# **VOTERS' PANPHLET** Washington State Elections

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# General Election November 8



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# A message from Assistant Secretary Trova O'Heffernan

On behalf of the Office of the Secretary of State, thank you for participating in our democratic process. I am pleased to present the 2022 General Election Voters' Pamphlet to help you make informed decisions as you exercise your right to vote. This guide includes information about voting, and the candidates and measures that appear on your ballot.

Before you can participate, you must be registered to vote. Voter registration forms that are mailed or completed online must be received by Oct. 31, and we encourage you to review your registration information today at **VoteWA.gov**. After Oct. 31, you must visit an elections office or voting center during regular business hours or until 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 8, to register to vote or update your registration and receive a ballot.

After you have voted your ballot, be sure to sign the return envelope. Your signature is important because election officials check that your signature matches the one on your voter registration record before they count your ballot. Next, return your ballot. If returning by U.S. mail — no postage needed — remember that ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 8 in order to be counted. You can also use an official ballot drop box anywhere in the state. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on Election Day. Check **VoteWA.gov** to locate a ballot drop box or see the status of your ballot.

By voting, you are making your voice heard.

Sincerely,

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Trova O'Heffernan Assistant Secretary of State

What does #TrustedInfo mean?		
<ul> <li>#TrustedInfo aims to highlight state and local election officials as the credible, verified sources for election information.</li> <li>The nation's Secretaries of State, 40 of whom serve as their state's chief election official, along with other state and local election officials are continuously working to inform Americans about the elections process, including voter registration, state election laws, voting, and much more.</li> </ul>		
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#### Deadlines

Ballots mailed out by: October 21 Register by mail, received by: October 31 Register online by: October 31 Register in person by: November 8, 8 p.m. Election Day: November 8



#### **Political Parties**

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Washington State Republican Party 11811 NE 1st St, Ste A306 Bellevue, WA 98005 (425) 460-0570 info@wsrp.org www.wsrp.org



# 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



Candidates submitted their contact information for this pamphlet prior to printing. For the most current contact information, visit **VoteWA.gov** and select "Voters' Guide." 2022

# Are accessible voting options available?





Audio and plain text voters' pamphlets available at **www.sos.wa.gov/elections** 

No internet access? To receive a copy on a USB drive, call 1(800) 448-4881.

Contact a county elections office to find an **accessible voting unit** near you.

# Are language services available?

Los votantes del estado de Washington pueden acceder a un folleto electoral para las elecciones generales y a un formulario de inscripción electoral en español en Internet en www.sos.wa.gov/elections/.

Ingrese a **VoteWA.gov** para consultar su guía electoral personalizada en Internet o para inscribirse y actualizar su información electoral.

Los votantes de los condados de Yakima, Franklin y Adams reciben materiales electorales bilingües. Los votantes del condado de King pueden solicitar sus materiales de votación en español.

Para solicitar una edición impresa del folleto electoral o de un formulario de inscripción electoral en español, llame al **1 (800) 448-4881**. 華盛頓州的選民可以由線上取 得中文版普選選民手冊以及選 民登記表,網址為

www.sos.wa.gov/elections/ °

請瀏覽VoteWA.gov以查看您的個人化線上選民指南,或登記及更新您的選民資料。

金郡的選民可以索求中文版投 票資料。

如欲索取中文選民手冊印刷本 或選民登記表,請致電 1(800) 448-4881。 Cử tri tại tiểu bang Washington có thể truy cập trực tuyến Sách Hướng dẫn Cử tri cho cuộc Tổng tuyển cử và mẫu đơn đăng ký cử tri bằng Tiếng Việt tại địa chỉ www.sos.wa.gov/elections/.

Truy cập **VoteWA.gov** để xem trực tuyến hướng dẫn dành cho cử tri được cá nhân hóa của quý vị hoặc đăng ký và cập nhật thông tin cử tri của quý vị.

Cử tri tại Quận King có thể yêu cầu tài liệu bỏ phiếu đã được dịch sang Tiếng Việt.

Để yêu cầu bản in của sách hướng dẫn cử tri hoặc mẫu đơn đăng ký cử tri bằng Tiếng Việt, xin quý vị vui lòng gọi số **1 (800) 448-4881.** 

The federal Voting Rights Act requires translated elections materials.

# Qualifications

To vote, you must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not currently serving a



sentence of total confinement in prison.

If you're 16 or 17 years old, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.

# How do I register to vote?

Online: Register at VoteWA.gov

By mail: Request a paper form be mailed to you or print your own at sos.wa.gov/elections

No internet access? Call 1 (800) 448-4881.

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

# **Registration deadlines**



By mail or online: Your application must be received no later than October 31.

**In person:** Visit a local voting center no later than 8 p.m. on November 8.

Check your registration info at VoteWA.gov.

# **Moved? Update your** voting address

Contact a county elections office to request a ballot at your new address.

By October 31: Have your application received by mail or updated online.

Or

By November 8: Visit a local voting center in person.





If you are 16 or 17, become a Future Voter!



Sign up online at VoteWA.gov with your Washington state driver's license, permit or ID. Or, you can fill out a paper registration form using the last four digits of your Social Security number and mail it in. You'll be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.

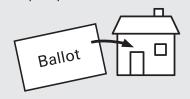
Every January on Temperance and Good Citizenship Day, high school students 16 and older have the opportunity to complete a voter registration form in class.

# How do I vote and return my ballot?



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If you're registered to vote, there is no need to request a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed by **October 21** to the address you provide on your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact a county elections office listed at the end of this pamphlet.



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Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. We need your signature to accept your ballot. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.

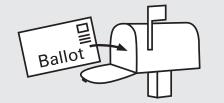


Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **November 8.** Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot

postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day. Or, return your ballot to an official ballot drop box. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on **November 8**. Find drop box locations at **VoteWA.gov.** 



If you cannot personally return your ballot, let only people you trust deliver it for you.



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Check the status of your ballot on **VoteWA.gov** to see if it has been received by your county elections office.



Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

# View election results online

After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at **results.vote.wa.gov**.

Results are updated as counties report and unofficial until certification.

# Your district may have changed

Every 10 years, following the U.S. Census, legislative and congressional district boundaries are redrawn in a process called redistricting.

Redistricting ensures that each district has about the same number of people, which means equal representation in government.

As a result of redistricting, you may have been assigned to a new legislative or congressional district.

If you have changed districts, you will vote on different legislative or congressional races, beginning this year.

For more information about new district boundaries or the redistricting process, visit **www.redistricting.wa.gov**.

# <section-header> How do I know if something is true? When reviewing online or printed information, think about: Who made this, and who is it for? Why did they make it? When was this made? What makes it believable? How might other people read this message? Ask the experts - consult a fact-checking site or ask an official source. Get trusted info from your county auditor or elections office.

Advisory votes are the result of Initiative 960, approved by voters in 2007. The Office of the Secretary of State publishes the Attorney General's advisory vote description according to RCW 29A.72.283.

You are advising the Legislature if you do or do not favor a tax increase passed during the recent legislative session.

Repeal — means you don't favor the tax increase.

**Maintain** — means you **favor** the tax increase.



Advisory votes are non-binding. The results will not change the law.

# Want more info?



Contact your legislator. Their contact information is on the following pages.

View the complete text of each bill at **sos.wa.gov/elections** and view additional cost information at **ofm.wa.gov/ballot** 

Advisory Vote No.



# Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5974

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, the tax on aircraft fuel from 11 cents to 18 cents per gallon, costing \$14 million in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

[] Repealed

[] Maintained

# Advisory Vote No.



# Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2076

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, premiums on "transportation network companies" to provide workers compensation to their drivers, costing an indeterminate amount in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- [] Repealed
- [] Maintained

# **Ten-Year Projection**

Provided by the Office of Financial Management For more information visit **www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot** 

#### Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5974 (ESSB 5974) Estimated Cash Receipts

Fiscal Year	Name of Tax or Fee: Aviation Fuel Tax		
2022	\$ 0		
2023	\$ 1,517,400		
2024	\$ 1,646,800		
2025	\$ 1,619,600		
2026	\$ 1,619,800		
2027	\$ 1,617,800		
2028	\$ 1,611,700		
2029	\$ 1,601,000		
2030	\$ 1,594,000		
2031	\$ 1,592,700		
2022-31 TOTAL:	\$ 14,420,800		

# Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

Senate: Yeas, 29; Nays, 20; Absent, 0; Excused, 0 House: Yeas, 54; Nays, 44; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

# **Ten-Year Projection**

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Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2076 (ESHB 2076) Narrative Explanation (required for Indeterminate Cash Receipts)

Section 1 requires transportation network companies (TNCs) to remit \$0.15 of every passenger fare quarterly to the newly created Driver Resource Center Fund beginning July 1, 2024. How much is collected will change each January 1 because remittance will be adjusted each year based on inflation. In addition, the Department of Labor & Industries has no way to predict how many passenger fares will be remitted or how many TNCs will be subject to interest and penalties due to failing to remit payments by the deadlines. For these reasons, fiscal impact associated with section 1 is indeterminate.

Section 11 of the bill directs L&I to assess premiums for TNC drivers only for hours while the driver is engaged in passenger platform time and dispatch platform time effective January 1, 2023. These premiums would be used for potential future claims and would be deposited in the Accident and Medical Aid Accounts. L&I anticipates that there would be additional claims filed by these workers and L&I would receive additional premiums for this coverage. However, there is not sufficient data on these workers to determine the volume of additional claims or the level of additional premiums. This section of the bill is indeterminate.

# Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

Senate: Yeas, 40; Nays, 8; Absent, 0; Excused, 1 House: Yeas, 56; Nays, 42; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

# **Final Votes Cast by Each Legislator**

#### District 1

#### Sen. Derek Stanford

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#### **Rep. Davina Duerr**

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#### **Rep. Shelley Kloba**

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#### District 2

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#### **Rep. Andrew Barkis**

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#### Rep. J.T. Wilcox

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#### District 3

Sen. Andy Billig

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#### **Rep. Timm Ormsby**

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#### District 4

Sen. Mike Padden (R, Spokane Valley), (360) 786-7606 mike.padden@leg.wa.gov

#### Rep. Rob Chase

ESSB 5974 (AV39): Nay

ESHB 2076 (AV40): Nav

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#### **Rep. Bob McCaslin**

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#### District 5

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#### District 6

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**Rep. Mike Volz** (R, Spokane), (509) 456-2750 mike.volz@leg.wa.gov ESSB 5974 (AV39): Nay ESHB 2076 (AV40): Nay

#### Rep. Jenny Graham (R, Spokane), (509) 960-5393 jenny.graham@leg.wa.gov ESSB 5974 (AV39): Nay ESHB 2076 (AV40): Nay

#### District 7

Sen. Shelly Short

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#### District 8

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#### Rep. Matt Boehnke (R, Kennewick), (509) 315-2315 matt.boehnke@leg.wa.gov

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#### District 9

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#### District 10

#### Sen. Ron Muzzall

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#### Rep. Greg Gilday

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#### **Rep. Dave Paul**

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#### District 13

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#### **Rep. Tom Dent**

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#### **Rep. Alex Ybarra**

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#### District 14

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#### District 15

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#### District 16

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#### **Rep. Mark Klicker**

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#### **Rep. Skyler Rude**

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#### District 17

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#### **Rep. Paul Harris**

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#### District 18

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#### District 19

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#### Rep. Jim Walsh (R, Aberdeen), (360) 485-0547 jim.walsh@leg.wa.gov ESSB 5974 (AV39): Nay ESHB 2076 (AV40): Nay

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#### District 20

Sen. John Braun (R, Centralia), (360) 786-7638 john.braun@leg.wa.gov ESSB 5974 (AV39): Nay

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#### District 22

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#### District 23

#### Sen. Christine Rolfes

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#### District 24

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#### Rep. Mike Chapman

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District 25

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#### District 26

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#### District 27

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#### District 28

Sen. T'wina Nobles (D, Fircrest), (360) 786-7654 t'wina.nobles@leg.wa.gov ESSB 5974 (AV39): Yea

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#### District 29

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#### District 30

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#### District 32

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#### District 33

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#### Sen. Joe Nguyen

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#### District 36

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#### District 39

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# **Student Engagement Hubs**



College students are on the move. 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 UW Bothell WSU Pullman WWU Bellingham EWU Cheney UW Seattle WSU Tri-Cities TESC Olympia UW Tacoma WSU Vancouver

# If I am a victim of a crime, can I vote safely?

#### Keep your voting address confidential

You may be able to enroll in the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) and register as a Protected Records Voter if you are:

- a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking; or
- a criminal justice participant or election official who is a target for harassment.

To become a Protected Records Voter:

- You meet with a Certified Advocate who can assist with threat assessment, safety planning, and the program application.
- The best time to enroll is when you move or are planning to move to a location that is unknown to the offender and undocumented in public record.

Call 1(800) 822-1065 or visit www.sos.wa.gov/acp





# Federal Qualifications & Responsibilities

Except for the President and Vice President, all federal officials elected in Washington must be residents of the state. Only federal offices have age requirements above and beyond being a registered voter.

# Congress

The United States' Senate and House of Representatives have equal responsibility for declaring war, maintaining the armed forces, assessing taxes, borrowing money, minting currency, regulating commerce, and making all laws and budgets necessary for the operation of government.

# **United States Senator**

Senators must be at least 30 years old and citizens of the U.S. for at least nine years. Senators serve six-year terms. The Senate has 100 members; two from each state.

The Senate has several exclusive powers, including consenting to treaties, confirming federal appointments made by the President, and trying federal officials impeached by the House of Representatives.

# **United States Representative**

Representatives must be at least 25 years old and citizens of the U.S. for at least seven years. Representatives are not required to be registered voters of their district, but must reside in the state. Representatives serve two-year terms.

The House of Representatives has 435 members, all of whom are up for election in even-numbered years. Each state has a different number of members based on population. After the 2010 Census, Washington was given a 10th Congressional District.

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Patty Murray (Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience** Shoreline School Board, State Senator, United States Senator

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Shoreline Community College Cooperative Preschool Teacher

Education Graduate, Washington State University

# Community Service

No information submitted

#### Statement

These last few years have been some of the toughest for our state that I can remember. But that has only made me more determined to be a strong voice in the other Washington for our workers and families—one who listens to the people of our state first and foremost, and always stands up for our values and priorities.

As your Senator, I focus on results and concrete ways I can make life better for people in our state. I led the Senate in passing legislation last year to get our kids back into the classroom safely, make COVID vaccines available to everyone who needed them, and help small businesses and families make ends meet through difficult times.

Right afterward, I got to work to help pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which will create good-paying union jobs in every part of our state, improve public transit, expand lower-cost clean energy, establish universal broadband, and upgrade our bridges, ferries, and ports to strengthen supply chains.

And, I negotiated a bipartisan budget that funds local priorities Washington workers and families like you have told me about, like helping veterans find housing and expanding job training.

I will always stand up to those who want to roll back workers' rights, jeopardize American democracy, or ban abortions. I believe the economy should work for everyone in our state, not just those at the very top. Instead of tax cuts for the rich, I want to lower families' costs for basics like health care and child care-make housing, college, and career and technical education more affordable, and invest in American manufacturing to bring good jobs back home.

I ask for your vote so I can keep fighting for you and everyone here in Washington state.

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# United States Senator | 6-year term



Tiffany Smiley (Prefers Republican Party)

#### Elected Experience

No prior elected experience, but an extensive background building coalitions and working with members from both parties to enact legislation reforming the Veterans Administration and improving veterans' health care.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Triage nurse, full-time caregiver, President and Co-Founder of "Hope Unseen," veteran's advocate, mother of three growing boys.

#### Education

Whitworth College- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

#### **Community Service**

KADLEC Foundation Board, Elizabeth Dole Foundation, National Chamber for Hiring our Heroes, Veterans Airlift Command, Camp Corral, Smart Women Smart Money, Policy Vet Board

#### Statement

Tiffany Smiley grew up on a farm in rural Washington and dreamed of becoming a nurse. When she married her high school sweetheart, Scotty Smiley, and achieved her goal of becoming a triage nurse it seemed she'd achieved her version of the American Dream. That dream was shattered in April of 2005 when she was informed that her husband had been blinded by a suicide car bomber in Mosul, Iraq. At 23, Tiffany quit her nursing job and flew to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to be by Scotty's side.

At Walter Reed, Tiffany had to stand up to the federal government and fight for Scotty, his dreams and the care he had earned. For Tiffany, her experience with the military bureaucracy highlighted the challenges facing many service members and their families. Tiffany became their voice, going to Capitol Hill and meeting with anyone who would listen to her. She built coalitions with members from both sides of the aisle which ultimately resulted in real reform of the VA to help the catastrophically injured and their caregivers.

Drawing on her experiences as a veteran's advocate, Tiffany will build coalitions and work for policies that improve public safety and protect Washington families, combat spiraling gas prices and the inflation that's hurting the middle class and address the homeless crisis plaguing our communities. Tiffany will be a strong supporter of our men and women in law enforcement whose sacrifices keep our streets safe and allow Washington communities to thrive. As the mother of three school-age boys, Tiffany will invest in our schools to provide every child with a brighter future. Tiffany has earned the endorsement of the Washington State Republican Party. From a small farm in Eastern Washington to the nation's capital, Tiffany will be a voice for all of Washington.

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Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (Prefers Democratic Party)

#### Elected Experience

Underwood Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors '16, '22; Elected Member Democratic National Committee

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Co-owner, Dean's Car Care; Executive Director, Stevenson Downtown Association; Wholesale Flower Market Manager, Charles Little and Co.

#### Education

B.A. Economics, Reed College

#### **Community Service**

Mounthood Community College Automotive Program Advisory Committee, Hillsboro Highschool Automotive Advisory Committee, Treasurer for Stevenson Downtown Association.

#### Statement

Our Representatives are completely out of touch with those of us struggling to keep up with the rising costs of food, gas, housing and prescription drugs. As co-owner of an auto repair and machine shop, I know how tough it's been to navigate this economy. Like so many working Washingtonians, we do our best to stay ahead of bills; but because we cannot afford quality child care for our son, we take him to work with us.

Special interests and party bosses have too much power in Washington and are failing to solve our biggest challenges. I'm running to take on politicians who are bought and paid for by large corporations who refuse to pay their fair share while working families who follow the rules fall further behind. I'm not taking a dime of Corporate PAC money and will put people over profits. I like to get my hands dirty fixing things, not working the system.

I'm proud to have created many family wage jobs with my business. As our business has grown, like many employers, we struggle to find workers with the skills they need to succeed. In Congress, I'll make expanding career and technical education a priority, to empower more Washingtonians to obtain family wage jobs they can be proud of.

Finally, I'll stand up to politicians who try to tell women what they can and cannot do with their own body. We cannot assume our rights will be protected here in Washington State any longer. It is up to all of us to fight to protect reproductive freedom.

#### Endorsements:

Senator Maria Cantwell, Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, Washington State Labor Council, Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz, IBEW 48, Former U.S. Congressmen Brian Baird and Don Bonker, State Representative Sharon Wylie, Vancouver Port Commissioner Don Orange

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<sup>Joe</sup> Kent

(Prefers Republican Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

I am not a career politician; I am a warrior. For over twenty years, I fought for our nation in the most challenging conditions as Green Beret and led troops into battle.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

I currently work as a project manager for a small technology company. Before joining the Army, I was a Boy Scout summer camp instructor, a lifeguard, and mowed lawns.

#### Education

Norwich University B.S. Strategic Studies and Defense Analysis, U.S. Army Special Forces Qualification Course, Eagle Scout.

#### **Community Service**

I deliver meals to veterans in need and volunteer at my church. I have trained and provided security services to churches and Synagogues.

#### Statement

I served for over twenty years in our nation's Special Forces and as a foreign policy advisor to President Trump. I'm endorsed by President Trump, Loren Culp, Lars Larson, and Gen. Michael Flynn.

My priorities are: fighting inflation by ending wasteful 'omnibus' spending and restoring energy independence; investigating the 2020 general election, election integrity laws and impeaching Biden and Harris immediately. Standing up for the right to life and the 2nd Amendment; securing our border and ending illegal immigration; and enacting an America First economic agenda that will restore our local manufacturing and timber industries and create good-paying jobs.

Like many of you, I've voted for Jaime Herrera Beutler before, but her betrayal of our conservative values compelled me to run against her. She voted with the Democrats to impeach President Trump, halt construction of the border wall, give 1.5 billion in taxpayer dollars to Planned Parenthood, and enact "Red Flag" laws that take away 2nd Amendment rights.

Here in the district, she's done nothing while mills, factories, and veteran clinics are shut down, and she's failed to address the I-5 Bridge Project and the sea lion problem that is devastating our fish stocks. Inflation is robbing our families of 9% of their take-home pay. Jaime caused that by voting for Biden's trillions in omnibus spending and, most recently, to send \$53 billion of your money to Ukraine.

I have been personally affected by Jaime's eagerness to keep U.S. troops in unnecessary foreign conflicts. My wife, Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent, was killed by a terrorist in Syria one month after President Trump tried to withdraw our troops from that conflict. Jaime voted to block that withdrawal.

Unlike Jaime, I will always put America and Americans first. I would be honored to have your vote.

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# **Executive Qualifications** & Responsibilities

Statewide-elected executives must be registered Washington voters and are elected to four-year terms.

Secretary of State is up for election in 2022 to fill a vacancy and complete the two-year remainder of the term. It will be open again in 2024 for the regularly scheduled election of the four-year term.

# **Secretary of State**

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The Secretary of State leads the state Elections Division, Corporations and Charities Division, state Archives and Library, and other programs and services. The Office of the Secretary of State manages corporation and charity filings, collects and preserves historical state records, and governs the use of the state flag and seal. The Secretary of State is second in line of succession for Governor.



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# Secretary of State | 2-year unexpired term



Steve Hobbs

(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

Secretary of State Steve Hobbs will ensure every eligible Washingtonian's voice is heard in secure, accessible elections. In the state Senate, Hobbs chaired the Transportation Committee and earned a reputation as a champion of bipartisan solutions.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Three decades of military service in the United States Army and National Guard, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Deployed to Kosovo and Iraq. Task Force Commander - Western Washington's COVID-19 response mission.

#### Education

Master of Public Administration and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington. United States Army Command and General Staff College, Defense Information School.

#### **Community Service**

Rotary, American Legion, Nisei Veterans Committee

#### Statement

As your current Secretary of State, my top priority is to ensure our elections are secure and accessible to every eligible voter. I am proud of my career in public service working alongside Democrats, Republicans, and Independents advocating for all Washingtonians.

My mom, an Asian immigrant, raised me to work hard, value education, and serve others. That is why I have worn the uniform for more than 30 years and served 15 years in the state Senate.

With bipartisan support from state lawmakers, I am leading work that safeguards our election systems from cybersecurity threats, confronts malicious disinformation, and engages underrepresented communities. These commitments are why I am endorsed by numerous County Auditors who conduct elections, labor and business, voting rights advocates, and prominent state and federal leaders.

The Secretary of State must possess the highest standards of integrity and leadership and serve as a strong advocate for voting rights in Washington. As attacks on our democracy become more sophisticated, I am here to lead our state's elections through security challenges. It has been the privilege of my life to serve as your Secretary of State, and I would be honored to earn your vote.

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# Julie Anderson

(Prefers Nonpartisan Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

Nonpartisan Pierce County Auditor, 2009 to Present; Nonpartisan Tacoma City Councilmember, 2004 to 2009

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Senior Policy Advisor, Department of Commerce; Executive Director, Tacoma-Pierce County YWCA; Assistant Regional Administrator, Department of Social and Health Services

#### Education

National and State Certified Election Administrator; State Certified Public Records Officer; MS Criminal Justice Administration, Northeastern University; BA, The Evergreen State College

#### **Community Service**

Past President and Member, Association of County Auditors; Secretary of State's Electronic Recording Standards Commission; Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International; Board Member, UW Center for Leadership and Social Responsibility; Senior Fellow, American Leadership Forum; Washington State Bar Association Character and Fitness Board

#### Statement

Polarization has eroded trust in our government. The Secretary of State has the critical job of running trustworthy elections, as well as providing public records access, business registry, and library services. This demands experience. Partisanship has no place in the Secretary of State's office.

I've been Pierce County's nonpartisan Auditor for 12 years, leading a nationally recognized, award-winning office that has increased voter access, enhanced election security, and improved auditing procedures. I've provided oversight and statewide leadership in elections, increased access to public records, and streamlined business licensing. I hold national and state certifications in election administration and am a certified public records officer.

I've worked closely with counties throughout the state. Together, we've created a national reputation for excellence. That's how I've earned the trust and endorsement of more than 30 Democratic, Republican, and Independent election administrators and County Auditors throughout Washington State.

My experience and leadership managing hundreds of elections in Washington's second largest county has prepared me to serve as your Secretary of State. I will protect our democratic republic by making our elections more secure, transparent, and accessible. I ask for your vote.

#### Contact

(253) 281-5785; Hello@JulieAnderson.org; JulieAnderson.org

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# Legislative Qualifications & Responsibilities

Legislators must be registered voters of their district.

# Legislature

Legislators propose and enact public policy, set a budget, and provide for the collection of taxes to support state and local government.

# **State Senator**

The Senate has 49 members; one from each legislative district in the state. Senators are elected to four-year terms, and approximately one-half the membership of the Senate is up for election each even-numbered year. The Senate's only exclusive duty is to confirm appointments made by the governor.

# **State Representative**

The House of Representatives has 98 members; two from each legislative district in the state. Representatives are elected to two-year terms, so the total membership of the House is up for election each even-numbered year.



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# State Representative | District 17 Position 1 | 2-year term



Terri Niles

(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

2021 Clark County Charter Review Commissioner

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Vice President AURN/Oregon Nurses Association, Nurse Representative, Labor negotiations. 20yrs ICU, 5yrs Nursing Administration. I have lived a life of public service in my personal life and in my work. ICU Nursing is a high pressure, stressful career. I know how to work under pressure and to get the job done when the stakes are high. As your representative I will bring the same commitment to you that I brought to my patients throughout my career.

#### Education

RN Kapiolani College, University of Hawaii, OLCS Labor Candidate School

#### **Community Service**

Vice President WFDW, President CCDW

#### Statement

I promise to put the people of Southwest Washington first. Times are tough for frontline workers, small business owners and working folks. *I will support a strong economy by investing in our communities*. My priorities include jobs, healthcare, housing, championing new infrastructure, supporting public safety and strengthening education. I will work collaboratively with colleagues across the aisle to assure that Southwest Washington thrives and prospers and our future is bright. You can only attempt to effect change for so long from the outside. Sometimes, you have to step in and do it from the inside. I ask for your vote!

#### Contact

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# Kevin Waters

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience Port of Skamania Commissioner 2010-2019

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Executive Director of the Skamania Economic Development Council; Founder of Backwoods Brewing Company; Co-Founder of my Family's Grocery Store, Carson General Store; Former Skamania County Correction Officer; Owner of Maple Leaf Events Wedding Venue; Owner of Maple Way Cabins

#### Education

Attended Stevenson/Carson K-12, 2003 Graduate; Attended Eastern Washington University, 2003-2008, Public Relations/ Communications

#### **Community Service**

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Catholic Church Board Member; Former Skamania Chamber of Commerce Board Member; Stevenson Downtown Association Board Member; Former President – Wind River Business Association; Founder of Logtoberfest – Fundraiser for Wind River Business Association; Former MCEDD Board Member

#### Statement

As a fourth generation Southwest Washington resident I know how frustrating it is to feel ignored by our state's leaders. It is why I am running for office. As an economic development professional, small business owner and father I want our community to grow, thrive and be safe. We must support police so we can address rising crime. We must make it easier to start a business, not harder. Our government representatives must be willing to listen, even if they do not agree with us. I will bring these common sense solutions to Olympia.

I humbly ask for your vote.

#### Contact

(509) 774-8630; info@watersforhouse.com; www.watersforhouse.com

# State Representative | District 17 Position 2 | 2-year term



Joe Kear

(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

Ten years elected Precinct Committee Officer. Elected International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Business Representative 2005 to 2017, representing employees from Canby, OR to Chehalis, WA. Skamania County Democrats Vice-Chair 2019-2020, Secretary 2021-present.

#### Other Professional Experience

Local truck manufacturer 1984-2005, City of Portland 1982-1984.

#### Education

2 years college, Certified Mechanical Inspector, University of Oregon Labor Education LEAD Program, Winpisinger Center Union Training Certifications.

#### **Community Service**

Working with homeless, Labor's Community Service Agency Navigator, Oregon OSHA Advisory Committee, NW Oregon Labor Council, SW Washington Central Labor Council, Pension Trustee, Associate Supervisor Underwood Conservation District, Cape Horn Conservancy, Skamania County West End Subarea Comprehensive Plan Draft 2001-2004.

#### Statement

Working families need a break. We need investments to support families and good jobs, small business and local industry. Investments like: Broadband; Healthcare for everyone; Childcare; Public education; Equitable law enforcement; Mental health and housing for the homeless; Clean energy; Forest and farm support.

I live on forestland and understand rural issues in our district. I have always fought for individual rights including organizing the first LGBT events, working for school desegregation and women's rights. *With a lifetime of union work, I know from negotiations how to get real results for working families. Let's make our economy work for everyone!* 

#### Contact

(360) 837-8907; JoeKearforStateRep@gmail.com; https://www.joekear.com



# Paul Harris

(Prefers Republican Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

State Representative 2010-2022, Caucus Chair 2019-2022, Joint Oregon Washington Legislative Bridge Action Committee 2019-2022, Health Care Committee 2010-2022, Ranking Member Education Committee, Appropriations Committee, House Minority Whip 2012-2016, Evergreen School Board Member 1993-2003.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Molina Healthcare Community Outreach, Owner/Solid Business Solutions, LLC, Owner/Cascade Paint & Supply, Vice President/Miller Paint Company.

#### Education

BYU/Bachelor of Science/Business Administration, Provo, UT.

#### **Community Service**

Columbia River Mental Health Board Member, Share Board Member, Lifelong Boy Scout and Leader, Eagle Scout.

#### Statement

Public safety is my top priority. I supported increased funding and training for police. Reasonable suspicion must be restored so our neighbors can be protected. I'll continue to advocate for police.

Inflation is crushing families with increasing gas prices and taxes. I supported lowering taxes last year as we had a 15 billion dollar surplus, instead spending went to government programs. Part of that surplus should have gone to timber communities suffering from excessive logging restrictions. Parents deserve to be heard. School board meetings should be audio recorded and available online. Re-elect Paul Harris. Please vote!

#### Contact

(360) 553-2748; plharris@comcast.net; Electharris.com



Stephanie McClintock

(Prefers Republican Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

Battleground School Board Member, Precinct Committee Officer

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Currently work for United Grain in Public Relations; previously worked in Human Resources and a former small business owner.

#### Education

Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Concordia University

#### **Community Service**

Chair of the Clark County Republican Party, Vice President of the Prairie High School Boosters, served as a member of the Battleground Education Foundation

#### Statement

I, along with my husband and two sons, have been a proud member of the Clark County community for 24 years. As the daughter of a police detective, I support law enforcement who were let down by leadership in Olympia and compromised our public safety. I will defend your hardearned income from reckless spending and policies that negatively impact our families, businesses and community.

Representation in Olympia should reflect our values in policy, spending and public education. I would be honored to be your voice for common sense in Olympia and I humbly ask for your vote.

#### Contact

(360) 600-8170; vote4stephanie.mcclintock@gmail.com; www.vote4stephaniemcclintock.com



# John Zingale

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience** First time candidate

#### **Other Professional Experience**

John has spent almost a decade in public school teaching middle school Social Studies. He has won numerous state and national awards for his dedication and innovation, including *Washington State History Teacher of the Year* and the Sons of the American Revolution National Middle School History Teacher of the Year. He also presents at local and national Social Studies conferences and sits on several educational boards.

#### Education

Master's in Teaching (University of Portland), Bachelor's in History (Northern Illinois University)

#### **Community Service**

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site partner, Southwest Washington National History Day Regional Co-coordinator, CloseUp/D.C. Regional Field Trip coordinator

#### Statement

The hardworking families of Southwest Washington need a new voice. I hear everyday from students and families about their concerns for our future. As a teacher that promotes civic engagement, I will act as their voice.

We must provide a safe, high quality education for all students that prepares them for employment, college, and active citizenship. We must support small businesses, champion family wage jobs, construct affordable housing, and ensure safety throughout our community. We need to make sure the American dream is attainable for everyone. Let's get back to the basics of governing. *I hope to earn your vote.* 

#### Contact

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# Duncan Camacho

(Prefers Democratic Party)

Elected Experience First time candidate

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Duncan has dedicated most his life to helping people. He is in his fifth year as a Registered Nurse at PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center, currently in the neuro/trauma ICU. Previously, he was a paramedic in San Jose for 10 years. He is an active member of the Washington State Nurses Association, a delegate on the Southwest Washington Central Labor Council and represents his nursing coworkers on multiple committees.

#### Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Texas Tech University, graduated magna cum laude.

#### **Community Service**

Neighborhood food drive organizer for Clark County Food Bank and Family of Christ Preschool volunteer.

#### Statement

I'm the only candidate in this race with hands on healthcare experience. Whether it's creating policy in response to a pandemic, or helping seniors navigate our difficult healthcare system, I will be a loud voice in Olympia for the health of our communities. I'm asking for your vote so that I can take my years of experience saving lives to Olympia and work to improve the lives of you and your loved ones. Trust a nurse to put people first.

Endorsements: Washington State Labor Council, Washington State Nurses Association, Representatives Monica Stonier and Sharon Wylie, 18th LD Democrats and more.

#### Contact

(360) 605-0161; campaign@duncanforstatehouse.com; www.duncanforstatehouse.com



# Greg Cheney

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience Never held elective office.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Attorney focused on helping small to medium-sized businesses, and providing indigent representation to lowincome Washington residents in need of legal support. Small Business Owner and local job creator.

#### Education

Seattle University School of Law, Juris Doctor; George Washington University, Master of Arts, U.S. History; Walla Walla University, Bachelor of Arts, History

#### **Community Service**

Volunteering in our community is an important part of how I use my time to help others, including time spent on the following: Battle Ground Planning Commission Member; Former Board Member NAMI Southwest Washington; Clark County Republican Party Treasurer; Longtime member, Meadow Glade Adventist Church.

#### Statement

Common Sense...Real Solutions. Clark County voters deserve safe, affordable, livable communities where people can raise families and seniors can age comfortably at home.

As our next State Representative, I will: 1) vote *no* on legislation that raises the price of gas, groceries, and housing - we can't afford it. 2) Fund police and law enforcement – we need safe neighborhoods. 3) Address root causes of our homeless crisis – like mental health and addiction. 4) Grow/ expand high-paying jobs – so people can afford to live in Clark County. Please contact me with questions. I'd be honored to earn your vote!

#### Contact

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Abbarno

(Prefers Republican Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

2020-Present serving as State Representative in the 20th Legislative District. 2015-2020 served as Centralia City Councilmember.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

2010-Present, Attorney and Owner of Althauser Rayan Abbarno, LLP.

#### Education

2009, University of Washington School of Law, Master of Laws in Taxation; 2008, Vermont Law School, Juris Doctor, 1997, State University of New York at Fredonia, Bachelor of Arts.

#### **Community Service**

Centralia College Foundation (2012-Present, President 2018-2020); Lewis Economic Development Council (2015-2020); Mentor at W.F. West and Morton High School; Watch D.O.G.S. in Centralia School District; Hub City Mission; Lewis County Special Olympics; and Lewis County Bar Association and Legal Aid, (President 2013).

#### Statement

I am an attorney, business owner, and state representative; but most importantly, I am a husband and father who believes in building stronger families and stronger communities. My wife is a middle school math teacher and my children attend elementary school. As your State Representative, I will continue focusing on real solutions for 'kitchen table' issues facing us all; including passing meaningful tax relief; keeping our families and communities safe, and creating economic and educational opportunities so every child and every family has an opportunity to be successful. Thank you for your vote!

#### Contact

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# Unopposed

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ed Orcutt

(Prefers Republican Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

Serving in his eleventh term in the House of Representatives, Ed Orcutt serves on the Transportation Committee; Finance Committee (ranking member); Economic Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee; Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee (Executive board); and the Economic & Revenue Forecast Council.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Consulting forester/owner of Cascade Forest Management

#### Education

B.S degree: Forest Management, University of Idaho.

#### **Community Service**

An active volunteer, Ed Orcutt is a member of the Kalama Lions and has served as past chairman of the Highlander Festival, member of the Columbia Theatre Board, and served as a youth bowling coach.

#### Statement

State Representative Ed Orcutt has earned a reputation in Olympia as an effective, independent leader who works hard to make things happen for the families in Southwest Washington. He's a leader in fighting against tax increases and for protection of natural resource jobs, property rights, and our quality of life.

Ed Orcutt's priorities include creating new family wage jobs in the district, making government more responsive to citizens, and making government live within its means. He works to fund education from existing revenues and to provide tax relief to citizens in our area. Let's keep Ed Orcutt working for us!

#### Contact

(360) 751-2317; ElectEdOrcutt@kalama.com; RepEdOrcutt.com

# Unopposed



Sharon Wylie

(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

Sharon Wylie has served the 49th District as your State Representative since 2011, served two terms in the Oregon Legislature in the 1990's, and is currently Vice-Chair of Transportation and a member of the Commerce and Gaming, and Finance Committees. She serves on the State Arts Commission and the Economic Development Finance Authority.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

30 years of experience as a management and government relations consultant and small business owner.

#### Education

B.A. in Political Science, University of California at Riverside.

#### **Community Service**

Volunteer for Council for the Homeless, downtown arts events, and King County Sexual Assault Resource Center.

#### Statement

Public service is both an honor and privilege. I volunteer for the National Institute for Civil Discourse because I believe in respect and civil problem solving. Sadly, this doesn't always happen. My commitment to a strong economy, a fair and inclusive community, quality education, and a healthy environment are key values. I am a mom and a grandmother who will listen and be open and respectful to all. Working with people with whom you may not agree is hard but important. It would be an honor to continue to serve as your State Representative. There is much to be done.

#### Contact

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# Park Llafet

(Prefers Republican Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

VHNA - Chair, secretary, & treasurer. Ellsworth PTO-President 3 years; ESDF- Vice President Fundraising

Other Professional Experience Chair of MAP for MTCC- 2021-2022

#### Education

Graduate Coeur D' HS - 1985; North Idaho College 1986; Clark College 2001; Western Seminary 2001

#### **Community Service**

I have served on non- profit boards in Clark County for the past twenty-three years. I was recently asked to serve on a panel to interview/ recommend a new police chief for VPD 2022.

#### Statement

I came to the United States when I was fifteen months old and became a US Citizen when I was four. I have felt a way to give back to my adopted country by serving my community. For the past twenty three years I have served by being elected and serving on non profit boards.. In this time, I have worked with great people in their mission and work. I believe by advancing their values, hard work, and volunteerism we can always pay it forward. I will serve as your voice in Olympia. I humbly ask for your vote!

#### Contact

(503) 997-3266; Ilafet4@gmail.com; Vote4park.com



Monica Jurado **Stonier** 

(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

Washington State Representative; House Majority Floor Leader; Chair, Financial Education Public Private Partnership; Chair, Working Families Caucus; Member, Appropriations Budget Committee, Education Committee, Healthcare and Wellness Committee, and Rules Committee.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Classroom teacher, Pacific Middle School; Professional Development provider in Evergreen Public Schools; Youth Sports Coach, Girls Cross Country and Track; Chair, Financial Education Public Private Partnership; Co-Chair, Working Families Caucus; Board Member, Council for the Homeless.

#### Education

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Western Washington University; Washington State Teaching Certificate, Western Washington University; Master's in Education, Washington State University Vancouver

#### **Community Service**

General Advisory Committee, Cascadia Tech Academy; Chair, Children's Health One Table

#### Statement

Thank you for the honor of serving in these challenging years. We must recover and reimagine a post-pandemic economy and community. I am proud of both my progressive record for working families, healthcare access, education access, and equity. I am also proud of my reputation for working across the aisle to deliver for this region. My recent commitments to housing issues and affordable/available childcare are examples of delivered results from past campaign promises.

Please return me to Olympia to continue working with community leaders in service to you, your family, and our local economy.

#### Contact

(360) 901-2859; info@votemonicastonier.com; votemonicastonier.com



# Jeremy Baker

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience No information submitted

#### Other Professional Experience

United States Marine Corps (1994-2003); Iraqi war veteran; Laborer, Union Brick Mason, Superintendent, Operations Manager

#### Education

Prairie High School (1994); Clark College (1996); Washington State University (2000); Bachelor of Arts in History, double major in English.

#### **Community Service**

Co-President Franklin Elementary PTA; Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students) "Top Dog" Lincoln Elementary; Wrestling Coach

#### Statement

As a US Marine Corps Veteran, husband, and father of four, I have dedicated my life to making a positive impact on others. Having lived most of my life in the 49th District, I can see a change in leadership is urgently needed. Crime, drug abuse, and homelessness are at crisis levels. Our local businesses and neighborhoods are suffering from rampant crime. Inflation and taxes are crushing citizens, especially those on fixed incomes. As your State Representative, I will be a thoughtful leader dedicated to ending burdensome taxes, demanding accountability, and making the 49th District a safe, affordable place again.

#### Contact

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# Judicial Qualifications & Responsibilities

Washington judges are nonpartisan. Judges must be registered Washington voters.

# Judges

Judicial candidates must be in good standing to practice law in Washington and are prohibited from statements that appear to commit them on legal issues that may come before them in court.

# **State Supreme Court Justice**

The Washington Supreme Court is the highest judiciary in the state. State Supreme Court justices hear appeals and decide cases from Courts of Appeals and other lower courts. Nine justices are elected statewide to serve sixyear terms.

# **Court of Appeals Judge**

Court of Appeals judges hear appeals from Superior Courts. A total of 22 judges serve three divisions headquartered in Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane. Court of Appeals judges serve six-year terms.

# **Superior Court Judge**

Superior Courts hear felony criminal cases, civil matters, divorces, juvenile cases, and appeals from the lower courts. Superior Courts are organized by county into 30 districts. Superior Court judges serve four-year terms.



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Mary I.

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(Nonpartisan)

#### Legal/Judicial Experience

Supreme Court Justice since 2014; fourteen years as a trial court judge; seven years as deputy prosecuting attorney for both civil and criminal cases

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Chair, Board for Judicial Administration Public Trust and Confidence Committee; Chair, WSBA Disciplinary Advisory Committee; Co-chair: Minority & Justice Commission; Co-chair Supreme Court's Rules Committee; Convenor Judge, National Courts & Science Institute Grant; Jurist in Residence/Adjunct Faculty, Seattle University School of Law

#### Education

BA, Dominican University; MA, Mundelein, Loyola University; JD, University of Notre Dame

#### **Community Service**

WSBA/UW Washington Leadership Institute; ABA Task Force, Juvenile Justice Standards; Mock Trials Judge, YMCA and Seattle Girls' School; prior board member, FareStart

#### Statement

Justice Yu brings extensive judicial experience and a reputation for being hard-working and open-minded on every case. As a trial judge she presided over a wide variety of cases, including hundreds of adoptions and other family law matters. She cares deeply about how the law is applied to ordinary people and understands the importance of clear court decisions that follow the law. She has advocated for a legal system that is accessible to all without regard to race or income, and for a judiciary that reflects diverse perspectives, is impartial, transparent, and a protector of our constitutional rights.

Justice Yu is the first Asian, Latina, and member of the LGBTQ+ community to serve on the Supreme Court. In addition to her work on the bench, for the last twenty-two years she has taken the time to mentor hundreds of new judges, young lawyers, and law students.

She has received numerous civic awards, the highest rating, Exceptionally Well Qualified, from every bar association that has rated her, and is endorsed by all of her Supreme Court colleagues, hundreds of judges and elected officials statewide, the WA State Labor Council, the National Women's Political Caucus-WA, and legislative districts all across the state.

#### Contact

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# Unopposed



Barbara Madsen

(Nonpartisan)

#### Legal/Judicial Experience

Justice, Supreme Court (1992-present); Chief Justice (2009-2017); Judge, Seattle Municipal Court (1988-1992); Presiding Judge (1990-1992); Commissioner, Seattle Municipal Court (1986-1988); Special Prosecutor, Seattle City Attorney (1981-1986); Attorney, Snohomish Public Defender (1979-1981); Attorney, Associated Counsel for the Accused (1977-1979); Intern, Spokane County Legal Services (1975-1976); University Legal Assistance (1976-1977).

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Production Staff, Northwest Catholic Newspaper

#### Education

Gonzaga University School of Law, J.D.; University of Washington, B.A. Political Science.

#### **Community Service**

Washington Initiative for Diversity; ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services; American Law Institute; National Association of Women Judges; Washington Women Lawyers; Moot Court Judge; Tacoma Rescue Mission; Commission on Children in Foster Care.

#### Statement

Justice Madsen has the experience, courage and proven leadership necessary to protect the liberties guaranteed to Washingtonians. Whether school-funding, farmworker rights, taxes on large banks or a neighborhood dispute, Justice Madsen believes everyone is entitled to equal justice under the law.

*Experience:* As a defense attorney and prosecutor, Madsen both defended people charged with serious crimes and protected victims of domestic violence and child abuse. As a judge, Barbara developed the Domestic Violence Roundtable. As a justice, Barbara chaired the Gender and Justice Commission and currently chairs the Commission on Children in Foster Care and the Judicial Information System Committee. She is rated "exceptionally well-qualified" by numerous groups and endorsed by her colleagues.

A lawyer, judge, justice, and working mother of four, Barbara has demonstrated a balanced, open-minded perspective on issues profoundly affecting people's lives.

Leadership: Justice Madsen has been recognized for her race equity work with the Social Justice Award from the Loren Miller Bar. She received the Betty Bins Fletcher Leadership and Justice Award for her leadership in the judicial branch. Madsen received the Joan Dempsey Klein Award for her decades of work encouraging and supporting women in the legal profession and the Innovation Award for technology innovation.

#### Contact

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# Unopposed

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G. Helen Whitener

(Nonpartisan)

#### Legal/Judicial Experience

Justice G. Helen Whitener serves on the State Supreme Court. She is a former Judge on the Pierce County Superior Court, a former Judge on the Washington State Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals, and a former Judge Pro-Tem in District and Municipal Courts.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Whitener is a former Prosecutor and a Public and Private Defense Attorney. She is also a faculty member of the National and State Judicial College.

#### Education

Whitener earned her Juris Doctor degree from the Seattle University School of Law and her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Baruch College in New York City.

#### **Community Service**

Numerous awards for public service.

#### Statement

Keep Whitener for Justice on the Supreme Court. Whitener has received the highest rating of Exceptionally Well Qualified from 14 State Bar Associations. She has over 26 years of legal experience and has authored numerous majority and dissenting opinions. Whitener has been endorsed by all 8 Supreme Court Justices and numerous judges statewide. She is nonpartisan and is endorsed by elected officials from both political parties. Whitener chairs the state's Appellate Education Committee overseeing the yearly education of all state judges. She lectures locally, nationally and internationally. As a Superior Court Judge, she taught "Street Law," a civics class at Lincoln High School in Tacoma for 4 years. As a trial judge, Whitener presided over thousands of cases including complex Criminal, Civil, and Family law jury and bench trials.

Whitener is the Appellate Court representative to the State's Interpreter Commission, and is the former co-chair of the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission. She has served for the last 5 years on the Washington State Office of Legal Aid Oversight Committee. She also serves on many local, national, and international legal organizations. Justice Whitener is married to attorney and Army retiree, Lynn Rainey (CSM Ret.).

#### Contact

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# Unopposed



Anne Cruser

(Nonpartisan)

# Unopposed

#### Legal/Judicial Experience

Acting Chief Judge, Washington Court of Appeals; Judge, Cowlitz County Superior Court; Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Clark County; Law Office of Anne Cruser.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

#### Education

JD, Willamette University College of Law; BA, Whitman College

#### Community Service

No information submitted

#### Statement

It is an honor and privilege to serve you as a judge on the Washington State Court of Appeals for Division 2. I currently serve on the Executive Committee of the Court of Appeals and the Board for Judicial Administration, and I am the Acting Chief Judge. I am committed to improving access to justice, particularly for indigent and unrepresented parties, to fairness, and to adherence to the rule of law. I live in Kalama with my husband of 21 years and our three children. I have spent my entire legal career working for the people of Southwest Washington and I am honored to continue that service at the Court of Appeals.

#### Contact

(360) 442-3323; retainjudgecruser@gmail.com

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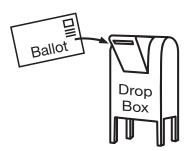
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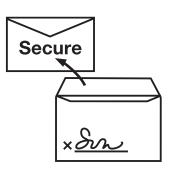
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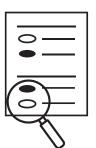
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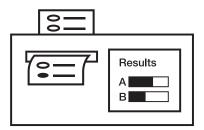
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#### Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

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#### Your ballot is counted

After 8 p.m. on Election Day all scanned ballots are tallied. Ballots will be scanned and tallied over the next several days until all the votes are counted. Every county conducts a post-election audit.



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Clark County Official Local

# **Voters' Pamphlet**

## November 8, 2022 General and Special Election

Look for your General Election ballot by October 27, 2022





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**Note:** To significantly reduce taxpayer costs, only a single version of the Voters' Pamphlet is mailed to every household in Clark County. It is countywide and not tailored to any particular district.

Your ballot will contain only the races and issues that you are eligible to vote on based on where you live.

#### Political parties

Washington State Democrats PO Box 4027 Seattle, WA 98194 206-583-0664 info@wa-democrats.org wa-democrats.org

#### Washington State Republicans

11811 NE 1st Street, Ste. A306 Bellevue, WA 98005 425-460-0570 info@wsrp.org wsrp.org



Public Disclosure Commission pdc.wa.gov Toll Free 877-601-2828

## **Elections Director letter**

#### Dear Clark County Voter,

All election-related services can be obtained online at clarkvotes.org, by email at elections@clark.wa.gov or by calling 564-397-2345.

Since 2011, all counties in Washington state have been vote-by-mail. This allows voters to take time to review the voters' pamphlet and mark their ballot in the comfort of their home.

Ballot envelopes postmarked on or before Election Day are accepted for processing up to, and including, the day before the election is certified. We encourage you to consider mailing your voted ballot a day or two earlier than you have done in the past to ensure timely delivery. If you are returning your ballot after November 3, we encourage you to use one of the 22 ballot drop boxes in Clark County. Ballot box locations may be found online at clarkvotes.org and on pages 42-43 of this voters' pamphlet.

In the August 2, 2022 Primary and Special Election, 1,028 ballots were received with a postmark after election day and were too late to be counted. Returning your ballot early will allow you to check in advance of election day if it was received by the Elections Office and its status at VoteWA.gov.

In 2021, voters amended the Clark County Charter to make all county offices nonpartisan. It is no longer an option for candidates for these offices to declare a political party preference when they file a Declaration of Candidacy and candidates' political party preference will not appear on the ballot.

If you are a registered voter and have not received your ballot in the mail by Thursday, October 27, please contact the Elections Office for a replacement ballot.

Join in by casting your ballot in the General Election on November 8th. Every vote counts!

Sincerely,

Cathie Garber Director of Elections Clark County Auditor's Office



## Has your address changed? Has your signature changed? Lost or damaged ballot?

Contact: Clark County Elections Office

564-397-2345 elections@clark.wa.gov clarkvotes.org

Mailing address PO Box 8815 Vancouver, WA 98666-8815

**Street address** 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

## For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA Office

 Voice
 564-397-2322

 Relay
 711 or 800-833-6388

 Fax
 564-397-6165

 Email
 ADA@clark.wa.gov

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## Voting in Washington State

#### **Registering to vote**

Registering takes only a few minutes, and you may do it by

mail or online at *VoteWA.gov.* A Washington driver's license or ID is required to register online.



The deadline to receive new voter registrations and voter updates to existing registrations online, by phone or by mail is 5 pm Monday, October 31, 2022.

You may still register or update existing voter registrations after October 31, but you must do so in person by 8 pm Tuesday, November 8.

#### Who is eligible to vote?

The requirements for registering to vote are simple. You must be a United States citizen, 18 years or older on November 8, 2022 and live in Clark County 30 days prior to the election.

#### How to vote

Clark County voters will receive their ballots by mail. If you are a registered voter in Clark County, we will mail you a ballot for every election in which you are entitled to participate.

The page *Voting instructions* (page 45) in this pamphlet explains how to vote. Please read the instructions in this pamphlet. We want your vote to count!

#### Lost or damaged ballot?

If you lose your ballot, or it becomes damaged, you can obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Elections Office.

Phone: 564-397-2345

Email: elections@clark.wa.gov Mailing address: PO Box 8815, Vancouver, WA 98666-8815 Street address: 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver Speech-to-speech relay: 800-833-6384

## Be an informed voter. Here's how.

There are many sources of information for citizens wishing to know more about candidates, and coverage of the November 8, 2022 General and Special Election.



## Read all about it

- The Columbian columbian.com
- The Oregonian oregonlive.com/elections
- The Camas-Washougal Post-Record camaspostrecord.com
- The Reflector thereflector.com
- Clark County Today clarkcountytoday.com

#### League of Women Voters

For a schedule of events or candidate forums, see their website at *lwvclarkcounty.org* or call 971-220-5874.



## Watch cable TV

CVTV Clark-Vancouver Television on Comcast cable channels 21 and 23. Election coverage will include candidate forums and interviews of candidates in various races. See TV listings in *The Columbian*, cable channel 2, and the CVTV website, *cvtv.org* or call 360-696-8233.

If you do not have cable TV you can obtain video tapes of any program from CVTV.



## Look online

- Election coverage can be found on the Clark County Elections Office website at clarkvotes.org.
- All Fort Vancouver Regional Library District branches and Camas Public Library have computers with internet connections available for public use during their business hours.
- Follow links provided by candidates to their website, or contact them by email or phone. Contact information listed for candidates is current as of publication date.

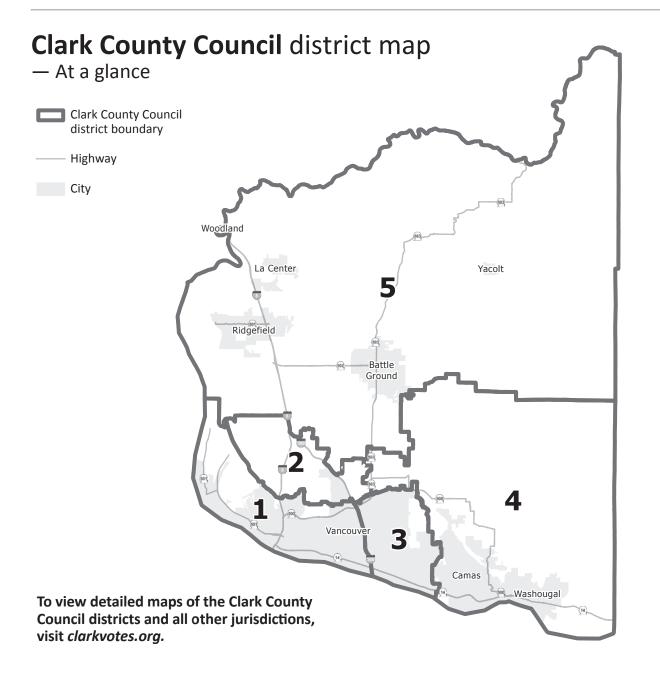
## What district am I in?

#### Are you wondering which jurisdictions you live in?

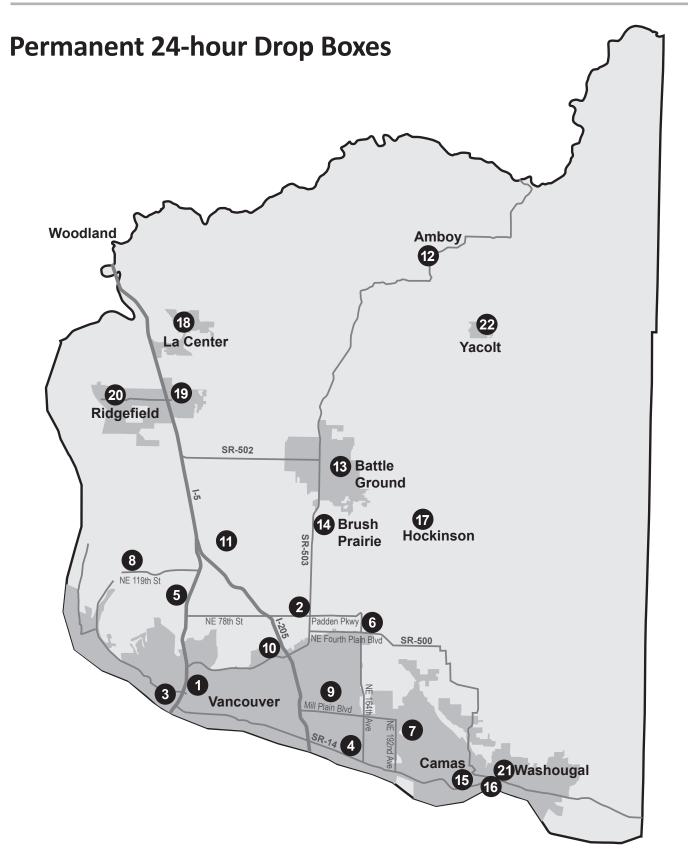
There are several ways to find out:

- Log in to VoteWA.gov to view your personalized voter information
- Refer to your voter registration card to view your jurisdictions
- Contact Clark County Elections: 564-397-2345 elections@clark.wa.gov

Visit clarkvotes.org and click on "Voter Resources" in the left-hand column and select "Voter District Information". Click "Open Fullscreen Map" for easier viewing. Click on the layer list icon that is located directly under the address field to select which district you want to look up. Select one district at a time or multiple if you prefer. Enter your address. Zoom in and out of the map to follow the district lines.



## 42 Ballot Deposit Locations Ballot deposit locations



## **Ballot deposit locations**

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022.** Starting on October 21 until 8 pm on Election Day, you may return your voted ballot **in person** to our office, or to one of the following locations:

Clark County Elections Office 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver Regular hours open 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday Saturday, November 5 open 8 am to 2 pm Election Day open 7 am to 8 pm

Red permanent ballot drop boxes (available 24 hours a day until 8 pm on Election Day)

Vancouver locations

- (1) Clark College 1933 Fort Vancouver Way (between Hanna Hall and the Penguin Bldg. near flagpole, walk-up only)
- 2 Clark Public Utilities Operations Center 8600 NE 117th Avenue (southeast parking lot)
- 3 Downtown Vancouver West 14th and Esther Streets

4 Fisher's Landing Transit Center 3510 SE 164th Avenue

- 5 Hazel Dell 99th Street Transit Center 9700 NE 7th Avenue (Between 94th & 99th Streets)
- 6 Pioneer Elementary/Frontier Middle School 7600 NE 166th Avenue (parking lot between the two schools)
- 7 Shahala Middle School 601 SE 192nd Avenue (located near flagpole)
- 8 Thomas Jefferson Middle School 3000 NW 119th Street (parking lot)
- 9 USPS Cascade Park area 13651 NE 4th Street (next to USPS blue mail boxes)
- **10** Vancouver Mall Southeast of Macy's near the C-Tran Vine Station (parking lot)

**WSU-Vancouver** 14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue (WSU Entrance Road entering from NE Salmon Creek Avenue, turn right at the first street into the south parking lot)

- Other Clark County locations — \*\*two boxes have been relocated

- 12 Amboy Middle School 22115 NE Chelatchie Road, Amboy (west parking lot)
- 13 \*\*Battle Ground Post Office 418 W Main Street, Battle Ground (next to the blue USPS mailboxes)
- **Brush Prairie Post Office** 12012 NE 150th Circle, Brush Prairie
- **15 Camas Post Office Downtown** 440 NE 5th Avenue, Camas
- 16 Camas Washougal Municipal Court 89 C Street, Washougal
- 17 Hockinson Community Center 15916 NE 182nd Avenue, Brush Prairie (parking lot)
- 18 La Center 1001 E 4th Street, La Center (west end of parking lot)
- 19 \*\*Ridgefield Junction Park and Ride Pioneer Street exit, east of I-5, 125 N 65th Ave, Ridgefield (north side of parking lot)
- 20 Ridgefield School District Administrative Office 510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield (walk-up only)
- 21 Washougal Library 1661 C Street, Washougal (walk-up only)
- 22 Yacolt Primary School 507 W Yacolt Road, Yacolt (south parking lot)

#### **WSU Vancouver Student Engagement Hub**

WSU Vancouver offers a student engagement hub to provide its students the opportunity to print their online ballot and deposit it into a secured ballot drop box. Washington State University Vancouver Firstenburg Student Commons (FSC) Vancouver 14204 NE Salmon Creek Ave • Vancouver, WA 98686

Available November 8, Election Day only – 10 am until 8 pm

## 44 Accessible Voting Accessible voting

## **Using the Touch Writer**

Clark County voters with disabilities have the option of casting their ballot independently using an accessible voting unit.

The Touch Writer voting unit is a ballot marking electronic machine that allows voters with disabilities, including those who are blind, mobility-impaired or lack upper-body dexterity, to vote privately and independently. The Touch Writer is in a booth that is wheelchair-accessible.

Beginning 18 days before each election, this accessible voting machine is available from 8 am to 5 pm, and on Election Day from 7 am to 8 pm at the Clark County Elections Office, 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver.

To get to the Elections Office on C-Tran, take bus #25 Fruit Valley and St. Johns route. The bus stop is located at Franklin Street and Mill Plain Boulevard.

## **About the Touch Writer**

The Touch Writer is accessible in several ways:

- For those who cannot operate the Touch Writer using the buttons and wheel, special interface devices are available as shown here.
- For those who cannot see or read the Touch Writer screen, use the headphones with volume control to hear the ballot.

### **Accessible features**

- Those who are visually impaired or have difficulty reading can listen to the ballot. The SELECT wheel is the trigger to the audio. Turning clockwise moves the listener through the ballot. To hear something repeated, turn the SELECT wheel counterclockwise. Those using hearing aids with a telecoil mode may use their neckloop rather than the headphones.
- Voters who lack upper-body dexterity can use the jelly switches to move through the ballot. The RED jelly switch is the same as the SELECT wheel. The GREEN jelly switch is the same as the ENTER button.
- Voters with quadriplegia can use their sip-n-puff to vote the ballot. Sip to move through the ballot. Puff to mark your choice.



The Touch Writer unit is in a wheelchair-accessible booth.



## Voting instructions

## Here are a few important reminders to make sure your ballot is counted.

Your ballot packet will be mailed to you at least 18 days before the November 8, 2022 General and Special Election. It will contain:

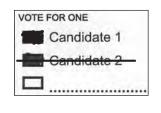
- An instruction sheet that explains the voting process
- The official ballot where you will mark your choices
- A secrecy sleeve
- A postage-paid return envelope with a green stripe

**Mark your ballot** by completely filling in the box to the left of your choice with a black or blue ink pen. If you want to vote for a candidate not appearing on the ballot, mark the box to the left of the dotted line provided to indicate your choice. Be sure to mark only one choice for each race or measure on the ballot.

Example:	LOCAL NONPARTISA
Candidate 2 has been chosen.	Sample District
One candidate has been marked and	Nonpartisan Full Four Year Term VOTE FOR ONE
the box is filled in	Candidate 1
completely.	Candidate 2

**Check your ballot** to be sure you have voted for the candidates and measures you intended. Make sure you mark only one response box in each race or measure. If you mark more than one, your vote in that race will not be counted. Your other votes will be counted if they are done correctly. Leaving an office or ballot measure blank will not invalidate your ballot.

If you make a mistake marking your ballot, draw a line through the incorrectly marked choice as shown. You then have the option of marking another choice.



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## You must *sign and date your return envelope* in order for your ballot to be counted!

- Sign in the signature box that has YOUR name printed on the envelope.
- If you registered to vote online, or when you obtained your driver's license, the signature on your driver's license is the signature in your voter registration record.
- If you are unsure about the signature in your voter registration record, we encourage you to call the Elections Office at 564-397-2345. We can provide a description of the signature you used when you registered to vote.
- Do NOT sign someone else's name, even if you have power of attorney.
- Voting over the phone by having someone else fill out and sign your ballot is against the law.
   Voters can call us at 564-397-2345 to learn about the options for voting while they are out of town.
- Drop boxes are available if you don't want your signature to go through the mail. See pages 42-43 for a complete list of ballot deposit locations.

Follow the instruction sheet included with your ballot to seal, sign, date and return your ballot.

## Do your part!

While the Elections Office is continually updating the voter rolls with information from the Department of Licensing, the post office, local obituaries and a monthly public health deceased list, **you can do your part by following these simple steps:** 

- Update your address with the Elections Office whenever it changes. Address changes can be made online through *VoteWA.gov*, by email, mail or phone until 5 pm October 31. You may update your registration in-person until 8 pm on Election Day.
- If you are a snowbird or a college student, use our simple web form or call to set up a temporary or seasonal mailing address.
- Return to Sender! If you receive a ballot for a person who does not live at your residence, write "Does not live here" on the unopened envelope and put it back in the mail. This does not apply to military or overseas voters.
- If you receive a ballot for a recently deceased voter, write "Deceased" on the unopened envelope and put it back in the mail. We will research and follow up.

Keeping up-to-date with the Elections Office is quick and easy!

clarkvotes.org elections@clark.wa.gov PO Box 8815 Vancouver, WA 98666 564-397-2345

## Candidate and measure statements are printed exactly as submitted.

Clark County Elections does not correct punctuation, grammar, typos or inaccurate information.

Candidate statements and contact information are current as of publication date. Please visit the online voters' guide at *clarkvotes.org* and click on the *VoteWA* graphic to see a personalized voters' guide with the most current information.

Assessor



#### **Peter Van Nortwick**

Elected Experience Your Assessor since 2011.

Other Professional Experience As a Certified General Appraiser, I have professional experience, appraising your homes, farms, and commercial buildings. I am a member of the Clark County Association of Realtors and was voted by the board as the 2020 Affiliate of the year.

**Education** Undergrad: University of Washington Post Grad: University of Colorado, Seattle University, Leadership Clark County class of 2010.

**Community Service** Clark College Business School Advisory committee. Volunteer football coach in the Vancouver School District. Three-time league champions teaching kids the rewards of hard work, sacrifice and achieving more together.

**Statement** It is an honor to be your Assessor. In prior campaigns, I promised *Better Government, Faster Service and a Financially stronger office.* More so than ever we can say, "*Promises Delivered*"

Better Government- The last few years have been challenging for all of us, but my office has continued improving and never stopped serving the citizens of Clark County. The senior exemption program was expanded greatly increasing the number of eligible seniors and utilizing technology we met the challenge even as the team had to work remotely. We have reworked our service delivery methods to provided more efficient, safe, and enhanced personalized services.

*Faster Service:* We have focused on technology to allow property owners to get services on-line and faster. Routine items like changing your mailing address and appealing assessed values can be completed on-line reducing paperwork for citizens and staff.

*Financially Stronger:* The Assessor's office continues to fulfill our mandated services with fewer employees than when I took office. My team has been and continues to leverage technology allowing us to meet the challenges of a rapidly growing county while holding the line on spending. With promises delivered I again ask you for your vote. Thank you.

Phone 360-907-4413

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## Clark County

Auditor



#### **Greg Kimsey**

Elected Experience Clark County Auditor since 1999

Other Professional Experience Chief Financial Officer, Vancouver Oil Company; Vice President, Investment Banking, US Bancorp; Assistant Superintendent, Groves-Atkinson (I-205 Bridge); Apprentice Carpenter, Local No. 1715 AFL–CIO

Education Certified Election

Administrator, Washington Secretary of State; Chartered Financial Analyst, Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts; M.B.A., Portland State University; B.A., University of Washington

**Community Service** Auditor of the Year - Secretary of State, Statesman of the Year - Chamber of Commerce; member and President Vancouver Rotary; founding board member Columbia Land Trust, board member Vancouver Housing Authority YWCA, YMCA, Vancouver Public Schools Foundation; Vancouver Public Schools Community Leadership Advisory Committee; youth soccer coach

**Statement** For nearly 24 years voters have entrusted me with the responsibility of ensuring that elections in Clark County are secure, transparent, accountable and accurate. If re-elected I will continue to work diligently to safeguard elections.

Free and fair elections are part of the foundation of our democracy. Citizens must have confidence in the accuracy of election results. The best test of election results accuracy is a recount. Each recount in Clark County since 1998 has affirmed the original results. Two recounts in 2021 demonstrated again that our ballot processing equipment and software are 100.0% accurate.

If re-elected I will remain committed to providing excellent, budgetminded service. Whether you are registering to vote, obtaining a marriage license, recording a deed, renewing your car tabs, or other interactions with us, our goal at the Auditor's office is to increase your confidence in your government with every interaction. I have been and will continue to be an advocate in county government for taxpayers.

I am humbled by the confidence voters have shown in me. If allowed to continue to serve I will work hard to show that confidence was justified. I hope you will honor me with your vote.

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Website	GregKimsey.com

## Clark County

#### Auditor



#### **Brett Simpson**

Elected Experience No Information Submitted

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Manager for Clark County land developer creating residential subdivisions and building houses for 12 years. Production manager for high precision mechanical, electronic and aerospace manufacturer for 4 years,

duties included starting up new production facilities. Extensive experience in creating and improving processes in business, manufacturing and construction. Commercial construction management in the Seattle Metro area.

**Education** University of Washington, B.S. in Construction Management. Newport High School, Bellevue, WA.

**Community Service** CCRP Election Integrity Team, Washington Election Integrity Coalition United and Washington Voter Research Project

**Statement** I have chosen to run for Clark County Auditor due to my sincere belief that nothing in government is more important than having election integrity and the confidence of the people in the results of their vote. Over the past two years I have been involved with citizens' committees in the fight for election integrity here in Clark County and have been sorely disappointed by the stonewalling and destruction of information shown by the Auditor's office.

It has become obvious to me that the current office is working for the bureaucratic establishment, instead of for their real bosses, We the People. There is enough flexibility and discretion within current laws for the Auditor to provide transparency while assuring that the vote of We the People is accurate, safe and secure. They haven't done that.

I intend to make sure that the votes of all Clark County citizens are accurately and safely counted so that only the officials and policies that We the People vote for are entrusted with power. I believe that I have the leadership ability needed to build trust and restore confidence in this office, and am asking for your vote.

Emailbrettsimpson4auditor@gmail.comWebsitebrettsimpson4auditor.com

Clerk



#### Scott G. Weber

**Elected Experience** Elected Clark County Clerk 2010; Re-elected Clark County Clerk 2014, and 2018

Other Professional Experience Prior to being elected County Clerk 12 years ago, Scott successfully worked in manufacturing and implemented lean manufacturing process efficiencies.

**Education** Education Degree in Applied Arts and Sciences

**Community Service** Veterans Court Board member; Treasurer of the Washington State Association of County Clerks; Evergreen School District Truancy Board member

**Statement** I have been honored to serve as your County Clerk for the past 12 years.

The County Clerk is an elected position created under the Washington State Constitution and is the administrative and financial officer for the Superior Court. The Clerk receives, processes and preserves all documents in perpetuity for all Superior Court actions, including criminal, civil, family law, probate, guardianship, paternity, adoption and juvenile matters. The Clerk must be independent to maintain the integrity of court records.

Public officials and employees must have the highest standards of excellence, integrity, and fairness. It is my mission to serve the courts and the citizens of Clark County to provide quality, efficient, and effective service. Sometimes that involves more than administering my office. I often step in to help with the workload of my staff.

During my time in office, I have made significant positive changes, resulting in better, and more responsive customer service including the collection of restitution for crime victims. We have provided real-time public access to documents and electronic filing-saving citizens legal costs. Ensuring that court records are open and accessible is an essential function of the Clerk's office. Thank you for your vote and your support.

Phone	360-607-9813
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#### 50 Candidates | County Nonpartisan Offices

### Clark County

#### **Councilor, District No. 1**



#### Glen Yung

**Elected Experience** NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Executive Board; Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance, Treasurer; Hough Neighborhood Association, Chair

Other Professional Experience Following a career in finance, my wife and I created and operate a successful family remodeling business. I am

actively involved in our community: Vancouver's Task Force for Council Representation, Community Advisory Committee, Uptown Village Association, Clark County School Advisory Council, Remodelers of Clark County (Chair)

**Education** Mt. Hood Community College; Kaiser-Wilhelm Ratsgymnasium, Hannover, Germany; Fluent German speaker

**Community Service** Licensed foster and respite home for children. Weekly volunteer cook for the unsheltered. Community Garden and Plant Library Host. Volunteer for NAACP and neighborhood graffiti cleanup.

**Statement** Two decades ago, my wife Xuan (Kim) and I discovered Vancouver. We found a thriving community with robust neighborhoods and opportunity for success. We had the essentials of wellbeing: *economic opportunity, affordable housing* and *safe neighborhoods*.

Today we are experiencing unprecedented challenges. I will work hard to address affordable housing, climate change and the unsafe living conditions in our community. By providing necessary tools such as access to mental health and addiction treatment, we can maintain safe and vibrant neighborhoods. An accountable and balanced law enforcement approach in combination with appropriate services in keeping our community clean and safe.

The people of Clark County, together with strong leadership, can meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. Problem solving and consensus are essential to achieving our goals. I will work tirelessly to bring *change* and *new direction* by crafting solutions to complex problems. My skills in finance, small business, and civic volunteerism are an asset for our community.

I'm running for County Council to move our county forward, bringing leadership that empowers *all voices*. Together we can create a future that is safe, with opportunity and *prosperity for generations to come*. Please call me with questions. I ask for your vote.

Phone360-583-0889Emailglen@glen4council.comWebsiteGlen4Council.com

## **Clark County**

#### **Councilor, District No. 1**



#### **Hector Hinojosa**

**Elected Experience** No Information Submitted

#### **Other Professional Experience**

40+ years Field Service Engineer and Technical Consultant in the semiconductor industry

**Education** Western Texas College, AS in Engineering, additional studies at University of Texas

**Community Service** Community Roots Collaborative – Founding member, Vice-President; 2015 Ryan Woods Grassroots Community Award; Vancouver Farmers Market – Vendor and board member; Slow Foods SW WA - Past President; Columbia River Mental Health Foundation – board member; SW WA LULAC Council 47013 – Founding member, past President; Stone Soup Community Meal – Founder and Organizer; City of Vancouver Police Chief's Diversity Advisory Committee, Clark County Sheriff's Office Latino Leaders Roundtable; Clark College Social Equity Advisory Council

**Statement** Working alongside my father on our Texas farm from age 11 until I left for college to study engineering, I know and respect hard work. My career in semiconductors took me to many cities and countries, but moving to Vancouver 30 years ago felt like I was home again. I learned that my strength is leading people to jointly identify problems, find solutions and implement them.

I founded and lead many organizations, such as Community Roots Collaborative. We built over 20 tiny homes for the houseless. I advise Clark County Sheriff's Office, and am a member of Vancouver Police Chief's Diversity Advisory Team, and Clark College Social Equity Advisory Council.

Most of us agree that people should not be living on the streets. Population growth does not require cutting down all the trees and paving over all the farmland. Law enforcement must keep everyone safe.

As your county councilor, I will focus on these and other problems and find cost-effective solutions. Those who know me understand that beyond my low-key nature is a strong passionate advocate who will work diligently to improve the lives of everyone in Vancouver and Clark County. I respectfully ask for your vote.

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Email	hh.politic55@gmail.com
Website	hector4countycouncil.com

#### Councilor, District No. 2



### Michelle Belkot

Elected Experience PTO President and PTO VP

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Civil Servant with over 20 years in the acquisition and procurement of multimillion-dollar construction and engineering contracts. Officer in Command, Training Officer, collectively served 24 years USAF (MSgt), USN (Lieutenant)

**Education** Webster University, Management and Leadership, M.A., George Fox University, Management and Organizational Leadership, B.A., Navy Supply Corps School, Hudson's Bay High School, Vancouver Public Schools.

**Community Service** Veterans' organizations, more than 1,000 hours of school volunteer hours, school auctions, and Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

**Statement** As a federal procurement leader, Veteran, and mother I bring a unique skill set to the many challenges confronting our County. I'm ready to put my school board run in the Vancouver School District to work to restore your voice back to the County Council. I will leverage my attention to detail to find solutions to lower housing costs, taxes, and bring relief during this near-historic inflation we're all experiencing.

I'm running because the homeless camps crisis is turning Clark County into Portland; something that I will fight to turn around. I'm passionate for our communities to be safe by having supported, welltrained, and fairly compensated deputies (the defunding police mentality is devastating our communities!), along with finding real solutions to our traffic problems, ones that puts Clark County residents first. Portland politicians or bloated government projects that just want to expand light rail, are not priorities for Clark County.

The last several years our District hasn't had their concerns addressed or listened to by Council, if elected, I'll represent you, always be accessible, and be a community-based member of the Council. I've proudly served our Country, and now I need your vote to serve our County.

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## Clark County Councilor, District No. 2



#### **Chartisha Roberts**

Elected Experience No Information Submitted

#### **Other Professional Experience**

13+ years experience as HR recruiter and administrator in healthcare and transportation.

**Education** Bachelors of Science, General Science, University of Oregon

**Community Service** Community youth mentor, volunteer with Oregon Food Bank, Clean the 'Couve, and Children's Book Bank. Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., community member of the Discipline Equity Steering Committee of the Vancouver School District, Membership co-chair of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Oregon/SWWA Chapter

**Statement** Now more than ever, Clark County needs elected leaders who truly understand what our community is facing. More and more residents are struggling to make ends meet; housing supply can't keep up with demand; community members don't feel safe; and political divisions are stronger than ever. In a crucial time like this, we need leaders who listen and understand, with the experience and ability to take action.

I am running for the county council because I want Clark County to be the place for my son, and all the generations who follow, that it has been for me: a safe and welcoming county that represents prosperity and possibility. My life and work experience have prepared me to do what we need: listen, learn, and use that knowledge to take action to make things better.

I lead by example, and with the values of courage, honesty, and transparency. My professional experience in the healthcare and transportation industries provides me with innovative thinking about how to meet the needs of our entire community and an administrative skill set directed toward public service. Together, we can make Clark County a place that works for *all* of us. I ask for your vote.

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Website	electchartisha.com

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## Clark County

#### **Councilor, District No. 5**



#### Sue Marshall

**Elected Experience** Board Supervisor of Clark Conservation District 2019 – present; Clark County Clean Water Commission; Administrator for Oregon Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

**Other Professional Experience** Family farmer - Baurs Corner Farm, Ridgefield. Over 30 years experience in

public service dealing with natural resource conservation, economic justice, and hunger issues. Founder, Trillium Consulting LLC, government affairs firm, leadership roles with nonprofit and local government: Director Tualatin Riverkeepers in Washington County and Director Community Food and Nutrition for Multnomah Community Action Agency.

**Education** BS Environmental Health, Western Washington University; trained facilitator consensus model Kettering Foundation National Issues Forum.

**Community Service** Friends of Clark County; Clark/Cowlitz Farm Bureau.

**Statement** My family has farmed in Clark County over 60 years. We recently planted 27 acres of hazelnuts and, with our grandchildren, are nurturing a fourth generation of farmers.

I consider the hard work of farming the dues we pay for the privilege of living in this beautiful place. Valuing the rural landscape and promoting thriving cities are important to me and I have developed a platform to support this vision.

Strengthening the rural economy by promoting local agriculture, small business, and clean industry will enable residents to live and work in Clark County. It is important to plan for right-sized development that does not overburden our roads, schools and natural resources or increase the community's tax burden. We must earn the public's trust by providing quality services - public safety (quick response to calls for help), reducing unnecessary permit burdens, ensuring affordable housing and addressing homelessness, and empowering the public through transparent decision making.

Candidates elected to Council this November will guide and vote on the next comprehensive plan. It is why I am compelled to run and believe I am the strongest candidate to ensure the community has a seat at the table. Let's plan our community's future together!

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## **Clark County**

#### **Councilor, District No. 5**



#### **Don Benton**

**Elected Experience** Washington State Senator 1996-2016; Deputy Majority Leader, State Senate; Chairman, Senate Operations Committee; Representative, State House of Representatives; Chairman, State Republican Party

Other Professional Experience CEO, National Advertising Consultants-1988-2013; Director,

Environmental Services, Clark County; Senior White House Advisor and Transition Director, US Government; Director, United States Selective Service-2017-2021

**Education** BS in Management and Communication, Concordia University; Certificate, Dan Evans School of Management Program, University of Washington; Married 40 years and helped raise four children, Life University

**Community Service** Board Member, Financial Literacy Council; Merit Badge Counselor, Assistant Scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America; Board Member, former Chairman, American Red Cross

**Statement** For 22 years as your state legislator, I proudly fought for responsible governance, your parental rights, and successfully led property tax exemptions for seniors. As Director of Environmental Services for Clark County, I protected our environment without costing one job. During my four-year leadership as Director of the U.S. Selective Service, reporting directly to the President of the United States, we received national recognition for an 84% improvement in employee engagement, ranking third in the nation for effective leadership.

Public safety, lower taxes and homelessness are my top priorities. We do not want to become Portland! As your County Councilor, I will always treat financial decisions like it's your money, not the government's and will represent you honorably, transparently, and effectively using commonsense solutions. Throwing money at an issue is *not* the first thing government should do. I understand government budgets and believe in exploring all other solutions. Paraphrasing George Washington, government is like a fire; necessary and useful, but left unattended it will consume everything.

Endorsed by community leaders like Liz Pike, Ed Orcutt, Tom Mielke, Shauna Walters, Joe Melroy, and many others.

We need experienced leadership to move Clark County forward. I humbly ask for your vote.

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#### **Prosecuting Attorney**



#### **Tony Golik**

Elected Experience Elected to serve as Clark County Prosecuting Attorney 2011-Present

#### **Other Professional Experience** Deputy Prosecutor 1996 - 2010. Experienced in all types of cases. Ten

years serving on Major Crimes teams specializing in Class A felony cases and homicide prosecutions. Current vice

president Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. Washington Office of Independent Investigation advisory board member. Washington Sentencing Guidelines Commission member. State prosecutors association legislative committee member.

**Education** Bachelor's Degree, Administration of Justice, Portland State University. Law Degree, Gonzaga University.

**Community Service** Founding member and board chair Clark County Elder Justice Center. Board Chair Clark County Children's Justice Center. Board Co-Chair Clark County Juvenile Justice Council.

**Statement** It's an honor to serve as your County Prosecutor. We have a dedicated and talented team of people in your Prosecutor's Office who work hard every day to make our community safe and livable. Ethics and professionalism are at all times the cornerstones of our office.

I have worked for decades to seek justice for crime victims and families. I will always work diligently to hold people who commit crimes appropriately accountable. In many cases, effective diversion programs including mental health court and drug court provide the best results for everyone. I also understand that there are times when justice requires a maximum sentence. Good judgment and a wealth of experience are key when evaluating individual cases. I am dedicated to the work of seeking just results for our entire community.

Protecting our community's most vulnerable members through our work with the Children's Justice Center and our Elder Justice Center are hallmarks of my work as your prosecutor. I will always strive to ensure our community is safe, people are treated fairly, and justice is served.

Thank you for trusting me to serve as your Prosecutor. I respectfully ask for your vote to continue to serve our community.

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#### 54 Candidates | County Nonpartisan Offices

## Clark County

Sheriff



#### John Horch

Elected Experience None

Other Professional Experience Current Chief Criminal Deputy. Oversees all enforcement employees and operations at Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). Commander of Drug Task Force, Major Crimes, Internal Affairs, Child Justice Center, Domestic Violence Unit. Manages CCSO's \$26 million

operational budget. FBI Organized Crime Task Force. Bomb Technician. Training Officer. Member: Western States Sheriffs Association. Medal of Merit and Purple Heart Recipient.

**Education** BS degree in Organizational Leadership. Graduate: FBI Command College and FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA.

**Community Service** Board Member: Lifeline Connections Sobering Unit and Crisis Wellness Center. Lunch Buddy and PAL Volunteer. Supports Young Life, Clark County Food Bank, Open House Ministries, T1L1.

**Statement** Clark County is dealing with a rise in violent crime, property crime, vehicle theft, and a growing homeless and mental health crisis. These must be addressed and dealt with now and cannot be ignored. I will provide strong leadership and a plan for positive change.

I grew up in Clark County, raised my kids here, and for 33 years, dedicated my life to service with the Clark County Sheriff's Office.

I have extensive experience commanding law enforcement in Clark County as Chief, Commander, and Sergeant. I have the necessary qualifications to run the agency effectively. My proven operational and leadership background sets me apart from all other candidates.

It is time to listen to the concerns of our community. I believe in open communication and dialogue with our community stakeholders. I will secure the budget needed to correct staffing shortages and work with legislators to replace laws that enable and embolden criminals. We must assist social services with the homeless and mental health issues. I will implement body cameras and advocate to replace our inadequate and outdated jail immediately. Join me in fighting for safety in Clark County. I would be honored to lead the charge as your next Sheriff.

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### **Clark County**

#### Sheriff



#### **Rey Reynolds**

Elected Experience None yet.

**Other Professional Experience** 

Multiple leadership courses to include Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy for Detectives. 12 years Department of Fish and Wildlife, 24 years Vancouver PD. Many honors: three Meritorious Awards, Life Saving Award, several Officer of the Years, Distinguished American.

**Education** Water Resources BS, Biology Minor, University of Wisconsin. Police and SWAT Academies. Sexual Assault Against Women, Forensic Interviewing of Children, both at Harborview Medical Center.

**Community Service** Serving on boards: Columbia River Mental Health, Camp Hope, Vancouver School Equity Committee. Volunteers with Flash Love, Salvation Army, CMAC, Police Activities League, PAL Literacy, NAACP, Oregon National Guard, Trauma Intervention Program. "Voice of Vancouver."

**Statement** Our community is no longer safe for families. Flawed police reform legislation has led to skyrocketing crime and policies that put criminals ahead of law-abiding citizens. Illegal homeless encampments are spreading; drug abuse is out of control. Public safety has taken a back burner, and our citizens are paying the price.

Clark County residents rightly demand strong leadership to these complex public issues. Rey Reynolds brings 37 years of boots on the ground experience in law enforcement. Rey will prioritize spending within the Sheriff's office to increase training opportunities that focus on proactive community engagement to improve the safety of our neighborhoods.

Unfilled positions are taking a toll on existing staff. Rey will lead the charge to recruit and retain top quality deputies with fair compensation, improved working conditions and a supportive environment that empowers well-trained deputies with the resources necessary to protect citizens. Deputies must have the ability to proactively patrol, not simply respond once crimes are already committed.

Rey's a proven leader with a legacy of community volunteer service; he will lead with honor and integrity to uphold our U.S. Constitution and protect the unalienable rights of citizens. Rey's ready to lead by putting families first.

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Treasurer



#### Alishia Topper

**Elected Experience** Clark County Treasurer (2019 – Present); Councilmember, City of Vancouver (2014 – 2018).

Other Professional Experience Clark County Treasurer; Washington State Association of County Treasurers, President; Government Finance Officers Association, Member; Washington

Public Treasurers Association, Member; State of Washington Notary Public Appointment; Vancouver Public Schools; Fort Vancouver National Trust.

**Education** Master of Public Administration, Portland State University; Certified Public Funds Investment Manager; B.S. in Psychology; B.A. in Foreign Languages and Literatures, WSU-Pullman; Graduate Battle Ground High School.

**Community Service** Clark County Community Action Advisory Board, Chair; Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Commissioner and Chair Audit Committee; National Conference of State Housing Boards, First Vice President.

**Statement** It is an honor to serve as your Clark County Treasurer. In my first term I upheld my commitment to upgrade payment technologies and enhance customer service by administering and advocating for fair and efficient tax laws.

Despite the pandemic, we met the challenge and found ways to adapt and meet the needs of our customers. At the onset, I quickly authorized a property tax due date extension, provided payment plans to small businesses, and offered multiple payment options. Under my leadership my team successfully transitioned to a new bank. We reduced the number of bank accounts by over half, streamlined banking processes, and strengthened fraud prevention, all while saving taxpayers money.

My experience includes managing the collection of approximately \$960 million in property related taxes annually; \$1.1 billion investment portfolio; \$1.4 billion debt portfolio; and \$9.6 billion in deposits and disbursements. If elected, I will continue to administer the county's finances with full accountability and transparency. Most importantly, I will continue to safeguard our tax dollars, commit to invest wisely for positive returns, and ensure we always follow financial best practices.

I would be honored to continue to be the steward of your tax dollars. Vote Alishia Topper!

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**District Court Judge, Department No. 1** 



#### **Kristen L. Parcher**

Legal/Judicial Experience Judge Kristen Parcher has served on the Clark County District Court bench since 2011. Prior to her appointment in 2017 she served as a court commissioner. Before taking the bench Judge Parcher worked as an attorney providing indigent defense services in Clark County as well as practicing family law.

**Other Professional Experience** Former board member/president Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program; member American Inns of Court; CLE presenter for Clark County Bar Association.

**Education** Juris Doctorate from University of Oregon School of Law; Bachelor of Arts, Sociology from Washington State University.

**Community Service** Vancouver Sunrise Rotary; 100 Women Who Care SW Washington; Cascadia Tech Academy

**Statement** I am honored to continue serving Clark County. I am proud of the work our court has done to provide continued services during the pandemic, to increase access to justice, and our commitment to addressing biases that impact different communities that use our courts. I am passionate about maintaining the integrity and independence of our judiciary and will continue to serve our community with fairness and impartiality.

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### **Clark County**

#### District Court Judge, Department No. 2



#### Chad E. Sleight

Legal/Judicial Experience Clark County District Court Judge; March 2017-present; Pro Tem Judge-Clark County District Court; 2013-2017; Attorney at Law; 2004-2017; City Prosecutor for Battle Ground, Ridgefield, and La Center; 2009-2017

Other Professional Experience

Board Member for Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program; 2018-present; Board Member for Clark County Bar Association; 2014-2017

**Education** Willamette University School of Law; Juris Doctorate 2003; Western Washington University; Bachelor of Arts 2000; Camas High School; 1996

Community Service No Information Submitted

**Statement** Born and raised in Clark County, I was appointed to the District Court Bench in 2017. I was re-elected in 2018, and am so proud to serve our community as a District Court Judge. I believe that we have the ability as judges to make a real impact in people's lives. I strive to treat all people who come in front of me respectfully, and truly listen to what they are saying. I base my legal decisions on both the law and common sense.

Since January of 2020, I have presided over District Court's Substance Abuse and DUI Court. Through the hard work of our Team, we have helped a lot of people get clean and sober and change their lives for the better. I believe that as judges we should constantly be looking for therapeutic alternatives to incarceration when possible.

Our Court has faced many challenges over the past two-plus years of the Covid pandemic. I am grateful to my fellow judges and our staff for figuring out how to keep the Courthouse open and to continue to hold court hearings and jury trials.

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#### **District Court Judge, Department No. 3**



#### James B. Smith

**Legal/Judicial Experience** District Court Judge for Clark County (appointed July of 2021).

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Law Clerk for Chelan County Superior Court (2004-2005); Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Cowlitz County (2005-2014). Served as Chief Criminal Deputy; Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Clark

County (2015-2021). Served as a Senior Deputy and as the Team Leader for the Children's Justice Center.

**Education** Mississippi State University, BA magna cum laude; University of Mississippi School of Law, JD cum laude.

**Community Service** George and Donald Simpson America Inn of Court board member; YMCA Mock Trial Tournament rater and judge.

**Statement** I am proud to serve the people of Clark County on the District Court bench. Prior to being appointed to the court, I was in public service for 16 years as a deputy prosecutor. As an attorney, I handled some of the most serious cases in the criminal justice system including aggravated murder, child abuse, and other serious violent offenses. I also had the opportunity to argue many cases at the Washington Supreme Court and Washington Court of Appeals. With this background, I gained a deep appreciation for the importance of fair and well-reasoned legal decisions.

As a judge I know that each case is important to the people involved and the community as a whole. To that end, I always seek to be thoughtful, patient, and respectful to everyone. When making decisions, I am guided by the law, the facts of the case, and the Constitution. I am committed to improving our local court system and look forward to continuing to work with my fellow judges and others to do so. The courts are essential to ensure public safety and peacefully resolve civil disputes. I am honored by the opportunity to continue to serve in this role.

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**District Court Judge, Department No. 4** 

**Clark County** 

## Sonya Langsdorf

**Legal/Judicial Experience** Elected Clark County District Court Judge in 2010. Appointed and served as a full-time District Court Commissioner, 2008-2010. Presented on civil litigation at the Washington State Judicial College and the District Court Municipal Judges' Association.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Clark County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for over 13 years: prosecuted criminal cases in District Court, Juvenile Court and Superior Court. Represented Child Support Division handling: paternity establishment, support modification and enforcement.

**Education** Juris Doctor from Seattle University School of Law; Bachelor of Science, Microbiology from University of Washington.

**Community Service** Volunteers for nonprofits sorting food donations, picking up litter and planting trees.

**Statement** Judge Sonya Langsdorf is honored to currently preside on the District Court bench where she anticipates building on the last 12 years of her judicial career, pursuing improvement in court processes and serving the citizens of Clark County. As an engaged member in our community, she understands the impact of her decisions on the lives of people who appear in court, as well as on the public – she undertakes her responsibility thoughtfully and seriously.

Since graduating from Seattle University School of Law, 28 years ago, Judge Langsdorf has dedicated her career to public service, first as a prosecutor for over 13 years followed by an appointment to commissioner. Now an elected judge, she has garnered a well-deserved reputation for being fair, patient and impartial – and, is known for her work ethic, integrity and thorough knowledge of the law.

A Washington native, Sonya has been married for 24 years to Vaughn Langsdorf, a math teacher and lifelong resident of Clark County, where they have raised two children. Judge Langsdorf has the greatest respect for the legal process and is dedicated to faithfully performing the duties of District Court Judge.

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District Court Judge, Department No. 5



#### Kelli E. Osler

**Legal/Judicial Experience** Judge Osler is a dedicated public servant with over 30 years of legal experience. She was hired as a Court Commissioner in 2005 and appointed as a Judge in 2010. Judge Osler was elected by her peers to serve as Presiding Judge of Clark County District Court for the past seven years.

**Other Professional Experience** 

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for 13 years with the majority of her practice focused on prosecuting major crimes and child abuse cases.

**Education** University of Washington, BA; University of Puget Sound School of Law, JD

**Community Service** Mock Trial Judge; Street Law instructor; Past President and Vice President of Inns of Court.

**Statement** I look forward to serving the public for another term. I have enjoyed working with our community partners to provide equal access to justice for all. I am particularly proud of the improvements our Court has made in assisting the homeless, mentally ill and drug addicted individuals involved in the criminal justice system. I was instrumental in the expansion of our Mental Health Court to include pre-plea felonies and misdemeanors.

I promise to make well-reasoned decisions after carefully considering all arguments and legal authorities. I will continue to work with other law and justice agencies to find innovative ways to reduce jail, court and probation costs. Thank you for your support.

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### **Clark County**

#### District Court Judge, Department No. 6



### **Abigail Bartlett**

Legal/Judicial Experience Appointed to serve as District Court Judge for Department 6 (2021); District Court Commissioner (2017-2021); Senior Deputy Prosecutor for the Clark County Prosecutor's Office (2006-2017)

**Other Professional Experience** District Court Municipal Judges' Association Diversity Committee

Member; Clark County Bar Association Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee Member; Clark County District Court DEI Strategic Action Group Member; Trueblood Collaboration Taskforce (out of custody mental health services) Member

**Education** University of Washington, Bachelor of Arts (1999); Seattle University School of Law, Juris Doctor (2005)

**Community Service** George and Donald Simpson Inns of Court Member; Mock Trial Volunteer Judge; Elementary School Classroom Volunteer; Food Assistance Distribution Volunteer

**Statement** It has been a privilege to serve Clark County as District Court Judge for Department 6. The court holds a critical role in our community. It is where the public comes to seek justice. My job as a judge is to listen to each court participant fully and with an open mind; to follow the law and apply it in a manner that is equitable and just; to explain court proceedings in a way that makes sense; to be free from outside influences, intimidation and bias; and to treat everyone who enters our courthouse with dignity and respect. I am actively working with our court and our community partners to innovate - this means reducing costs, increasing access to justice, and addressing the underlying issues that may bring a person to court, while keeping the public safe. I take tremendous pride in our court and in our community. I am a longtime resident of Clark County and live here with my spouse and our six and nine year old kids. Thank you for your support. I look forward to continuing to serve you.

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#### Public Utility District No. 1 of Clark County

#### Commissioner, District No. 2



#### Nancy Barnes

**Elected Experience** Clark Public Utilities Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience Past President Washington PUD Association; board member, American Public Power Association; President APPA Policy Makers' Committee; representative to Northwest Public Power Association and Energy

Northwest; 30 years utility experience. Accounting Assistant.

**Education** Bachelor of Science English and Journalism, Brigham Young University; Continuing education classes with NWPPA and APPA in public policy, electrical distribution, renewable infrastructure planning, legislative policy, customer service and management.

**Community Service** Scout Merit Badge counselor, youth sports, CASA, School bond, levy and site committees; CCLWV, Share House meal provision and preparation volunteer; Winter Hospitality Overflow volunteer; president, neighborhood association, past volunteer participant on county planning committees.

**Statement** "Let's Keep a Great Thing Going!" My job as Public Utilities Commissioner (PUD) has been to provide reliable energy and water to you *at cost*. That is the great thing! *We haven't raised rates in 12 years*!

Our PUD delivers *highly reliable power*. We keep the power on and restore it quickly in emergencies. No brown outs or blackouts here. We do it with stable, low rates, some of the lowest in the nation. *We haven't raised rates in 12 years*!

We do it with *live people* answering phone calls that are both trained and empowered to solve your problems right then! Our customer service wins JD Power awards! We can do this because we have planned for responsible compliance with decarbonization legislation *without sacrificing affordability or reliability*. We have planned ahead for your success with emerging technologies. I'll never forget that it is *your* money! Check out our website for energy efficiency and new technologies.

Jobs! We provide clean, healthy, affordable power and water, and we serve the fine industries and businesses that locate here and provide family wage jobs and economic activity. With so many great successes, re-elect Nancy Barnes and "Let's Keep a Great Thing Going!"

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### Public Utility District No. 1 of Clark County

#### **Commissioner, District No. 2**



#### **Don Steinke**

Elected Experience No Information Submitted

#### **Other Professional Experience**

I taught science, mostly at Camas and Fort Vancouver High Schools. Subjects included physics, electricity & electronics, computer science, biology, chemistry, and energy conservation.

#### **Education** BA Ed, with a physics

teaching major, Seattle Pacific; MST from Portland State; Continuing Utility-Ed: webinars by the WSU Green Transportation program, NW Energy Coalition, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council; 8 weekly utility trade journals.

**Community Service** City of Vancouver's Climate Action Roundtable Committee; Clark County Clean Water Commission; the Tesoro-Savage oil terminal campaign; the Clark County ESA speaker's bureau.

**Statement** The transition to clean energy is happening. It will create jobs for working class families, keep rates stable, and provide abundant and reliable energy. This transition is being funded by industry, Congress, and our legislature.

Grid modernization will allow us to integrate the needs of electric trucks and buses with hydro, solar and wind energy. It will also reduce outages and provide resilience during times of storms, and seismic events. Instead of sending a billion dollars out of Clark County every year to purchase fossil fuels, we can create our own reliable and affordable energy, and expand economic opportunity.

Economic opportunities include jobs in solar and manufacturing, jobs for HVAC installers, electricians, plumbers, pipefitters, excavators and linemen. The cost of solar and wind has fallen 80% this century and is expected to continue to decrease as we develop economies of scale.

Having attended Commission meetings for years, I understand how our PUD operates and the challenges it faces. As a commissioner, I'll embrace the challenges of expanding solar and modernizing our grid. Grid modernization will facilitate affordable access to highspeed internet and enable affordable rates. Let's keep what is good about our utility and work to make it better.

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## Proposed Charter Amendment No. 10

#### **Concerning Ranked-Choice Voting for County Elected Positions**

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 2021-8 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, concerning County Elected Offices. If approved, this amendment would make the County Elected Offices determined by ranked choice voting as of January 1, 2026.

Should this amendment be:

□ Approved □ Rejected

#### STATEMENT FOR

Yes on Charter Amendment 10

No matter what our politics are, we can all agree that our elections work best when voters are empowered. Ranked-choice voting is a better way to vote: it gives voters more choices and more say. That means less negative campaigning and less gridlock in government.

With ranked-choice voting, you can rank the candidates you like in your order of preference: 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice, and so on. If your first preference candidate can't win, your vote counts for your next choice.

Ranked-choice voting has been adopted in both progressive and conservative places across the country. Voters consistently say it's simple to use, and they like it. With ranked-choice voting, you don't have to worry about the "lesser of two evils" or "throwing away your vote". Ranked-choice voting means more civil campaigns, because candidates want to reach out to voters beyond their base to earn 2nd and 3rd choice support. All candidates have a fair shot, and the candidate with the most support from the most voters wins.

Clark County will be better served when voters have more influence and elect leaders who focus on solutions. Vote *Yes* on measure 10 for ranked-choice voting.

Statement for and rebuttal of statement against submitted by:

Anthony Vendetti, chair

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#### **REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST**

That statement makes alarming claims, but they're all false. Ranked choice voting is used across the US in conservative and progressive areas with great success. It's tested and proven. Courts have repeatedly ruled that ranked choice voting is constitutional and treats all voters equally. Ranked choice voting is the fastest growing election reform in the country because it works and voters like it. Facts related to this rebuttal can be found at www.charteryes.org

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

Currently, Clark County elected officials are elected by the run-off system. This amendment, if adopted, would make these county elected offices elected by ranked-choice voting. This amendment will come into effect on January 1, 2026.

#### STATEMENT AGAINST

Reject Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in Clark County for the following reasons: *It gives some people more than one chance to vote and that is not fair!* For example, those people whose first choice is the last place candidate, get their second vote to count. Notice that it's the most extreme vote that gets a second choice. Why should anyone get more votes than anyone else?

It has been tried in some places and many of those have repealed it for a variety of reasons, often with much higher repeal votes than those that originally approved it. Let's learn from others' mistakes and not make the same mistake!

Often, it is touted that the majority wins, but that's not often the case. A study published in 2015 that reviewed 600,000 votes cast using RCV in four local elections in Washington State and California found that "the winner in all four elections receive[d] less than a majority of the total votes cast", due to "ballot exhaustion." Ballot exhaustion is when a ballot has no more valid votes and therefore is discarded.

There is no easy way to validate the results. Currently, a precinct can be hand counted and compared to the tabulation, so any issues would be apparent. In RCV, the precinct tally is subject to the County tally; ie; since votes are discarded based on the whole, you would need to review the whole county to validate the precinct. That makes validation virtually impossible due to the costliness! Reject RCV!

Statement against and rebuttal of statement for submitted by:

Cemal Richards, chair

**Richard Rylander** 

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#### **REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR**

"What they don't tell you is that RCV has been repealed by a larger amount of votes than when it was adopted. Why destroy a simple system that isn't broken? Do you really want your 3rd, 4th, or 5th choice getting elected? It's convoluted and disenfranchises voters who are less likely to vote while attempting to keep you from electing the candidate of your choice. So if you want control, reject this amendment."

## **Proposed Charter Amendment No. 11**

#### **Concerning Appointment of County Manager**

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 2021-9 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, concerning the County Council's appointment of a County Manager. If approved, this amendment would require the Clark County Council to consult with the County Executive Elected Officials in a public meeting.

Should this amendment be:

□ Approved □ Rejected

#### STATEMENT FOR

Under the Charter, the County Council is responsible for appointing the County Manager. The County Manager works closely with and provides resources for offices of the county's Executive Elected Officials (Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Treasurer) to carry out their functions as defined by the Charter and by state law. This amendment requires the County Council to consult with County Executive Elected Officials in a public meeting to prior to the Council's decision on hiring a County Manager.

In the past, County Councils have made their selection of the County Manager often without consulting with and considering the needs of the Executive Elected Officials. The County Manager plays an important role in managing Clark County and meeting its statutory functions and obligations, including budget proposals, contracting, human resources, information technology, facilities, and general support services for all the county departments and offices. This includes the offices of the Executive Elected Officials.

Please vote *Yes* to make it a Charter requirement that the County Council consult with our Executive Elected Officials in a public meeting prior to making the important decision to hire a County Manager. There is no budget impact of having this charter amendment in place requiring consultation.

Statement for and rebuttal of statement against submitted by:

Chuck Green, chair Chuck.green1407@gmail.com

Doug Lasher

#### **REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST**

Just because "Council already has the freedom to consult with other elected officials" doesn't mean they do. This is on the ballot because these elected officials are continually shut out of the county manager hiring process. The county manager oversees the work of 1570 county employees, including those working for these elected officials. The county council continues to lack transparency, including hiring a county manager. Visit CharterYes.Org. Restore transparency, Vote Yes on Charter Amendment 11.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The Clark County Charter currently allows the Clark County Council to appoint the County Manager by a majority vote. This amendment, if adopted, would require the County Council to consult with County Executive Elected Officials in an open meeting during the County Manager appointment process.

#### STATEMENT AGAINST

Reject this amendment. It's unnecessary. The Council already has the freedom to consult with other elected officials during the hiring process. An amendment mandating a requirement creates several new conflicts:

Because the county council cannot compel an official's attendance, a mandate would unintentionally grant a new veto power to other elected county officials. The elected county council is meant to have the sole hiring power of this one powerful administrative manager position. Yet what happens if one of those other officials for whatever reason refuses to meet with the county council? The council could not proceed with that candidate, creating a new and unintentional veto power.

The hiring process is full of legal risks. Interviews with internal stakeholders are conducted in private by skilled human resource professionals. A "public meeting" to conduct what should be a private executive board workshop between elected officials and members of the council creates a rich environment for lawsuits.

If the goal is to foster a climate of collaboration between elected officials and the council, a public meeting will not accomplish that goal. Considering the manager has budgetary power over their departments, county officials will be reluctant to express any negative opinions in public. Any useful communication would take place outside of the public meeting, defeating the whole purpose of the amendment. Reject this poorly conceived amendment.

Statement against and rebuttal of statement for submitted by:

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Tom Goldman

Liz Pike

#### **REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR**

Mandates result in additional red tape and unintended consequences. It is important that our county councilors retain full discretion over the hiring process, without undue pressure from a mandated meeting. To the extent the Executive Elected Officials may want to offer input, they are free to do so under the current charter. To make this a requirement is an unnecessary and potentially risky burden. Vote *No* to reject this amendment.

## Proposed Charter Amendment No. 12

#### **Concerning the Clark County Home Rule Charter**

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 2021-10 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, to add a preamble. If approved, this amendment would include a preamble to the charter.

Should this amendment be:

□ Approved □ Rejected

#### STATEMENT FOR

The U.S. Constitution has a preamble describing its intent and underlying principles -- our county charter should have one, too. These principles include transparency, public participation, and respect for all people's dignity, privacy, freedoms, and responsibilities. These all bear stating from the start of the charter, along with the emphasis on supporting both rural and urban communities, sustaining our economy, providing for public health and safety, and ensuring responsible and accountable county governance, finances, and services.

The current Home Rule Charter of Clark County does not include any kind of introduction or background expressing the unifying visions and philosophies that guided local leaders in its formation, and which may inspire future county leaders and charter reviewers. With this amendment, we can fix that.

Home rule comes from a place of respect for all the people in our County, past and present, so we also acknowledge our region's rich history, even from before it was founded. By supporting this addition of an acknowledgement and preamble to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, together, we the people of Clark County assert our desire for a representative, responsible government that genuinely engages and serves all its citizens.

Please vote "Yes" to add a Preamble to the Home Rule Charter.

Statement for and rebuttal of statement against submitted by:

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Terri Niles

Chris Goodwin

#### **REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST**

A preamble is a living document that can be adjusted to serve the needs of the county. The charter doesn't serve its *original authors*; it serves *the people of Clark County*. We now have a chance to add a preamble where one is missing -- a description of the charter and how it secures the benefits and responsibilities of self-governance under the constitution of the state of Washington. More rebuttal details and facts at CharterYes.org.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The current Home Rule Charter does not include a preamble section. This amendment, if adopted, would amend the charter to include a preamble.

#### STATEMENT AGAINST

"preamble (noun) - the introductory part of a constitution or statute that usually states the reasons for and intent of the law."

A preamble is written when a document is originally written and it serves as a highlevel guide for the writers developing the body of the document. It also provides a high-level lens for readers that helps them interpret the intentions of the document authors.

The "preamble" proposed by this amendment is a diversity and inclusion, "woke" preamble. It is being added as an afterthought since it was not written and included by the original commission that wrote the Clark County Home Rule Charter. Had it been part of the original draft of the Charter, it likely would have doomed the Charter's adoption.

Reject this woke, afterthought of a "preamble." Reject the Preamble Amendment!

Statement against and rebuttal of statement for submitted by:

George Hacker, chair

Liz Pike

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#### **REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR**

We agree that a preamble describes the intent and underlying principles of a document. That is why it should have been written by the original authors of our county charter when they wrote it, not after it was put into effect. The proposed preamble creates a filter with which the entire charter will be reinterpreted, possibly creating unintended consequences inconsistent with the authors' original intent. Reject this afterthought of a preamble!

## Proposed Charter Amendment No. 13

#### **Regarding Filling Vacancies of County Elected Officials' Offices**

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 2021-11 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, regarding filling vacancies of county elected executive offices. If approved, this amendment would add a section to the Charter which would require the County Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, and Treasurer to each provide a certified list of senior office employees to serve in that official's role if the position became vacant until the position is filled in the next general election. This amendment would also describe the process for appointing a person to a vacant council position.

Should this amendment be:

□ Approved □ Rejected

#### STATEMENT FOR

There is *no* Article or Section in the current Clark County Charter that describes when a non-partisan elected office becomes vacant and how a position is temporarily filled internally until the next general election. This resolution provides for a secure, efficient and timely leadership transition in order to maintain continuity of operations in an elected public office. The proposed amendment would help minimize any disruption to office operations including contractual, financial obligations, and services to the public during a campaign election period to fill a vacant elected office. Having a knowledgeable, skilled and experienced person managing a complex office is critical during a leadership change.

The resolution also creates an *open* public process when filling a county councilor position similar to how cities fill city council positions. Under current state law, which is a *closed* process, only the county council chair determines the three names to be presented to the county council for their action to fill a county council vacancy. This proposed resolution is about promoting efficient and effective public governance and not about the use of political power and control which ultimately creates disruptive politics and a disruptive county government. Please vote to approve.

Statement for and rebuttal of statement against submitted by:

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John Latta

#### **REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST**

The person elected to an executive office is more qualified than Council to designate a temporary replacement. Predesignated appointments are about continuity of operations until the *next election*. These misleading questions are designed to create confusion. By law, there has to be an election. The amendment gives Council the authority to compose rules to break a tie. The Charter Review Commission spent six months making sure this amendment met state law and approved it overwhelmingly.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

Currently, the Clark County Home Rule Charter does not contain a provision regarding vacancies of elected executive county offices. This amendment, if adopted, would describe the process for filling vacancies in Clark County elective executive offices.

#### STATEMENT AGAINST

Should Clark County be run by an unelected official rather than by one appointed by the County Council? Should an unelected official have the sole right to name their replacement without oversight or approval? Should elected officials have the sole right to name their replacement without due process or requirement that an election be held within a reasonable period of time in the event of a vacancy?

By voting *No* to this resolution, you are sending it back to the Charter Review Commission for reconsideration. You are telling the Commission that their interpretation of what's right is flawed, and that you want a different solution. In the case of a County Councilor replacement being stuck in a 2-2 tie or in a 2-1 vote (when 3 are required) what happens? Nothing is spelled out and we'll have another mess.

Immediate adoption of this resolution allows no time for challenges or examination into possible legal action. While the overall intent may have been a good faith attempt to come up with a replacement system, this proposal is fatally flawed.

Vote No to send this proposal back for revision and improvement.

Statement against and rebuttal of statement for submitted by:

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**Richard Rylander** 

Liz Pike

#### **REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR**

"There is no such thing as non-partisanship. They dislike that the Council's Chair has the authority to make decisions, so they want to change the rules to gain power. Having unelected officials chose their successors will bypass the elected County Council's authority with appointments. This proposal is nothing less than a blatant attempt to micromanage and remove even more control from elected officials. Plus, this proposal is all about politics, hiding behind a bureaucratic screen."

## Proposed Charter Amendment No. 14

#### Amending the Initiative, Mini-Initiative, and Referenda Processes

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 2021-12 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, reducing the number of signatures needed to submit a petition for initiative or referenda, and allowing the transfer of signatures to a mini-initiative. If approved, this amendment would require petitioners who submit a petition for a referenda or initiative the signatures of 8 percent of the number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election. It would also allow petitioners of initiatives to transfer gathered signatures to a mini-initiative petition.

Should this amendment be:

□ Approved □ Rejected

#### STATEMENT FOR

The time is now to adjust in the Charter the petition formula of the signature percentage rate. When comparing to the other home rule counties in the State of Washington, changing the signature rate from 10 to 8 percent of the total votes cast for governor will keep Clark County in the middle between the smaller and larger charter counties.

Due to the increase in voters, because of population growth in Clark County, the number of signatures required for a petition automatically changes in the formula and may need to be adjusted again in a future review.

It is extremely difficult to obtain signatures through a petition process. The process requires a large well organized and financed effort to conduct an intensive petition drive in 120 days. The initiative and Referendum Article in the Charter presents a false expectation that a citizen can realistically use the initiative or referendum process to effect change. If the percentage rate remains too high it makes the Article in the Charter meaningless and it should be removed.

Because the initiative process can be difficult to achieve, there is the need to have an option to use the mini initiative process. The amendment allows the petitioner the option to go from the initiative process to the mini initiative process which requires fewer signatures and standardizes the signature gathering time to 120 days. Make sure you have a voice in your Clark County government. Vote to approve this modest change in the initiative and referendum process.

Statement for and rebuttal of statement against submitted by:

Doug Lasher, chair douglasher@comcast.net

Terri Niles

#### **REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST**

Thank you for acknowledging that change is needed. The *next* Charter Review Commission can review and address any further changes to the Initiative and Referendum Article. Take the first steps and vote yes. Facts and details related to this rebuttal can be found at www.charteryes.org

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

Currently, the Clark County Home Rule Charter requires those who wish to submit a petition for referendum or initiative to include the signatures of 10 percent of the population who voted in the last gubernatorial election. This amendment, if adopted, would reduce the number of signatures needed to submit a referendum or initiative petition to 8 percent of the population who voted in the last gubernatorial election. The amendment also allows a petitioner to transfer signatures from an initiative petition to a mini-initiative petition.

#### STATEMENT AGAINST

Vote No to keep Clark County one of the most restrictive when it comes to allowing citizens to petition for change. Washington state and Home Rule counties like Clark reserve to the people the power of Referendum and Initiative as checks-and-balances on laws and county policies. As of 2013, when the original charter was passed, only 10 initiatives had been passed in the other home rule counties over 45 years. Only one Mini Initiative has ever been attempted in Clark County. Clark County specifies the shortest timeframe to file a referendum to a new ordnance – 10 days. This Charter amendment does nothing to improve this unreasonably short deadline. By comparison, other counties allow 45 days and the state allows 90 days. 10 days is not long enough for all affected stakeholders to receive notification, to study the issue, and to file notice. If this measure is passed, Clark County would still require twice the percent of signatures required for a Washington state referendum. Further, the proposed requirement of a prosecuting attorney statement is another barrier to the people's voice, where a lone official could have an outsized effect on the measure. This charter amendment does not substantially change the charter to favor the people's power to petition. If you want an amendment that meets original intent, Vote No until a more sincere version of this amendment is offered.

Statement against and rebuttal of statement for submitted by:

Bob Runnells, chair brunnells@yahoo.com

George Hacker

#### **REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR**

The statement in favor admits that this change will keep Clark County in the middle between smaller and larger charter counties in terms of required signatures. Proponents want you to accept this change and be satisfied. The proposed change is not enough to encourage participative governance. *Reject* this resolution to send a message to create a better amendment. Don't settle for less!

## Proposed Charter Amendment No. 15

#### **Regarding a Diversity and Inclusion Officer and Advisory Commission**

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 2021-13 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, regarding a Diversity and Inclusion Officer and Advisory Commission. If approved, this amendment would require the County Manager to establish a Diversity and Inclusion Officer Position who will advise the county manager, county council, and other county officers or departments on matters concerning diversity and inclusion. If approved, this amendment would also require the county manager and the Diversity and Inclusion Officer to establish a Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission to serve as an advisory body to the Diversity and Inclusion Officer.

Should this amendment be:

□ Approved □ Rejected

#### STATEMENT FOR

A "Yes" vote on this amendment is a vote for community representation and government accountability.

It is an established standard for large organizations to have a position assigned to provide resources and assist staff in promoting diversity and inclusion in their workplaces and in performance of their duties. This is especially true for those that serve the public – like our county government. Diverse and inclusive workplaces have been shown to have more public trust and to earn deeper commitment from their employees, which improves job satisfaction and productivity. These workplaces are also more fiscally responsible – an inclusive workplace is more attractive to workers, encourages employee retention, and prevents expensive, unnecessary lawsuits.

As Clark County continues to grow, our local government is falling behind and has already faced multiple lawsuits that could have been avoided with consistent, meaningful diversity and inclusion practices. The County used to have a Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, and county elected officials have expressed interest in having an internal resource to help them run their departments and improve relationships with their staff. This D&I resource position comes with an appointed, unpaid commission composed of community members who will help ensure that the person in this role is well-informed and connected to the community.

Do you want a government that is trusted and accountable? If so, vote "Yes" for this amendment.

Statement for and rebuttal of statement against submitted by:

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#### **REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST**

After last year's vote, reviewers collected voter feedback and wrote this amendment for a new focus and better clarity. Staff and elected officials have been asking for these resources. Discrimination laws have not prevented the lawsuits and personnel loss Clark County has been facing. This work has nothing to do with quotas and everything to do with good governance. The charter is amendable, not permanent. For more rebuttal facts and details, visit CharterYes.org.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

Currently, there is not an oversight office or commission to monitor non-discrimination provisions in County code, policies, or procedures. This amendment, if adopted, would establish, a Diversity and Inclusion Officer position under the County Manager's Office. This amendment would also establish a Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission which will serve as an advisory body to the Diversity and Inclusion Officer.

#### STATEMENT AGAINST

#### Reject Resolution 2021-13!

It repeats a recently failed amendment. One year ago, voters wisely rejected a nearly identical amendment, yet the Charter Review Committee refused to listen and put it back on the ballot for a second time. Reject it again and send the same clear-cut message that the will of the people shall not be ignored!

#### Reject it because:

*It is unnecessary by virtue that discrimination is already illegal.* All forms of discrimination are already prohibited under the current Clark County Home Rule Charter, Washington State law, and Federal law.

#### Reject it because:

It creates a new permanent, unaccountable layer of government. Amending our County Charter would permanently enshrine a new Diversity and Inclusion (DI) Officer position. This position, directly appointed by the County Manager alone, would be dangerously unaccountable to both Clark County voters and our County Councilors. No other county position would have so much influence, yet so little oversight.

#### Reject it because:

It will result in quotas and more divisiveness. A new Diversity and Inclusion Officer will have undue influence over hiring, promotions, salaries, budgets, contracts, and much more. In the pursuit of diversity, quotas would be unjustly established based on favoring select groups of people. This is not only wrong, but unethical. We need approaches that bring us together, not divide us further. Do the correct thing and reject Resolution 2021-13 once again!

Statement against and rebuttal of statement for submitted by:

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#### **REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR**

Proponents erroneously claim this measure will improve accountability, workplace harmony, and fiscal responsibility. They are wrong on all counts! An appointed DI Officer has zero accountability to you, the voter. Divisiveness will increase as quotas pit groups against each other. Additionally, DI policies elsewhere have increasingly resulted in costly lawsuits and settlements. Do not fall for the guilt-ridden and feel-good arguments to expand government bureaucracy. Reject this amendment once again.

## Clark County – Proposed Charter Amendment No. 10

#### Resolution No. 2021-8

A **RESOLUTION** to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter to authorize the County Auditor in the administration of elections to implement ranked-choice voting for county elected officials' positions.

WHEREAS, In November 2020, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate;

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 1, 2021, and December 8, 2021, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on December 8, 2021 voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2022 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter which would authorize the County Auditor in the administration of elections to implement ranked-choice voting for county elected officials' positions; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendments are necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

#### Section 1. New.

Section 6.1 Election Procedures, is hereby proposed to be added to the Home Rule Charter as follows:

- A. Elections for county officials, including elections to fill vacant county offices, shall be conducted using ranked-choice voting. Under ranked choice voting, voters shall have the option to rank candidates in order of preference and counting shall be conducted in rounds. In each round, each voter's ballot shall count as a single vote for the remaining candidate the voter has ranked highest. If a candidate has a majority of votes in a round, that candidate shall be declared elected. If no candidate has a majority of votes, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and votes for that candidate shall be transferred to each ballot's next-highest ranked remaining candidate, continuing until one candidate receives the majority of votes for all remaining candidates. The candidate receiving the majority of votes shall be deemed elected at the time of certification.
- B. <u>The county canvassing board shall adopt rules for the</u> <u>implementation and tabulation of ranked-choice voting in</u> <u>accordance with this charter.</u>
- C. All candidates in a ranked-choice election shall be listed on the ballot. The ballot shall permit a voter to rank a minimum of six candidates, inclusive of any write-in candidate permitted by law, in order of preference for a ranked choice office, unless there are fewer than six candidates on the ballot for such

office, in which case the ballot shall permit a voter to rank the total number of such candidates for such office inclusive of any write-in candidate permitted by law.

- D. There shall not be a primary for county offices and all candidates shall appear on the general ballot. The offices of the council positions representing Districts 3 and 4 shall be filled in the same general election as when the usual election for the office of governor occurs. The offices of the council positions representing Districts 1, 2 and 5 and the assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff, and treasurer shall be filled in the general election that occurs two years following the election when the other county offices are filled.
- E. In the event that Washington State law is enacted allowing the use of ranked-choice voting to elect county officers, that law shall take the place of the relevant provisions in this charter except that voters shall be allowed to rank candidates for each county office in the manner described in Section 6.1 C.
- F. <u>Beginning January 1, 2026 Clark County shall conduct all</u> <u>elections for the county offices designated in Section 6.2 in</u> <u>accordance with this section.</u>

#### Section 2. Amendatory.

Section 6.2 Offices Designated is hereby proposed be amended as follows:

The Offices of council member, assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff, and treasurer shall be nonpartisan offices. Elections for the offices shall be conducted in the manner provided for partisan local elections under state law.

#### Section 3. Amendatory.

Section 6.3 Qualifications is hereby proposed be amended as follows:

Limitations Each county official holding elected office shall be, at the time of filing for office, appointment or election and at all times while holding office, a citizen of United States, at least eighteen (18) years old and a resident and registered voter of Clark County. Each district county council member, throughout their term of office, shall be a resident of the district in which he or she files they file for the primary election.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution proposing amendments to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 5. Instructions to Staff. The County Manager shall direct appropriate county staff to do the following:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. Transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 8th day of December, 2021.

#### Resolution No. 2021-9

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter requiring the County Council during the appointment process in hiring a new county manager to consult in a public meeting with County Executive Elected Officials.

WHEREAS, In November 2020, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate;

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 1, 2021, and December 8, 2021, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on December 8, 2021 voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2022 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter requiring the County Council during the appointment process in hiring a new county manager to consult in a public meeting with County Executive Elected Officials; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendments are necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

#### Section 1. Amendatory.

Section 3.2 County Manager shall be amended as follows:

A. Appointment.

- 1. Appointment or termination of a county manager shall require a simple majority vote of the council.
- The county manager shall be selected on the basis of his or her executive experience and professional administrative qualifications. <u>The County Council shall, in a public meeting,</u> <u>consult with the Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Prosecuting</u> <u>Attorney, Sheriff and Treasurer prior to making the</u> <u>appointment of a county manager candidate.</u>
- 3. No member of the council shall, during the time for which he or she was elected, be appointed county manager.
- 4. The county manager shall serve at-will. The council shall establish the county manager's terms of employment, including compensation, by written contract, provided the county manager's employment shall be at-will and terminable in accordance with contract terms and this charter.
- 5. Employment of a county manager shall not be construed as changing the relationship of the council members or other elected officials to their constituents, or the relationship of the council members to other elected officials.
- 6. The county manager shall designate a qualified employee of the county as his or her deputy county manager. The deputy

county manager shall perform the duties of the county manager during the county manager's extended absence or disability.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 3. Instructions to Staff. The County Manager shall direct appropriate county staff to do the following:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. Transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

#### Resolution No. 2021-10

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter by adding a Preamble Section to the Charter.

WHEREAS, In November 2020, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate;

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 1, 2021, and December 8, 2021, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on December 8, 2021 voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2022 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter which would add an Acknowledgement and Preamble to the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendments are necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

**Section 1. New.** A new Section ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PREAMBLE shall be added prior to Article I in the Home Rule Charter as follows:

#### PREAMBLE

#### Acknowledgement

Clark County recognizes and acknowledges that we reside on the ancestral lands of the Indigenous peoples of the lower Columbia River, who were stewards of these lands long before others arrived and settled in the area. We acknowledge and honor their rich heritage, culture, and contributions, past and present. We value a vibrant, inclusive and diverse community that fosters peace, mutual tolerance, and respect for each other's dignity, privacy, freedoms, and responsibilities.

#### **Preamble**

We the people of Clark County, to assure that county governance reflects our values and enhances the quality of life in our diverse community, in 2014 adopted our Home Rule Charter. The Charter secures the benefits and responsibilities of self-governance under the Constitution of the State of Washington. The Charter establishes separate legislative and executive branches, claims the rights of initiative and referendum, provides for transparency and effective public participation, supports rural and urban communities, sustains our economy, provides for public health and safety, and ensures responsible and accountable county governance, finances, and services. Section 1. Instructions to Staff. The County Manager shall direct appropriate county staff to do the following:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. Transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

#### Resolution No. 2021-11

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter by adding a Vacancy Section to the Charter in the event an elected county official position becomes vacant.

WHEREAS, In November 2020, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate;

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 1, 2021, and December 8, 2021, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on December 8, 2021 voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2022 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter which would require the County Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff and Treasurer to provide a certified list of one or more office employees who serve as chief deputy or senior manager to temporarily serve in the elected official's role until the position is filled in the next general election, and describe the process in appointing a person to a vacant council position; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendments are necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

Section 1. New. A new Section 6.7 Vacancy shall be added to the Home Rule Charter as follows:

#### Section 6.7 Vacancy

#### A. When an Elected Office Becomes Vacant

An elective county office shall become vacant upon the incumbent's death; resignation; recall; conviction of a felony, crime involving moral turpitude, unlawful destruction of public records, or other crime pertinent to the incumbent's office; declaration of incompetency by a court of competent jurisdiction; or failure to fulfill or continue to fulfill the qualifications for office; provided, however, that an elective county office shall not become vacant as the result of a criminal conviction or declaration of incompetency until the conviction or declaration has become final and is no longer subject to appeal.

An Executive Elective Official shall be suspended with pay upon an information or indictment for a felony being filed against the official, such suspension continued until conviction, acquittal or dismissal of such charges, and shall be removed from office upon being convicted thereof.

- B. Designation, Appointment and Election to Fill Vacancy.
  - Vacancy or Suspension of an Executive Elected Office.

     a. Immediately upon commencing their terms of office, the county assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and treasurer, hereafter referred to as executive elected official, shall each designate one or more employees who serve as a chief deputy or senior manager in such office to serve as an interim official in the event of a vacancy or suspension in the elective office.
    - b. A designation of an interim official shall only be effective if the executive elected official in that officer's elective office, complies with the following procedure: commits the designation to writing, identifies the order of precedence if more than one chief deputy or senior manager is designated, signs the written designation, has the written designation notarized, files the written designation with the county auditor. The county assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and treasurer may, at any time, amend such designation by complying with the same procedure established for making the designation.
    - c. The designated county office employee shall immediately upon the occurrence of a vacancy or suspension serve as the interim official and shall exercise all the powers and duties of the office granted by this charter and general law.
    - d. An election for a vacancy of an executive elected official shall be filled at the next general election. The term of office of a person who has been elected to fill a vacancy shall only be for the unexpired portion of the term of the official unless the election is for a new term, and shall commence as soon as the person is elected, qualified and sworn in.
  - 2. Vacancy of an Elected County Council Position.
    - a. <u>A majority of the county council shall fill a county</u> <u>councilor vacancy by appointment until the vacancy</u> <u>has been filled by election or the successor to the office</u> <u>has been elected and qualified according to state law.</u> <u>The Council shall adopt a councilor vacancy policy that</u> <u>describes the procedures to fill a vacant Councilor</u> <u>position, which shall include a public notice of the vacancy</u> <u>and an application process that is held open for a period of</u> <u>21 calendar days or more.</u>
    - b. An election for a vacancy in an elective county councilor shall be filled at the next general election. The term of office for a councilor who has been elected to fill a vacancy shall only be for the unexpired portion of the term of the councilor unless the election is for a new term, will be elected at the next general election.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution proposing amendments to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 3. Provisionary Amendment. The Charter Review Commission has submitted Resolution 2021-8 to the Clark County Auditor for inclusion on the 2022 General Election ballot. If that proposed amendment (2021-8) is not approved by a majority of voters, and Charter Review Commission Resolution 2021-11 is approved, the change to the Clark County Home Rule Charter will be as follows:

#### Resolution No. 2021-11

Section 6.7 Vacancy shall be renumbered to Section 6.1 and Section 6.1 named Vacancy.

Section 3. Instructions to Staff. The County Manager shall direct appropriate county staff to do the following:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. Transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

#### Resolution No. 2021-12

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County that changes the initiative and referendum signature percentage requirements from 10 percent to 8 percent and allows for the transfer of signatures from the initiative process to the mini initiative process.

WHEREAS, In November 2020, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 1, 2021, and December 8, 2021, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on December 8, 2021 voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2022 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter that would change the initiative and referendum signature percentage requirements from 10 percent to 8 percent and allows for the transfer of signatures from the initiative process to the mini initiative process; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendments are necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

# **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

Section 1. Amendatory. Charter Section 7.2, Initiative, is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

The people reserve the power of initiative. An ordinance or amendment to an ordinance, except as limited by state or federal law or court interpretation, may be proposed by filing an initiative petition with the auditor. No ordinance enacted as a result of initiative shall be amended or repealed within two (2) years after enactment, except as a result of a subsequent initiative or referendum or as required by state or federal law.

#### A. Initiative Limitations.

The following are limited by state or federal law or court interpretations and may not be proposed or adopted by initiative:

- 1. Ordinances providing for compensation or working conditions of county employees or elected officials.
- 2. Redistricting council districts.
- 3. Authorizing or repealing an appropriation of money or any portion of the annual budget.
- 4. Authorizing or repealing taxes or fees.
- 5. Authorizing or repealing any provision of a service or program provided by the county.
- 6. Amending or repealing this charter.

#### B. Initiative Requirements.

- 1. Initiatives that require new or additional sources of revenue shall include a recommended revenue source adequate to finance the result of the initiative.
- C. Initiative Procedures.
  - 1. Any registered voter of Clark County may file an initiative proposal with the auditor, who shall transmit a copy to the prosecuting attorney. If the ordinance proposed by initiative would be effective exclusively in unincorporated Clark County, the registered voter must be a registered voter residing in unincorporated Clark County to file the initiative proposal with the auditor. Within ten (10) business days of the filing date, the prosecuting attorney shall formulate a true and impartial ballot title, posed as a positive question not exceeding fifty (50) words.
  - 2. The prosecuting attorney shall transmit the initiative petition to the auditor, who shall give the proposed initiative a number that will be the identifying number. Within an additional five (5) business days, the auditor shall confer with the petitioner to review and establish the form and style of the initiative petition as required by the auditor or ordinance. Within an additional ten (10) days the prosecuting attorney shall evaluate the petition and provide the petitioner and auditor with the following statement: "In the opinion of the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney, the subject of this initiative is within the scope of local initiative powers. Yes [] No [] No opinion at this time []." The prosecuting attorney shall mark the box that reflects his or her opinion. The petitioner may shall include this statement on the petition.
  - 3. The petitioner shall have one hundred twenty (120) days after receipt of the Prosecuting Attorney's statement as required in 7.2.C (2) to collect signatures of registered county voters. Valid collected signatures shall number no less than:
    - a. If the ordinance proposed by the initiative would be effective in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County, valid signatures shall number no less than ten (10) eight (8) percent of the number of votes cast in the county in the last gubernatorial election: or.
    - b. If the ordinance proposed by the initiative would be effective exclusively in unincorporated areas of the county, valid signatures shall number no less than ten <u>eight (10) (8)</u> percent of the votes cast in unincorporated Clark County at the last gubernatorial election, provided, however, the registered voters signing the petition must be registered voters residing in unincorporated Clark County and, further provided that, the number of required signatures shall be calculated based only upon votes cast within area which, on the date the initiative is initiated, are unincorporated areas of the county.

Each petition shall contain the warning clause prescribed by state law, full text of the proposed measure, ordinance or amendment to an ordinance, and ballot title.

4. The auditor shall verify the number of signatures on the petition, and, if a sufficient number of valid signatures has been submitted, place the proposal on the ballot for the next general election.

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- a. Signatures on the petition must be submitted to the auditor no less than one hundred fifty (150) days before the date of the next general election.
- b. If the council enacts the proposal without change or amendment not less than sixty (60) days prior to said election, the proposal shall be removed from the ballot.
- c. If the council does not adopt the proposed measure but adopts a substitute measure not more than fifteen (15) days after petition validation, the substitute measure shall be placed on the same ballot with the initiative proposal.
- d. If the ordinance proposed by the initiative is one that is effective exclusively in unincorporated areas of the county, only registered voters in unincorporated Clark County shall be permitted to vote on the initiative.
- 5. When a ballot contains an initiative petition, substitute measure or multiple initiative measures on the same topic, the voters shall be given the choice of rejecting or accepting each initiative.
  - a. If the voters accept more than one (1) initiative on the same topic, and the measures are incompatible, the initiative receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall be approved.
  - b. If there are multiple measures on the same topic, compatible with one another, they may all be approved.
  - c. If the voters reject all initiatives, none shall be approved.
  - d. If the voters approve one (1) initiative and reject the others, the approved initiative shall be approved.
- D. Insufficient Signatures
  - If the proponents of an initiative fail to obtain the required number of signatures in the designated time period but have sufficient signatures to qualify the proposal as a miniinitiative, the proposal shall be treated as a mini-initiative at the request of the proponents.

Section 2. Amendatory. Charter Section 7.3, Mini Initiative, is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

The people reserve the power of mini-initiative, except as limited by state or federal law and subject to Article 7, Section 2(A). Ordinances or amendments to an existing ordinance may be proposed to the council by transmitting the proposal to the auditor. After conferring with the auditor, a petitioner shall have one hundred twenty (120) days to collect signatures of registered county voters. An initiative petition shall bear signatures of qualified voters totaling no less than three (3) percent of the number of votes cast in the county in the last gubernatorial election. A proposed ordinance or amendment to existing ordinance that would be effective exclusively in unincorporated Clark County, may only be submitted to the auditor by a registered voter residing in unincorporated Clark County; further, that initiative petition must bear the signatures of qualified voters who reside in unincorporated Clark County totaling no less than three (3) percent of the number of votes cast in the unincorporated county in the last gubernatorial election. The number of required signatures shall be calculated based only upon votes cast within areas which, on the date such petitions are filed, are unincorporated areas of the county. The auditor shall have thirty (30) business days to validate signatures. If a sufficient number of signatures is verified, the auditor shall transmit the initiative petition to the county council. The council shall hold a public

hearing on the proposed ordinance or amendment to an existing ordinance within sixty (60) days, and enact, reject or modify the proposed ordinance within thirty (30) calendar days of the hearing.

Section 4. Amendatory. Charter Section 7.4, Referendum, is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

The people reserve the power of referendum. Referendum may be ordered on any ordinance, or any part thereof, passed by the council, except as limited by state or federal law or court interpretations.

A. Referendum Limitations.

The following are limited by state or federal law or court interpretations and may not be proposed or adopted by referendum.

- 1. Emergency ordinances.
- 2. Ordinances providing for compensation or working conditions of county employees or elected officials.
- 3. Ordinances authorizing or repealing an appropriation of money or any portion of the annual budget.
- 4. Ordinances authorizing or repealing taxes or fees.
- 5. Ordinances required by state or federal law.
- B. Referendum Procedure. A referendum petition proposal shall be filed with the auditor within ten (10) days after the council passes an ordinance. Except as set forth in this section, a referendum petition proposal may be filed against an ordinance or any portion of an ordinance. Any registered Clark County voter may file with the auditor a referendum petition proposal signed by at least one hundred (100) registered voters of Clark County. If the referendum pertains to an ordinance which is effective exclusively in unincorporated Clark County, the referendum petition proposal must include the signatures of at least one hundred (100) registered voters residing in unincorporated Clark County and must be filed by a registered voter residing in unincorporated Clark County.
  - The auditor shall verify signatures on the referendum petition proposal within ten (10) calendar days. After one hundred (100) signatures are validated, the ordinance or portion of the ordinance subject to referendum is suspended until:
    - a. Sufficient valid signatures are collected within the time prescribed by this section to place the measure on the ballot and voters have voted on the measure- or
    - b. Valid signatures are not collected within the time prescribed by this section to place the measure on the ballot.
  - 2. Filing a referendum petition proposal against a portion of an ordinance shall not delay the remainder of the ordinance from taking effect.
  - 3. Within five (5) business days of filing the referendum petition, the auditor shall confer with the petitioner to review the referendum petition as to form and style, as required by the auditor or ordinance. The auditor shall give the referendum petition an identifying number and transmit a copy of the referendum petition to the prosecuting attorney and county manager. Within ten (10) business days after receipt, the prosecuting attorney shall write a ballot title not to exceed fifty (50) words and posed as a positive

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question, which shall express a true and impartial statement of the measure. The prosecuting attorney shall then promptly transmit the referendum petition's ballot title to the auditor who shall provide it to the petitioner within five (5) business days.

- 4. The petitioner shall have one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of delivery of the ballot title as required in 7.2.B(3) to collect signatures of the required registered Clark County voters. The number of valid signatures collected shall equal no less than:
  - a. For an ordinance which is effective exclusively in the unincorporated areas of the county, valid signatures shall number no less than ten (10) eight (8) percent of the total votes cast in unincorporated Clark County at the last gubernatorial election, provided, however, the registered voters signing the petition must be registered voters residing in unincorporated Clark County and, further provided that the number of required signatures shall be calculated based only upon votes cast within areas which, on the date the referendum is initiated are unincorporated areas of the county.
  - b. For all other ordinances, the number of valid signatures collected shall equal no less than ten eight (10) (8) percent of the total votes cast in the county in the last gubernatorial election.

Each petition shall contain the full text of the referred measure and ballot title. The auditor shall verify the number of signatures and, if valid, submit the measure to voters at the next general election. If the ordinance subject to referendum is one that is effective exclusively in unincorporated areas of the county, only registered voters in unincorporated Clark County shall be permitted to vote on the referendum. Petition signatures must be submitted to the auditor for verification no less than one hundred fifty (150) calendar days before the date of the next general election.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This resolution proposing amendments to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**Section 6. Instructions to Staff.** The County Manager shall direct appropriate county staff to do the following:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. Transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

#### Resolution No. 2021-13

**A RESOLUTION** to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter by establishment of a Diversity and Inclusion Officer position, and a new Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission.

WHEREAS, in November 2020, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate;

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 1, 2021, and December 8, 2021, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on December 8, 2021 voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2022 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter which would establish a Diversity and Inclusion Officer position, and a new Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendments are necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

Section 1. New. A new Charter Section 3.7, Diversity and Inclusion Officer, is hereby proposed to be added to the Home Rule Charter as follows:

#### Section 3.7 Diversity and Inclusion Officer

- A. Upon voter approval, the County will immediately initiate the process to establish a Diversity and Inclusion Officer position, including but not limited to, budget allocation, classification and compensation, development, and recruitment. This position shall be established under the County Manager's office.
  - 1. This Diversity and Inclusion Officer shall be appointed by the county manager on the basis of their abilities, qualifications, integrity and experience concerning duties relating to the office.
  - This officer will serve in an advisory capacity to the county manager, county council, and other county officers and departments on matters concerning diversity and inclusion. This officer will monitor, advise, and drive quality improvement regarding equal rights, diversity and inclusion across the county government. This includes but is not limited to policy decisions; business and hiring practices; equitable treatment of citizens in law enforcement and justice; and as an avenue to hear concerns from county staff or members of the public.

- B. The Diversity and Inclusion Officer will work with the county manager to establish and recruit a Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission consistent with Section 3.3.B of this charter within six months of establishing the new office.
  - 1. <u>The Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission will serve</u> as an advisory body to the Diversity and Inclusion Officer, the county manager, and the county council.
  - This commission will consist of nine members appointed by the county manager and confirmed by the county council. The county manager shall collaborate with the Diversity and Inclusion Officer to recruit for and make these appointments.
  - 3. The membership of the commission shall include at least one representative from each county district, and shall reflect the existing diversity of communities in Clark County including but not limited to gender, race, ethnicity, culture, indigenous status, and ability.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution proposing amendments to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**Section 3. Instructions to Staff.** The County Manager shall direct appropriate county staff to do the following:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. Transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

## **New Washington resident**

Welcome! Register to vote online, by mail, in person, or when you get your new driver's license 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

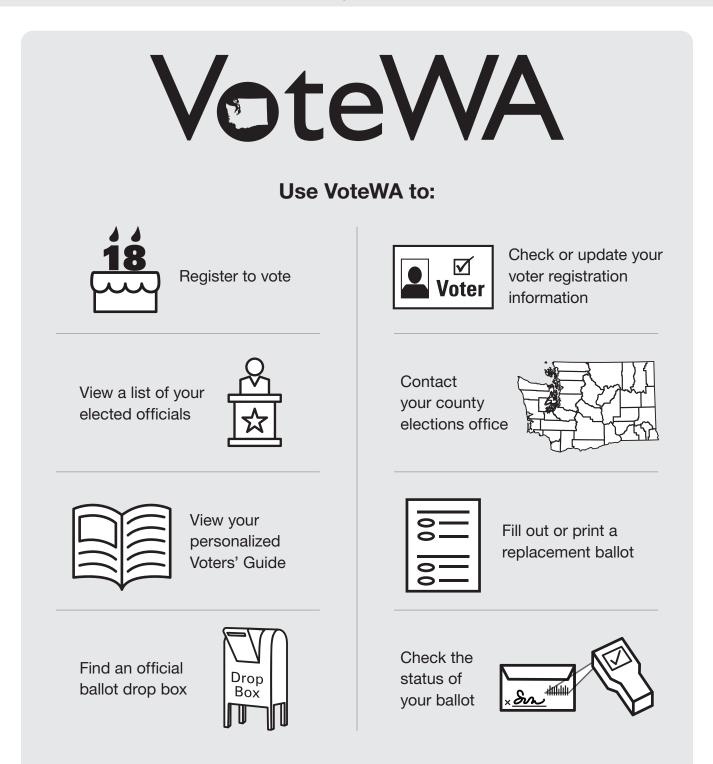
Vote in Washington even if you're away during an election. To ensure you receive your ballot, update your mailing address at VoteWA.gov or with a county elections office. Your ballot can be mailed to you anywhere in the world; however, your residential address must remain in Washington. You may not vote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



#### Person convicted of a felony

If you were convicted of a felony in Washington, your right to vote is restored when you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison. After your right to vote is restored, you must re-register to vote in order to receive a ballot.





Sign in to **VoteWA.gov** to access your customized voting information.

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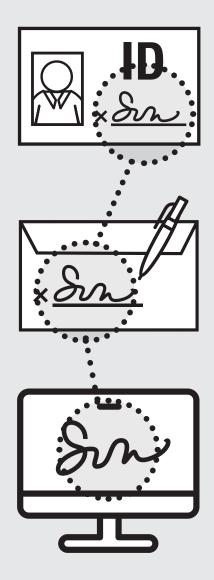
# Your signature is needed to make sure your ballot gets counted.

The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. Election officials verify each and every signature.

If your signature is missing or does not match your voter registration record, the county elections office will contact you by mail **before certification**. They may call or email if you gave them this info.

If you registered to vote online or through Department of Licensing, the signature from your driver's license or state ID will be on your voter registration record.

Voters can track and check their ballot status at **VoteWA.gov**.



**Oct. 31, 2022** – Deadline for online or mailed voter registrations or updates to be received.

**Nov. 1, 2022 –** USPS recommends mailing voted ballot back at least one week before Election Day.

# Nov. 8, 2022 - Election Day

- Register or update information and vote in person at a voting center by 8 p.m.
- Mailed ballot must be postmarked by today, check mail collection times.
- Official ballot drop boxes are open until 8 p.m.

# Jan. 13, 2023 -

Temperance and Good Citizenship Day

# Feb. 14, 2023 -

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# April 25, 2023 -

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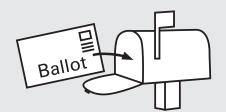
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## Vote by mail

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.



# **Online voter registration**

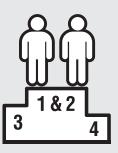
We offer online voter registration. Register to vote or update your address at **VoteWA.gov** 





# **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.



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# No party affiliation

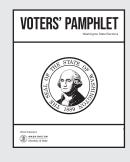


Washington voters do not register by party affiliation. Vote for any candidate regardless of their party preference.

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# **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.





# Same day registration



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

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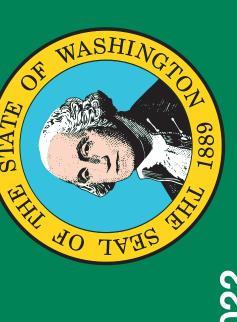
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