will promise to stand with American small businesses and workers, and I will protect the rights and freedoms of every citizen— young or old, rich or poor. *I oppose a state income tax and won't be soft on criminals.* I will pursue practical economic solutions to ease the heavy caseloads facing our prosecutors and public defenders.

I live with a mild form of Parkinson's that affects me physically, and I occasionally have symptoms even while medicated (off days). I have learned to judge no one by gender, skin color, language, health condition, or religion. I approach every decision with respect, fairness, and impartiality—guided by sound judgment and common sense.

Above all, I won't let the "exception" become the new "rule." We're in this together. Thank you.



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Legal/Judicial Experience: Current Chief Justice and Justice since 2008. Court of Appeals Judge, Eastern Washington (2007). Appellate Attorney & adjunct professor, Gonzaga University (1993-2007).

Other Professional Experience: Board for Judicial Administration Co-Chair, National Association of Women Judges, Judicial Independence Committee Co-Chair, Chief Justices Conference Executive Committee, National Courts & Sciences Institute Director, National Judicial College Instructor, WA Civic Learning Council, former Spokane Community College instructor.

Education: Gonzaga University, J.D., B.A. West Valley High, Spokane.

Community Service: Former school board chair, Upward Bound mentor, Minority & Justice Commission, YMCA Youth & Government, Sacred Heart Children's Hospital, Habitat for Humanity, Past Rotary President, Washington Center for Performing Arts board member.

Statement: As Washington's Chief Justice, I am dedicated to upholding the rule of law and delivering fair and impartial justice. Courts are a critical branch of government, where every person must be treated fairly and with dignity, and decisions must be based on the law and the facts. In an era of growing attempts to politicize the judiciary, I work every day to maintain the integrity and independence of our courts and safeguard access to justice for every person.

As a former constitutional law professor, I respect legal traditions and constitutional principles. As a parent and former school board chair, I understand how court decisions impact the lives of Washington families. As the first woman from Eastern Washington on the Court, I know that lived experience and diverse perspectives matter in making sound decisions.

I have a proven record of expanding access to justice, improving efficiency and transparency, addressing the evolving challenges facing our legal system, and protecting individual rights. I have always enjoyed broad support and am endorsed by my current and former colleagues, judges statewide, WA State Labor Council, elected officials, and education and community leaders. I ask for your vote to continue serving you on our Supreme Court.

Washington Supreme Court Justice Position 7 – 6-year term



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Legal/Judicial Experience: As a Public Defender in King County, I spent the first 15 years of my legal career in the trenches of our Justice System, serving as a constitutional check on the Government's power to prosecute and incarcerate. Since 2023, I have continued that mission by operating my own practice.

Other Professional Experience: Member—Washington Defender Association; Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Education: Howard University School of Law, J.D. 2007; University of Washington, B.A. 2003; A.A., Bellevue Community College, 2001; Bellevue Public School, 2nd to 12th grade, 1997.

Community Service: Volunteer coach for youth sports; Educating Washingtonians on civics and constitutional law through social media.

Statement: I was born in Cleveland, Ohio to working class immigrants and raised here in Washington since 1987. As a judicial candidate, I bring deep constitutional advocacy, and I understand the struggles facing everyday Washingtonians.

For 18 years, I've represented people from every walk of life: working families, small business owners, parents, veterans, and individuals accused of serious crimes. I have *never* represented corporations, *never* represented the government. I've fought for real people when constitutional rights mattered most. My career has focused on protecting the right of the People to be free from unlawful government intrusion. Those protections must apply equally to all, regardless of status, wealth, or background.

I also believe the judiciary must remain independent, impartial, and free from politics. The promise of our Constitution is only meaningful if Judges faithfully interpret and apply the law, ensuring the People receive the government our Constitution guarantees.

You will not find judicial endorsements or a massive war chest here. What you will find is a legal mind grounded in the promise of our Constitution with a commitment to real-world solutions and equal justice for all—I would be honored to earn your vote.



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Legal/Judicial Experience: Over two decades of providing legal and professional services to private and publicly-held companies, executives, business owners and Washington families; served as an Arbitrator for FINRA from 1999 to 2020.

Other Professional Experience: Over a decade as tax attorney and senior manager in major accounting firms. Active-duty Navy officer from 2002 to 2013. Additional professional designations: CPA, CFA and CFP.

Education: LL.M. - University of Washington; J.D., M.B.A. - Tulane University; M.A. - Naval War College; B.A. - Simpson College; College of Naval Command & Staff; Warfare Qualified.

Community Service: WSBA - Board of Governors; Nonprofit Finance Council; Adjunct faculty (UW, Tulane); Gallon+ Blood Donor

Statement: Throughout my career, I've worked to solve complex problems thoughtfully, collaboratively, and fairly. And my background has given me a deep appreciation for hard work, sacrifice, and the experiences of everyday people. To pay for school, I worked farm, grocery and restaurant jobs and later earned my commission from the enlisted ranks.

Following 9/11, I was called from the Naval Reserve to active duty, where I served for more than a decade. I placed my civilian career on hold and left my wife and children to deploy to the Persian Gulf. That experience had a big impact on my understanding of duty, accountability, and leadership under pressure. Since returning to civilian life, I've continued my public service through the WSBA Board of Governors. It was there, I was encouraged to seek election to the Supreme Court.

This year's election is a choice--whether to retain the current justices or to give someone new your vote. I believe I represent meaningful new perspective, experience, and common sense which will bring balance to the court.

If elected, I promise to uphold and apply the law impartially and fairly. I respectfully ask for your vote for Supreme Court Justice, Position #7.

Proposition No. 1

Public Safety and Governmental Services Levy

Official Ballot Title

The Bremerton City Council adopted Resolution No. 3409 concerning property taxes for public safety and governmental services. If approved, this proposition would fund City services, including firefighting equipment, staffing, and facilities. It would increase the City's regular property tax rate by \$0.48 to a total authorized rate of \$1.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2027. The 2027 levy amount would be used to calculate subsequent levies. Should this proposition be approved?

(Yes or No)

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

Chapter 84.55 RCW provides that the City of Bremerton, a taxing district, may increase its regular property tax levy for services, including for personnel, training for such personnel, equipment, supplies, vehicles, and structures needed for the provision of public safety and for other governmental services. This increase will be for an amount up to, but not exceeding, forty-eight cents (\$.48) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed value of property in the taxing district. This levy can be approved with a simple majority vote.

Effect of the proposed measure, if it becomes law: The City of Bremerton adopted Resolution No. 3409, which contains a proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters of the city for approval or rejection of an additional property tax levy to fund public safety, including funding for firefighting equipment, staffing, and facilities, and other governmental services. If approved, the City of Bremerton will levy additional regular property taxes in an amount up to forty-eight cents (\$.48) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed property value. If approved, the City of Bremerton will increase the regular property tax rate by \$0.48 to a total authorized rate of \$1.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection beginning on January 1, 2027. The 2027 levy amount will be used as the basis to calculate subsequent levies.

Argument For the Measure

The City proposes a \$0.48 per \$1,000 assessed value levy to support essential fire and emergency services. The measure would fund the hiring of nine additional firefighters to improve emergency response capability, maintain safer staffing levels, and support compliance with operational safety standards. Call volume has increased approximately 24% over the past decade while staffing levels have not kept pace. It would also fund the purchase of two new fire engines and one ladder truck to replace aging apparatus and maintain reliable emergency service delivery. Some reserve apparatus have been in service for more than 20 years and are approaching replacement age. New fire engines and ladder trucks can take several years to manufacture and deliver. In addition, the measure would support modernizing Station 1, to address capacity, compliance, and functionality issues that will be exacerbated with additional staffing.

And last, the measure will support the establishment of an Equipment Replacement & Revolving (ER&R) intended to create a dedicated source of funding for future equipment replacement and reduce reliance on future bond measures and associated interest costs. With the scheduled sunset of a previous public safety bond, resulting in a \$0.09 decrease, the projected net impact to taxpayers in 2027 would be \$0.39 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

The City of Bremerton does not have a dedicated fire levy; fire services are funded through the City's general property tax levy. The proposed increase is \$0.48. However, a \$0.09 public safety levy reduction occurs in 2026, followed by an additional \$0.14 reduction in 2027, resulting in a net increase of \$0.26 after 2027. The fire department's priority is maintaining essential staffing and apparatus needed to respond effectively and efficiently to fire and EMS emergencies.

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Argument Against the Measure

Voters should reject this irresponsible 32.65 percent tax increase

Bremerton is asking for a permanent, massive property tax hike that lacks a modern vision for our safety. Increasing the fire levy rate from 1.47 to 1.95 is an excessive burden on residents already struggling with the rising cost of living. We deserve a plan that prioritizes efficiency over endless taxing.

Modern technology is ignored in this proposal

The levy fails to incorporate life-saving technology like drones or ground robots equipped with advanced sensors. These 21st-century tools make firefighting safer and more affordable. Taxing more while ignoring these efficiencies is a disservice to our community and our first responders who deserve the best equipment available.

Inefficient response models waste taxpayer dollars

Approximately 80 to 90 percent of calls are medical or trauma related, not fires. Yet, this levy continues the outdated practice of sending expensive, heavy fire trucks to medical emergencies. We should utilize less expensive, agile vehicles for medical calls instead of wasting taxpayer dollars on unnecessary heavy apparatus wear and tear.

The city must prioritize fiscal accountability and budgeting

This levy does not require the Mayor or Council to prioritize equipment replacement in the regular budget. Instead of managing fundamental operating costs through responsible financial planning, they are asking citizens for a blank check. We should not reward poor budgeting with a massive, permanent tax increase.

Vote no to demand fiscal accountability and a smarter, tech-forward approach to public safety.

Rebuttal to the Argument For

Vote no on Proposition 1 because the city's proposal ignores efficient ways to manage call volume without imposing a permanent tax increase. Adding nine firefighters and modernizing Station 1 creates massive long-term salary and maintenance liabilities that far exceed the projected net impact. Rather than replacing multiple apparatuses simultaneously, the city should prioritize budget reallocations to fund their revolving account. We must demand fiscal responsibility and smarter staffing instead of increasing the local tax burden.

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Proposition No. 1

Bonds for Fire and Emergency Response Facilities, Vehicles and Equipment

Official Ballot Title

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 (Poulsbo Fire Department) adopted Resolution No. 26-05, concerning emergency response facilities to protect public health, life and property. This proposition would authorize the District to: acquire, construct and renovate firefighting and emergency response facilities, vehicles and equipment (including renovating the fleet facilities; acquiring firefighting apparatus and medic units and firefighting equipment); issue no more than \$7,640,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 6 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 26-05. Should this proposition be:

(Approved or Rejected)

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 (Poulsbo Fire Department) provides fire, rescue, emergency medical services, and community risk reduction to the City of Poulsbo and surrounding areas of unincorporated Kitsap County.

The citizens' Strategic Advisory Board has recommended a capital bond to fund necessary facilities, apparatus, and emergency response equipment identified in the District's long-term Capital Facilities Plan. These include renovating and expanding the capacity of the apparatus bay and fleet maintenance facility at Station 71 (10th Ave NE) and acquiring fire, EMS, and rescue vehicles and firefighter safety equipment to meet safety and end-of-service life standards. The Board of Fire Commissioners has determined these improvements and acquisitions are needed to maintain emergency response service levels and improve firefighter safety.

If approved, this proposition would authorize up to \$7,640,000 of general obligation bonds that would mature within a maximum of 6 years and be repaid from annual excess property taxes. At an estimated rate of \$0.18 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the cost to the average North Kitsap home, currently valued at \$528,283, would be \$7.92 per month. For additional information, visit: www.poulsbofire.org/capitalbond. Exemptions from taxes may be available; contact the Kitsap County Assessor: (360) 337-5777.

Argument For the Measure

Vote Yes to keep our community safe.

The Poulsbo Fire Department (PFD) saves lives and protects our community. This measure helps our fire department maintain modern, effective facilities and equipment.

Planning for our future. The PFD maintains a long-term plan to ensure they have facilities and equipment essential for emergency response. The plan identifies the timing and cost of fire stations improvements and renovations, along with the timing for replacing emergency response vehicles. See: <https://poulsbofire.org/strategic-plan/>

Current needs: The PFD needs to renovate the fleet maintenance facility at Station 71 and replace an associated fire engine, 2 medic units, and their marine unit. All are at the end of life and are no longer able to effectively support our community.

Cost to Taxpayers. The proposed bonds will raise \$7,640,000. All bonds will be paid back by 2032. Over this period, the estimated tax rate for these bonds is \$0.18 / \$1,000 of assessed value and will cost the average homeowner \$7.92 / month. Separate from this measure, the PFD expects to receive impact fees to pay the needs of our growing community. The new developments will pay for their share of growth-related facilities and equipment.

Our Responsibility.

As a fire district, the PFD receives no regular funding from the City of Poulsbo nor Kitsap County. They are dependent upon voter approved levies for funding. Vote yes to ensure the PFD has the facilities and equipment they need to keep our community safe.

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

No committee formed for rebuttal.

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Argument Against the Measure

No "Against" committee formed.

Rebuttal to the Argument For

No "Against" committee formed for rebuttal.

No "Against" committee formed.

Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy

Will North Mason Regional Fire Authority be authorized to continue funding emergency medical services for its citizens by continuing to impose a regular property tax levy of \$.50 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2027?

(Levy Yes or Levy No)

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

In 2020, voters approved the continuation of North Mason Regional Fire Authority's Emergency Medical Service (EMS) property tax levy. The 2020 EMS levy will expire at the end of 2026 unless the voters approve this measure.

If approved by the voters, this measure will authorize a six year continuation of the EMS levy at an initial rate of \$.50 per thousand of assessed value. The levy rate the following five years would be limited to the statutory one percent increase allowed by law. In the event assessed values decrease, the levy rate will be capped by the statutory limit of \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed.

Approval of the levy will enable the RFA to maintain the level of emergency medical services currently provided on a continuing basis including basic and advanced life support services by certified emergency medical technicians and paramedics. The revenue from this levy will be used by the RFA exclusively for emergency medical services.

If voters approve this levy's renewal, the maximum tax per \$100,000 assessed valuation would not exceed \$50.00 per year or approximately \$4.17 per month for emergency medical services.

North Mason Regional Fire Authority

Argument For the Measure

On August 4th, North Mason voters will be asked to renew the Fire Authority's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy. The EMS Levy is a long-standing, voter-approved funding source that has supported local emergency medical care for more than 40 years. It requires voter renewal every six years.

This measure does NOT create a new tax. It would renew the existing EMS levy at a rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for another six years. Voters last approved the levy in 2020 at the same rate of \$0.50.

The EMS levy funds paramedics, EMTs, ambulance transport, medical equipment, and the medical training required to respond effectively when seconds matter most. Emergency medical calls make up the majority of emergency responses, and this dedicated funding ensures that highly trained medical professionals are ready to respond 24/7 across the entire Fire Authority. By law, EMS levy funds can only be used for emergency medical services, meaning every dollar directly supports patient care and response readiness.

This levy also reflects local control and accountability. Voters review and approve the levy every six years, ensuring transparency and community value. North Mason residents have consistently supported this measure because it delivers real, life-saving results.

A "YES" vote will continue what has worked for decades; reliable, professional emergency medical care when you need it most.

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Argument Against the Measure

No "Against" committee formed.

Note: Mason County is the lead county for this measure and arguments here are provided according to its administrative rules for voters' pamphlets.

No "Against" committee formed.

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