

# Voters' Pamphlet

November 7, 2023 General and Special Election

**Look for your General Election ballot by October 26, 2023**



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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.

### Return your ballot early!

Mail your ballot by Friday, November 3, 2023 to be sure it is postmarked by November 7, 2023. No postage is needed. Or, use a 24-hour drop box. See pages 14-15 for locations.

**Ballot drop boxes close promptly at 8 pm on November 7, 2023.**



### Who donates to campaigns?

View financial contributors for candidates and measures:

**Public Disclosure Commission**

[www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)  
Toll Free 877-601-2828

# County Auditor letter

To Clark County Voters,

You can now receive text messages informing you of when your ballot is received and when it has been accepted for tabulation, or if we need more information in order to count your vote. You can sign up for this service online at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov) in the “Update my name or address” section.

Our goal is that the preliminary election results issued Election night and the Friday after Election Day include all accepted ballots. To achieve this goal, the continuous increase in the number of registered voters will require an expansion of the Elections Office work area. Expanding the Elections Office work area will allow for increased transparency and security, including a larger observation area for the public as well as room for more staffing. We foresee our staff being able to increase the number of ballots processed each day in preparation for next year’s Presidential election.

We maintain voter registration records daily but there are instances when ballots get mailed to previous addresses of voters. Federal law is very specific about when we can update a voter’s address, change their voter registration status from “active” to “inactive”, and when a voter’s registration can be canceled.

Along with updates received from USPS and DOL, we rely on voters to keep their registration records up-to-date. A previous occupant or family member may have failed to tell us they’ve moved. Until we know that a ballot is undeliverable, we are required to continue to send ballots to the address on file. If you receive a ballot for a person who does not reside at your address, do not open it but return it via the USPS and write, “No longer at this address” on the unopened envelope. Place the envelope back in the mail; do not put it in another envelope. In order to change the voter’s status to inactive we need to have the yellow label from the USPS affixed to the original envelope.

We verify the signature on every ballot envelope so signing your envelope is important! For every election there are ballots that are unable to be counted. This is due to the voter failing to sign the envelope or signing using a different signature than what is on their voter registration record. If you registered to vote online or at a Department of Licensing office then your voter registration signature is the signature that can be found on your driver’s license.

Ballots will be mailed on October 20th to registered voters. If you do not receive yours by Thursday, October 26th, contact the Elections Department to obtain a replacement ballot.

I urge you to read this pamphlet but to also seek out more information. The best decisions are made by informed voters.

Your vote makes a difference. I encourage you to join me in exercising one of the most precious rights we have as Americans – the right to vote.

Sincerely,



Greg Kimsey  
Clark County Auditor



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

Contact:  
Clark County  
Elections Office

564-397-2345  
[elections@clark.wa.gov](mailto:elections@clark.wa.gov)  
[clarkvotes.org](http://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 800-833-6341  
**Fax** 564-397-6165  
**Email** [ADA@clark.wa.gov](mailto: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](http://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 30, 2023.

You may still register or update existing voter registrations after October 30, but you must do so in person by 8 pm Tuesday, November 7.

## 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 7, 2023 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 17) 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](mailto:elections@clark.wa.gov)

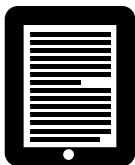
**Mailing address:** PO Box 8815, Vancouver, WA 98666-8815

**Street address:** 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

**Speech-to-speech relay:** 711 or 800-833-6341

# 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 7, 2023 General and Special Election.



## Read all about it

- **The Columbian**  
[columbian.com](http://columbian.com)
- **The Oregonian**  
[oregonlive.com/elections](http://oregonlive.com/elections)
- **The Camas-Washougal Post-Record**  
[camaspostrecord.com](http://camaspostrecord.com)
- **The Reflector**  
[thereflector.com](http://thereflector.com)
- **Clark County Today**  
[clarkcountytoday.com](http://clarkcountytoday.com)

### League of Women Voters

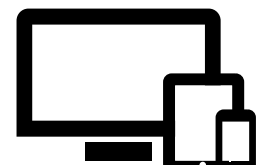
For a schedule of events or candidate forums, see their website at [lwvclarkcounty.org](http://lwvclarkcounty.org) or call 971-220-5874.



## 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](http://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](http://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.

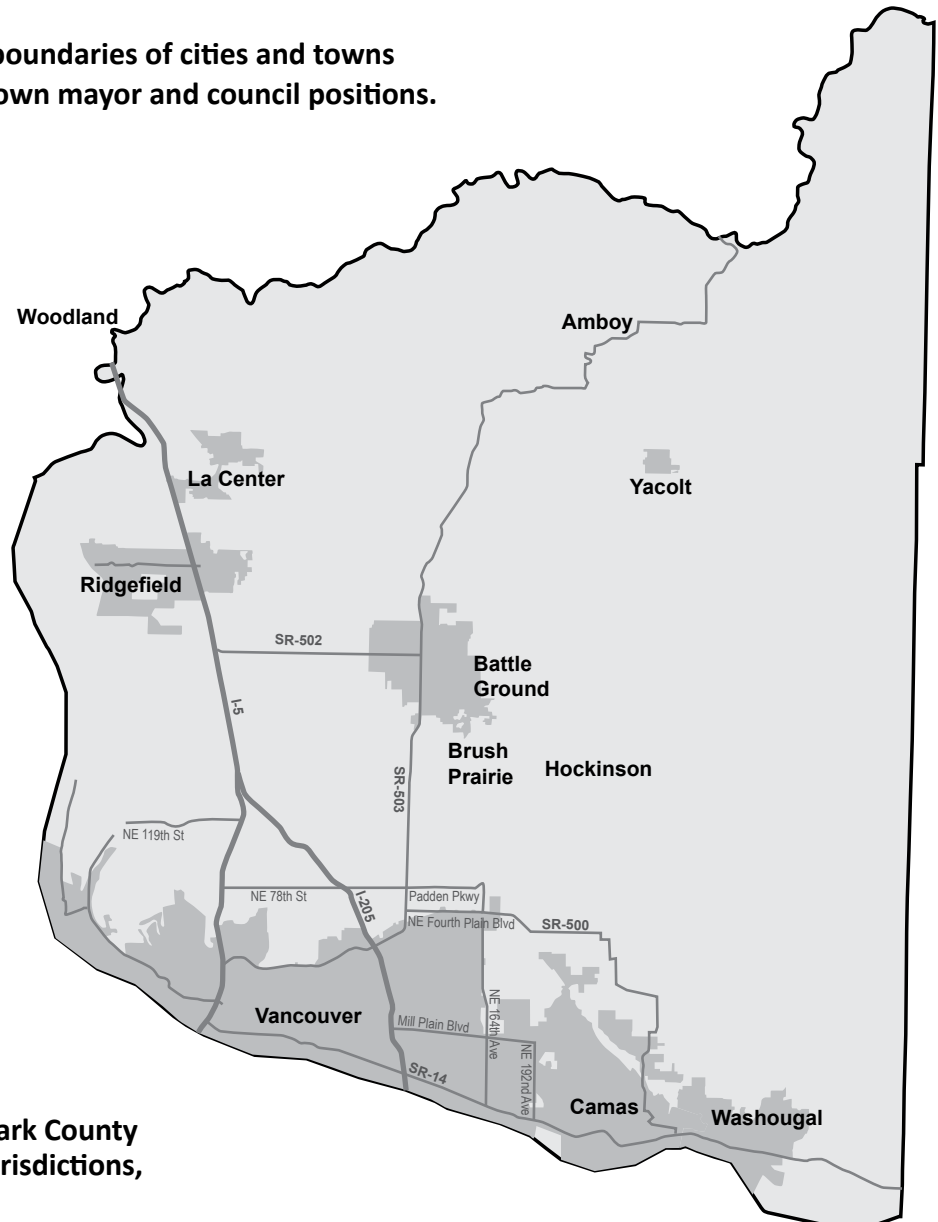
# What district am I in?

## Are you wondering which jurisdictions you live in?

There are several ways to find out:

- **Log in** to [VoteWA.gov](http://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](mailto:elections@clark.wa.gov)
- **Visit** [clarkvotes.org](http://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.

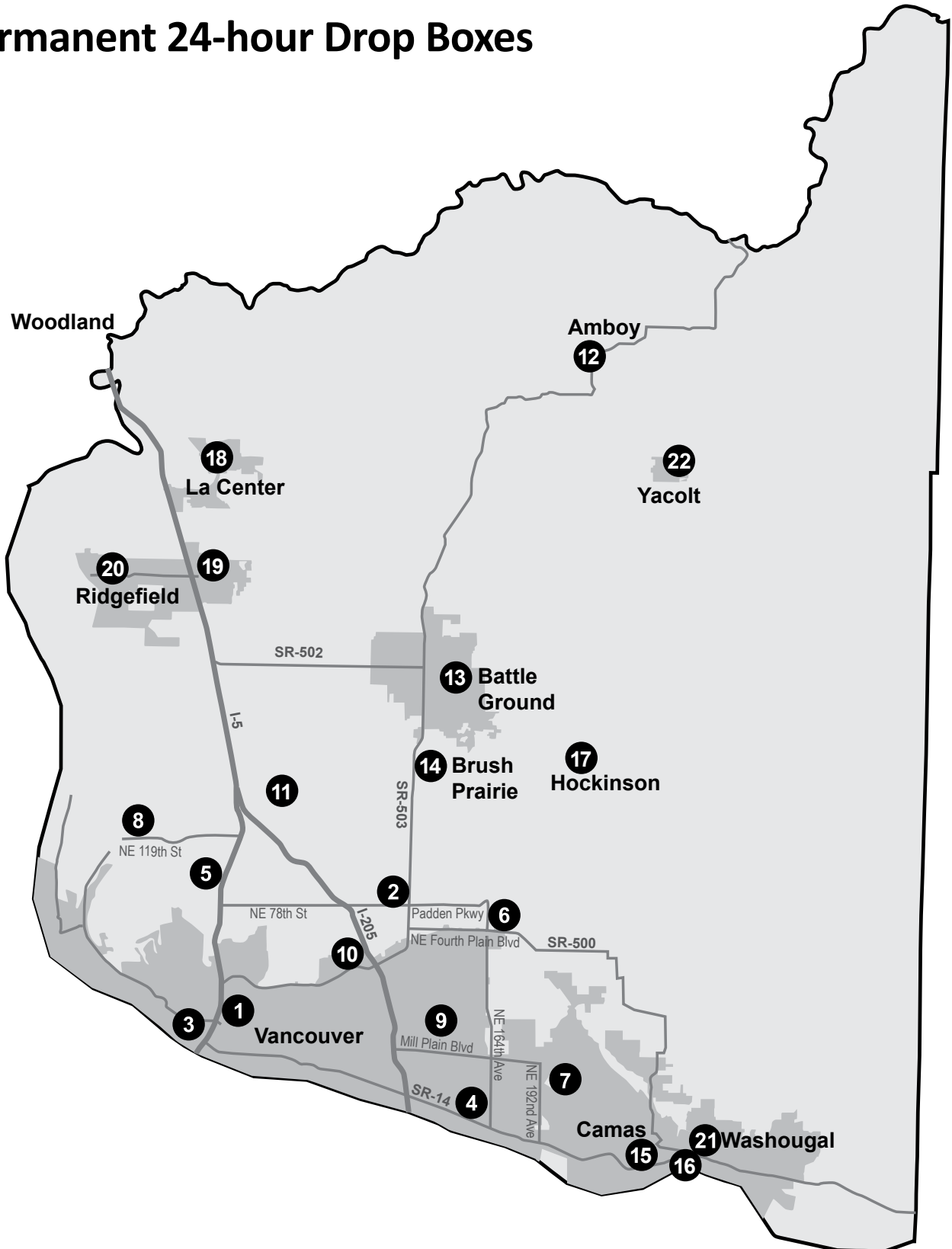
**Only voters residing within the boundaries of cities and towns are eligible to vote on city and town mayor and council positions.**



To view detailed maps of the Clark County Council districts and all other jurisdictions, visit [clarkvotes.org](http://clarkvotes.org).

# Ballot deposit locations

## Permanent 24-hour Drop Boxes



# Ballot deposit locations

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2023.** Starting on October 20 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

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)
- 11 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**

- 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)
- 14 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 7, Election Day only – 10 am until 8 pm

# 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.



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

## About the Touch Writer

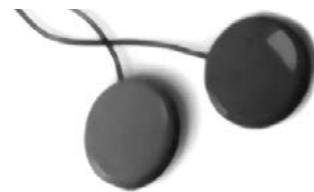
The Touch Writer is accessible in several ways:

- 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.





# 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 7, 2023 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:  
Candidate 2 has  
been chosen.*

*One candidate has  
been marked and  
the box is filled in  
completely.*

LOCAL NONPARTISAN OFFICES

Sample District  
Nonpartisan  
Full Four Year Term  
VOTE FOR ONE

Candidate 1

Candidate 2

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**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.

VOTE FOR ONE

Candidate 1

~~Candidate 2~~

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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 14-15 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](http://VoteWA.gov), by email, mail or phone until 5 pm October 30. 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](http://clarkvotes.org)  
[elections@clark.wa.gov](mailto: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](http://clarkvotes.org) and click on the *VoteWA* graphic to see a personalized voters' guide with the most current information.

## City of Battle Ground

## Councilor, Position No. 2

**Shane A. Bowman**

**Elected Experience** Battle Ground City Council 2012 – present. Mayor 2014 - 2015, Deputy Mayor 2012 - 2013 and 2018 - 2019. Discovery Clean Water Alliance, Evaluation Committee, Fire District 3, Governance Manual, Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 1 Board, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and Legislative Committee.

**Other Professional Experience** Small business owner for more than 20 years. NRA Fire Arms Instructor. Eagle Scout.

**Education** Brigham Young University, Idaho

**Community Service** Founding member of the Battle Ground Festivals Committee (Harvest Days). Cascadia Tech Foundation Board, Cascadia Tech Fire Science Advisory Board, Boy Scout leader, youth group leader, little league president, youth baseball and basketball coach, seminary instructor.

**Statement** I value the citizens of Battle Ground and serve as a City Council Member to help ensure safety and quality of life for us all. Public safety has been and will continue to be a top priority. We have invested in additional street patrols, detective work, school resource officers and recently added a drone program. Our community has always prioritized public safety, and it's important for City Council to follow suit. I've also supported fire services through the annexation of Fire District 3, which provides financial and service stability to our citizens.

My experience with finance has helped the city eliminate debt and maximize the investment of our citizens in projects and infrastructure. We have invested more than \$1 million per year in improving our roads. I have lobbied at the state and federal level resulting in tens of millions of dollars coming back to our community. If re-elected, I'll continue to look for ways to save money and maximize our investments.

In my next term, I'll support the addition of a regional sporting complex and partnering to bring a much-desired pool to town. I have appreciated your past support and would be humbled to earn your vote.

**Phone** 360-921-2783  
**Email** bowman-4bg@comcast.net  
**Website** bowmanforbattleground.com

## City of Battle Ground

## Councilor, Position No. 2

**Josh VanGelder**

**Elected Experience** None

**Other Professional Experience** Landscaping Crew Foreman - 2015-2017; Landscaping Business Partner/Manager - 2018-2020.

**Education** High School Graduate - Home Schooled.

**Community Service** CCSO Volunteer Search and Rescue - 2012-2015; Church on the Rock Serving Team - 2020-Present; Multiple Homeless Outreach Programs.

**Statement** I am running as a small town advocate. Being born and raised in Clark County for my whole life, and now raising my own family of 4 in Battle Ground, I recognize the importance of keeping our small town values and a safe and friendly community for the next generation. I have witnessed what has happened as our small town atmosphere is slowly chipped away by big city policies, where small businesses and personal freedoms are choked out by high rising taxes and increasing government control.

I believe in defending the rights and freedoms of the people, protecting the unborn, supporting our law enforcement officers, producing an environment for local small business success, reducing government control and taxes, and operating our city in a moral and responsible way, as a steward of the funding and trust of the citizens.

I strive to put Christ first and foremost in everything that I do, and this campaign is no exception. I intend to run with love and not hate. With humility, grace and honesty, not mudslinging, cunning and backstabbing. Let us all come together to build a better City, to the glory of God.

**Phone** 360-903-4202  
**Email** VanGelderforBG@gmail.com  
**Website** VanGelderforBG.org

City of Battle Ground

Councilor, Position No. 3



**Victoria Ferrer**

**Elected Experience** Precinct Committee Officer

**Other Professional Experience**  
I Proudly served in the United States Army during 9/11 terrorist attacks, the United States Postal Service, and the Battle Ground School District where I helped children with behavioral and mental health needs. Much of my career

has involved elements of customer service which has provided me with a servant's heart.

**Education** I Earned an AA in Business Science at Mt. Hood Community College and completed courses at Eastern Oregon University in Accounting.

**Community Service** Volunteer work at Daybreak Primary School, Washington Parents Alliance, Battle Ground Public School Community Advisory Committee, and several other community committees.

**Statement** Our town needs leadership that will truly listen to "We the people." I say *No* to Portland 2.0 because I value our natural landscape and our rural values and I'm concerned about our fast-growing community. We need to plan responsibly so not to overburden our roads, schools, and natural resources while ensuring affordable housing for our neighbors.

I will work with my fellow council members to achieve responsible financial spending, while ensuring citizens receive quality services that will not require additional taxes. We already have too many families struggling with high inflation rates.

I'll ensure zoning is being fully researched and your health and safety are more important than growth and revenue. Right now, we are not even in the top 10 in Washington State for clean water and this is a concern for Battle Ground citizens.

Battle Ground is a great place to live. I would be honored to represent you and this great town of ours. If elected, I will work diligently by listening, researching, and helping our community in every way possible. I humbly ask for your vote so I may serve you and our neighbors on the city council.

**Phone** 360-919-2740  
**Email** voteferrer@gmail.com  
**Website** voteferrer.com

City of Battle Ground

Councilor, Position No. 3



**Daniel Dingman**

**Elected Experience** None

**Other Professional Experience**  
Quality Systems Engineer, WestRock Paper and Packaging 2016-2022, Account Manager, Buckman Laboratories 1997-2016, Western Lab Manager, Lion Industries 1994-1997, Research Technician, Boise Cascade R&D 1990-1994, Analytical Chemist, Columbia

Analytical Services 1988-1990, Senior Research Technician, Spectra Technology 1987-1988

**Education** BS Physics, Western Washington University 1986, AA Lower Columbia College 1984, Mark Morris HS 1978

**Community Service** Battle Ground Planning Commission 2023, Music Leader, St. Mary of Guadalupe and Sacred Heart Churches, Musical Entertainer for various community fundraisers, National Anthem Singer for community events.

**Statement** I moved to Battle Ground in 2000 and have grown to love this community. It is truly my home. I recently retired after more than 30 years in the paper industry, and now desire to use my time to serve our city. My many years in technical roles has given me strong analytical and management skills which will serve our city well.

In the time I have lived here, the size of the city has doubled. With growth comes the challenge to maintain the small town feel of Battle Ground. Growth is inevitable. However, the way we grow is ours to determine. I will work to ensure that Battle Ground maintains existing infrastructure and holds developers to high standards for new development with designs that complement our existing construction and strike a balance between buildings, parks, and green spaces. I pledge to be a fiscally conservative consensus builder, ready to listen to and work with citizens from all perspectives.

I consider it an honor to serve this great community, and humbly ask for your vote.

**Phone** 360-607-4211  
**Email** DingmanforBG@gmail.com  
**Website** DingmanforBG.com

**City of Battle Ground**  
**Councilor, Position No. 7**



**Eric Joe Overholser**

**Elected Experience** Current elected Republican Precinct Committee Officer for Precinct 581, serving in my second term.

**Other Professional Experience** Owner and operator of Patriot Pest Management LLC, proudly serving Clark and Cowlitz Counties, based out of Battle Ground.

**Education** Attended Clark College. Graduated Lebanon High School in Lebanon, OR.

**Community Service** Area Representative and coach with Clark County Youth Football. Director of Church in the Streets homeless outreach based in Battle Ground. Active member and volunteer with my church’s men’s ministry. Volunteer with the Portland Rescue Mission. Volunteer and assistant coordinator with the nonprofit Soccer in the Park. Organizer and volunteer with newly formed Football in the Park.

**Statement** As Battle Ground has grown in population, we have started to stray from the small-town values on which the city was built. As a resident and small business owner operating out of BG, as well as a Precinct Committee Officer, I understand what is needed to get us back on track. Outside of work and family, I spend my time volunteering with youth through sports programs such as CCYF and with multiple homeless outreach programs, one of which I run out of my church right here in the city. I love this community, and all the people in it, and I want to work to see us thrive.

I believe in family first, and we need policies to reflect that. I want to see families excel here, with booming small businesses, safe and fruitful schools, and effective public safety. I want to support families by alleviating the burden of high taxes, while insisting on frugal government spending to ensure clean parks, viable roadways, and other important city services.

I believe in holding elected officials accountable and I'll serve honorably, honestly, and with integrity. I will put family over politics, and people over political party, every single time. Thank you.

**Phone** 360-852-4311  
**Email** eric4bgcitycouncil@gmail.com  
**Website** eric4battleground.com

**City of Battle Ground**  
**Councilor, Position No. 7**



**Josie Calderon**

**Elected Experience** None

**Other Professional Experience** Battle Ground School District 2017, Business Owner 2018, President, The Light Center: Afterschool Tutoring Program non-profit 2022, National Healthcare Association 2015

**Education** Cerritos Community College majored in Business Management, Cal-

State University of Long Beach, Medical Assistant Certification Program

**Community Service** Chair, Parks and Community Engagement Committee (2018-2021), Planning Commissioner (2018-2021), Navigator & Stakeholder in the Visioning Process for the City of BG (2018), Just One Thing BG (2018-2020) Harvest Days Committee (2019-current) Kiwanis Club of Battle Ground (current)

**Statement** I chose to live in this city because I fell in love with the small-town values and strong sense of community found in Battle Ground. We have great access to public safety, we are surrounded by nature, and crime rates are low. This city exemplifies affordability, safety, and relative freedom from high taxes and crumbling transportation infrastructure.

I look forward to working together with all citizens to find solutions to our current challenges. I plan to use my expertise as a Navigator to plan for Battle Ground’s future requirements for roads, sewer, and water to accommodate our growing population while employing the necessary fiscal responsibility to control taxes. I'll work to build a bridge between our community and the police department for enhanced public safety.

As an active community member, BGSD employee, and a married mother of 3, I am heavily invested in the success of our community. I will bring communication and problem-solving skills to the challenges we are facing as a community. I will diligently serve to the best of my ability, so all citizens are heard and represented during my service to you.

I consider it an honor to earn your vote for City Councilwoman.

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City of Camas

Mayor



**Randal Friedman**

**Elected Experience** None

**Other Professional Experience** 45 years including land use planner, regulatory official in toxics program, and 32 years as a military civilian representative/advocate to the State of California.

**Education** B.A. with dual majors (Honors) in Economics and

Environmental Planning, University of California Santa Cruz. Professional training in range of issues broadly impacting military operations.

**Community Service** Serving my community through Rotary nearly 20 years. Worked to make Rotary's Ducky Derby a community-wide event bringing in new partners. Volunteer for Meals on Wheels, the Ivy League, and a blood donor. Camas Mill Cleanup Community Advisory Group member. Community advocate on many issues.

**Statement** I'm running for mayor because Camas needs a new direction to bring this divided community together. It's been a remarkable journey that led Debbie Nagano and me to Camas on a fateful trip 7 years ago with our dog Cody to meet Debbie's long-time friend the "Camas Bee Lady." We thank so many of you that have welcomed us as active members of this community.

Moving beyond our rich mill town history, we can protect current mill jobs, clean and start the planning process for appropriate reuse. We can recognize the many unique neighborhoods created in the last 30 years, and those coming. Neighborhoods deserve to be listened to. We can protect and enrich our historic downtown.

A Mayor can't do it alone. Camas needs a city council to do its job protecting our forests and lakes, building a pool, and tapping our incredible volunteer talent. The Mayor and Council are a team.

No matter your story you are Camas. You care about our city's vision. This campaign is about bringing all Camas together for our collective future. Let's not be afraid to dream. I'm asking for your vote to get this started.

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City of Camas

Mayor



**Steven C. Hogan**

**Elected Experience** 18 years elected experience: 2 years as Mayor of Camas, 16 years on Camas City Council. Mayor Pro Tem 2021, 2017, 2014. Finance Committee, Planning Commission, Georgia Pacific Mill Advisory Committee, BOD Columbia River Economic Development Council, Downtown Camas Association, BOD Clark County Ending Community Homeless Organization.

**Other Professional Experience** Senior Manager and Chief Operating Officer in recycled paper, wood and steel industries.

**Education** MBA Seattle University; BA Business Administration Finance University of Washington; Association of Washington Cities Advanced Municipal Leader designation 2007.

**Community Service** Camas Washougal Rotary Club; Founding Board Member Downtown Camas Association; Former President of Camas Education Foundation; youth soccer coach 30 years.

**Statement** Camas is a one of a kind city with a rich heritage and bright future. Among some of the recognitions our community has achieved include: #1 City in Washington to raise a family during 2023, rated the #2 safest city in the State of Washington in 2022, our Downtown Camas Association is rated one of the best Main Street programs in the State of Washington, our Camas School District is ranked as one of the best nationally.

When Mayor MacDonnell resigned in May 2021, I ran for Mayor to stabilize the leadership in the City. We have reached that goal. I'm honored to work with our current City Staff. They are true professional servant leaders. They have won State and National Awards over the past two years and recently, Standard and Poors has upgraded our credit worthiness to the highest level in the nation.

As your Mayor, my objectives will include continuing to focus on safety, promotion of jobs, our integration with the outdoors, maintaining and enhancing our "hometown" feel, and supporting our school district. My longstanding passion for this community and belief in our city's future have inspired me to seek the honor of serving as your Mayor.

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## City of Camas

## Councilor, At-large

**John Svilarich**

**Elected Experience** President, Deer Creek Homeowners Association. Chairman, Citizens Advisory Committee, Camas School Board.

**Other Professional Experience** My experience includes leadership positions for some of the world's largest companies. My background includes business development, logistics and

distribution, training, and ecommerce.

**Education** Bachelor of Science, Finance and Marketing, California State University, Sacramento. Ongoing professional development including financial, technology and communication.

**Community Service** Camas North Shore Citizen Advisory Committee. Long Term Planning Committee, Camas School District. Chairman, Citizens Advisory Committee, Camas School Board. Port of Camas-Washougal, Waterfront Advisory Committee. President, Deer Creek Homeowners Association. Pioneer Courthouse Square Board of Directors. Friends of Trees team leader. Rotary and Kiwanis Volunteer.

**Statement** In Camas, the City Council seems to admire problems instead of solving them.

We've known for years that our merged fire department wasn't sustainable, but we keep studying it. We know that it costs more to repair streets than maintain them, yet our streets continue to crumble. Unsafe buildings, non-functioning systems, we have many. How did we get here? *By kicking the can down the road!* The city wrings its hands while asking for more studies and more information. We wait. I'm tired of Camas admiring its problems. Aren't you? We need to change the city's strategy from admiration to action while working towards solutions and moving forward.

I don't have a magic wand to easily solve our problems. However, if elected I will act. We've waited too long to solve our many challenges. The cost of delay is bigger problems with larger bills to pay. Since moving to Camas 21 years ago, I've volunteered constantly to help the community. I have a practical perspective of how we got here and what we need to do to improve Camas. I also have valuable private sector experience. All of this will help get things done. That is my only agenda!

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## City of Camas

## Councilor, At-large

**Stephen R. Dabasinskas**

**Elected Experience** Vice President, Orange County Narcotics Officers Association.

**Other Professional Experience** As President and Founder of Innovative Business Resources since 1997, I've been providing C-suite management services and solutions to small and mid-size companies around the world. I've led

multi-jurisdictional partners from all layers and branches of government, including as both a Special Agent Supervisor and Narcotics Task Force Commander with the California Department of Justice.

**Education** University of California, San Diego - BA Economics, Minor Law & Society; Police Officers Standard in Training (POST). All Supervisory Certifications.

**Community Service** Little League board member and coach; AAU, Catholic Youth Organization and Camas High School volunteer basketball coach.

**Statement** As a retired law enforcement officer, current business owner, husband and father of three, I am dedicated to protecting this incredible community for future generations. Camas is my home, and now more than ever, it needs experienced and effective leadership - servant led, agenda free, and compassionately executed. *This, I'll deliver for Camas.*

I know all voters deserve open and transparent two-way communications with their elected officials. After visiting with thousands of my neighbors during this campaign, I've come to know the value they collectively place on honest conversation. *This, I'll deliver for Camas.*

Rising interest rates and inflationary realities make fiscal stewardship the most important new metric of municipal leadership. My financial expertise provides Camas a set of uniquely qualified tools that are desperately needed. And when cities, counties, and states must collaborate to meet funding realities - an experienced and steady hand is paramount. *This, I'll deliver for Camas.*

Public safety, environmental responsibility, and sustainable growth management is the key to preserving the charm that is Camas. Safe streets, clean water, and a place that everyone can afford to live is something we can all agree on. I have solutions. I know the way. *Together, let's deliver for Camas.*

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City of Camas

Councilor, Ward 1, Position No. 1



**John Nohr**

**Elected Experience** Camas City Council, 2022-Present

**Other Professional Experience** Portland Fire & Rescue, Firefighter/EMT-Paramedic, rose through the ranks and retired as Chief of Emergency Operations, 1988-2016; Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue, Fire Chief 2016-present; Clark Regional Emergency Services

Agency (CRESA) Administrative Board Vice Chair, 2019-present; Clark County Fire Chief’s Association, Chair, 2018-2021

**Education** BS, *Fire Service Administration*, Eastern Oregon University; Paramedic Program, Oregon Health & Science University; AA, *Fire Science Technology*, Portland Community College

**Community Service** North Clark Community Food Bank, *current board member*; Trauma Intervention Program NW, *current board member*; Camas Salary Commission, 2014-2022

**Statement** As a proud Camas resident for more than 32 years, I’m deeply grateful to call this city my home and it would be an honor to serve as your next elected councilor representing Ward 1. I am committed to working in partnership with residents, elected officials, government agencies and businesses to build and maintain a thriving community committed to posterity, local commerce, resiliency, and connection.

As a dedicated civil servant with more than 35 years of public safety and local government experience, I possess demonstrated leadership skills in key areas of strategic planning, budgeting, finance, growth management and planning, preparedness, emergency response, partnership/contract negotiations, and community engagement.

I will prioritize the perspectives and experiences of Camas residents and provide a sensible and transparent approach to decision-making when considering the impacts of policy decisions on our tax structures, economy, community and business development, land stewardship, and the public’s health and safety.

As your city councilor, I will continue working hard to ensure Camas is a vibrant community to live, work, and play.

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City of Camas

Councilor, Ward 1, Position No. 1



**Gary Perman**

**Elected Experience** Past President, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers – Oregon/SW WA.; Board member, St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

**Other Professional Experience** Successful Camas business owner, PermanTech for past 27 years; firm specializes in the alternative fuels industry; Member, Society Automotive

Engineers and NTEA – National Truck Equipment Association; Member/past Chair – IEEE, Oregon/SW WA.; Director, U.S. Recruiters Network.

**Education** Attended Washington State University; Bachelor’s degree, Eastern Washington University; Graduate, Camas High School.

**Community Service** Commissioner, Civil Service Commission, City of Camas; Member and Board of Director, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Washougal; Volunteer: Refuel Fridays, Impact C/W; Camas Washougal Chamber of Commerce; Past member: Rotary International, SHARE, Lions.

**Statement** Camas elected officials continue to ignore the citizens they’re supposed to serve. Neighbors have lost faith in City leadership. Whether it be their refusal to allow a public vote on the new utility tax, or an unwanted \$15 million splash pad proposal instead of a simple pool replacement for Crown Park, or another year of a toxic Lacamas Lake, or raising property taxes repeatedly on our community’s most vulnerable, city leaders are simply not listening to the people!

It’s time for positive change in Camas! As a successful business owner, I’ll provide strong leadership that always puts citizens first. We need leaders who’ve signed the front side of a paycheck in elected positions, not those employed in other government agencies. I’ll prioritize spending and oppose tax hikes to save taxpayer dollars.

I’ll improve citizen communication, better manage growth to preserve our rich heritage, and support public safety to keep Camas safe. My wife Becky and I are lifelong residents of Camas. Our two sons were born and raised here. I care deeply about Camas and I’m ready to launch a new era of accountability in city government. As your voice on City Council, I’ll never forget I work for you!

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**City of Camas**  
**Councilor, Ward 2, Position No. 1**



**Ry Luikens**

**Elected Experience** Vice President, Summit Terrace HOA; honed leadership as Student Body Treasurer. ;)

**Other Professional Experience** Led MakerBot's education sector, securing \$1.3M for teachers in high-need schools. Mentored entrepreneurs at Techstars, facilitating startup success. At Mach49, help Fortune 500s build and

invest in new ventures. Former global photojournalist.

**Education** BA, Sustainable Urban Dynamics, from ASU's School of Sustainability—harmonizing sustainable development with smart, deliberate growth.

**Community Service** Advisory board member, Cosmic Writers; launched literacy programs with nonprofits overseas. Wrote grants at Horticultural Society of New York funding urban greening initiatives. Founded Camas Coffee Club, fostering a vibrant, inclusive 100-member community in response to pandemic isolation.

**Statement** Camas, it's time for change. But not just any change. I'm talking Rejuvenation. Revitalization. Renewal. I'm Ry—father, husband, business leader, international explorer, and pragmatic optimist—driven to serve on City Council to foster a more vibrant, resilient Camas. Our city's potential is limitless, mirrored by the spirit of its residents. We deserve leadership that respects and champions the aspirations of all Camasonians.

Imagine a Camas shaped by your voice. Picture Lacamas Lake, our shared treasure, shimmering and pristine—a symbol of our collective commitment to the environment. Visualize our community pool—reborn, revived, resurrected, becoming once again a hub for generations of family bonding and learning, without excessive financial burden. This is the Camas I dream of, and for which I'll fight: Your Lake. Your Pool. Your Voice.

Camas stands at a crossroads. Activating my diverse experience in sustainable development, startup growth, and community engagement, I'm ready to meet our city's challenges head-on. As your City Councilor, I promise open, sincere, consistent communication, ever mindful that my responsibility is to you, the people of Camas.

The time is now. Together, let's transform our city's future—a future that's brighter, more unified, and reflective of our shared dreams. Together, let's be the change we seek!

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**City of Camas**  
**Councilor, Ward 2, Position No. 1**



**Bonnie Carter**

**Elected Experience** Appointed City Council Ward 2, Position 1 in February 2015; Elected City Council Ward 2, Position 1 November 2015; Re-elected City Council Ward 2, Position 1 November 2019.

**Other Professional Experience** Administrative Assistant in the Camas School District 2014- current; Target

Store Executive supporting a \$30M budget and 300 staff members 1994-1998.

**Education** Bachelor of Science Marketing, University of Minnesota-Moorhead.

**Community Service** Board Member Camas Educational Foundation 2009-2013, 2023-current; Camas Grad Night Committee 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2023; Skyridge PTO, Grass Valley PTA, Helen Baller PTA; Senior Board Reviewer.

**Statement** With over nine years of experience representing Camas citizens, my top priority has been accessibility, listening and finding compromises that work for most. Through stable and unstable times, our collective priorities of needs and wants have been reviewed, analyzed, and discussed to look at the full scope in order to avoid unintended consequences. Together we'll continue to work through maintaining Camas values of safe neighborhoods, a clean environment, planned growth, and accessibility for all. Government can appear to move slowly, however, together, we can be thoughtful and intentional with civility, intelligence, and kindness. I would be humbled to represent you as we lead Camas together and ask that you let me continue this work with your vote.

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City of Camas

Councilor, Ward 3, Position No. 1



**Jennifer Senescu**

**Elected Experience** City of Camas Councilmember (current); Parking Advisory Committee (2014-2023); Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (2020-2023).

**Other Professional Experience** Executive Director of the Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce (current); Co-owner of Camas Gallery

with Marquita Call (since 2013); Paralegal/Legal Assistant in the Clark County legal community (14 years); Stay at home mom (8 years).

**Education** Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree in Political Science; Washington State University – Pullman (1990); Camas High School Graduate (1986).

**Community Service** Camas-Washougal Rotary; Camas Lions; Soroptimist International of Clark County; 100 Women Who Care; Refuel Washougal; Board of Directors Liaison - Downtown Camas Association.

**Statement** I’m running to retain my appointed seat on Camas City Council to maintain and encourage public faith in Camas leadership and to continue our City’s status as a wonderful place to live and work. I will provide strong jointly driven leadership with honest and direct, two-way communication. Camas continues to need elected officials who respect and represent citizens. I grew up in Camas and am a proud 4th generation Camasonian. With my fellow Councilmembers, I’m committed to reducing hurdles on businesses so they may thrive. People deserve an opportunity to work where they live. As Councilmember, I will continue to be part of a skilled group of policy makers as we take the charge to foster a quality business and living environment with a focus on attracting both businesses and lifelong residents, all the while maintaining the City’s small-town charm. I’ll continue to prioritize spending to support law enforcement and emergency services while addressing the Camas-Washougal inter-local fire agreements to protect residents. As a business owner, wife, mother and community leader, there’s nothing more important than the safety and well-being of our citizens. If elected to continue serving as a Councilmember, I’ll work for you!

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City of La Center

Mayor



**Thomas Strobehn**

**Elected Experience** Appointed La Center City Mayor 2023, Elected La Center City Council Position No. 4 2019, Appointed La Center City Council Position No. 4 2018

**Other Professional Experience** Owner and president of multiple companies, with several years of management experience

**Education** Multiple degrees Clark College

**Community Service** Active member Clark College CSIT advisory committee since 2016, multiple donations to schools /charity groups in and around Clark County; Started a scholarship at Clark College for single parents, volunteer for Clark College events, “green eggs & ham” Read Across America volunteer, current and past supporter Northwest Association for Blind Athletes, Janus Youth Programs, Lions International Club La Center member

**Statement** I am honored to be appointed as mayor this year and have learned a great deal on how a city operates and the struggles to maintain it. Being a resident for close to 20 years I have watched this city become one of the most desirable places to live in Clark County and would like to see that continue into the future. Since my short time as the appointed mayor, I have initiated relations with the Cowlitz Tribe, engaged in negotiations for active policing in the city and I am working with our community leaders to make sure everyone’s voice is heard. Communities that work closely together, thrive, which makes them the strongest and most desirable. La Center is growing and with it comes many obstacles, not being a career politician, I know I will still have a lot to learn but I am up for the task at hand and I would be honored for your vote this November.

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**City of La Center**  
**Councilor, Position No. 4**



**Crystal Harvey**

**Elected Experience** Looking to build upon my prior elected experience as President for two consecutive years with the Hemet, California Mayors Youth Council.

**Other Professional Experience** Highly motivated and dedicated individual with 15+ years of IT Support servicing the needs of others. Engaged

in issues in order to impact change. Innovative, adaptive and resilient. Collaboration, planning and action are essential in accomplishing any objective.

**Education** Arizona State University; Bachelor of Science Sociology 2012; Minor Women & Gender Studies 2012.

**Community Service** Woodland Rotary Club, Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation, Friends of Woodland, Police Activities League, Mayors Youth Counsel Secretary & President. Helping Our Seniors Today & Tomorrow.

**Statement** All voices being heard is crucial in any town, increasingly our own. It is my goal to hear all of these voices without bias or agenda. Looking to maintain La Center’s green spaces as well as our outdoor recreational safety.

Attention to schools class sizes, quality of education and literacy. Attention to our infrastructure, traffic as well as continued goal for the safety of our residents. The continued monitoring of crime and speed enforcement. Increase city fundraising and encourage community engagement. Involvement in neighborly culture is what makes us special! I support farmers, agriculture and our local businesses. Bring awareness to food banks needs for elderly.

I strive to go above and beyond to make solutions happen. I have a passion and personal commitment to doing what is right for others while going above and beyond to resolve local issues. Please allow me to the chance to make an impact in our favorite town of La Center!

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**City of La Center**  
**Councilor, Position No. 4**



**Myrna Leija**

**Elected Experience** Former Councilor Candidate

**Other Professional Experience** Vancouver Police Department in Records and Evidence, Retired Clark County Corrections Deputy, Corrections Special Response Team, US Marshals (contract work), Field Training Officer, Jail Industries Environmental Services

**Education** Majored in Criminal Justice at Clark College, Graduated from Correction Officer Academy, Graduated Hostage & Crisis Negotiation Training at Camp Rilea, Clark County Cultural Diversity Yearly Training, Graduated from Field Training Officer Academy

**Community Service** Women's Prison Ministry in Seattle, Men's Prison Ministry at Larch Corrections Center, Veteran's & First Responders Board of SW WA, Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC), Bible Study Fellowship Leadership

**Statement** I moved to La Center in 2019 because I thought it was a beautiful, quiet little city. For 35 years I've lived in Clark County and I love the sense of community and the wonderful amenities that La Center provides. The Farmer's Market, City Wide Garage Sale, concerts in the park, Christmas Tree Lighting, Our Days Festival, and the Historical Museum are all things that I enjoy in our community.

La Center is a very special city, but the city faces challenges. We need leaders that are fiscally responsible and creative so that we attract businesses and Police security to our lovely city. Working closely with the other councilors I will help to bring business to La Center which will fund infrastructure and other desirables such as walking paths and parks. Furthermore, my connection with the Clark County Sheriff's Office provides me a unique avenue to ensure we have ongoing security and safety.

My goal is to listen and respond to the concerned citizens of La Center. I am asking for your vote for Position #4 on La Center City Council. Let's bring transparency and communication, with a spirit of working together, for the betterment of our community.

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City of La Center

Councilor, Position No. 5



**Elizabeth M. Cerveny**

**Elected Experience** Mayor, City of La Center, appointed, then elected 1997-2003; City Council Member 2012

**Other Professional Experience** Public Information Officer IV Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission; General Manager, Lewis River Telecommunications; City of La Center Planning Commission; City of

La Center Budget Committee; City of La Center Cowlitz Tribal Committee; Community Development Block Grant Committee; La Center Beautification Project Clark County Pride Award; Executive Director North County Community Food Bank Since 2012 M-F.

**Education** Bachelor of Arts Political Science/PreLaw

**Community Service** La Center Garden Club 1999-2009 President; La Center Scholarship Foundation 1993 President; La Center Arts Festival Committee - Organizer with Don Landes McCullough

**Statement** La Center is a rare gem, filled with an abundance of manicured parks, trails, and natural wetlands situated along the Lewis River. Moving here in 1993, I quickly became involved in the community, and I've never looked back.

My motivation is to see La Center maintain its small-town feel, yet grow and diversify. Bringing new businesses to the community will strengthen the City of La Center financially for the future. Additional businesses will also generate important tax revenues, provide employment, and better serve the community's needs.

I promise to each of you, that I will continue working diligently to reach a strong contractual arrangement providing a high degree of safety and protection for all residents. I will also work very hard to obtain the much-needed state and federal grant dollars necessary for La Center to keep our roadways safe. I will continue building strong relationships with the Cowlitz Tribal Council members and ilani staff as we move forward in developing the junction area.

It is an honor to serve you. Please reach out and discuss any topics you may have. You can reach me at 360-263-2229, or [ecerveny@tds.net](mailto:ecerveny@tds.net). I look forward to representing you.

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City of La Center

Councilor, Position No. 5



**Linda Tracy**

**Elected Experience** La Center City Council 2004-2012

**Other Professional Experience** Mayor Pro-Tem - 2 years; Cruise Director - 1 year

**Education** High School Graduate 1965; Clark County Sheriff's Citizen's Academy

**Community Service** La Center Chamber of Commerce, La Center Our Days Committee, Founder & Director of the Miss Teen La Center Scholarship Program, celebrating 20 years this year, La Center Police Advisory Coalition, La Center Christmas Bazaar & Tree Lighting, Miss Clark County Scholarship Program Board Member, Shop With a Cop, Clark County Sheriff's Posse, Clark County Dairy Women's Booth

**Statement** Before moving to La Center, in 2000, I was a business owner, a professional singer, a Cruise Director, a mom, a grandmother and a wife. I'm still some of those things. Since those early days in La Center I have seen lots of changes. When I was first elected, in 2003, we didn't even have 1000 registered voters. The old hospital building became the library, making way for the Chevron Marketplace, the cardrooms supported our Cities' budget, before and now, after the Pandemic, the purchase and upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, the dedication of Sternwheeler Park and Amphitheater, and the Cowlitz Tribe building up at the junction. Bringing in more commercial businesses would be a goal of mine and I'd like to see our Lewis River access utilized for community enjoyment. But, most of all, we need a working Police force again. My husband, of more than 46 years, always says. "we are the sum total of our experience" and I offer quite a bit of it. I love La Center and taking part in community endeavors and projects, and feel I would make an excellent and *involved* Council member."

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## City of Ridgefield

## Councilor, Position No. 2

**Clyde Burkle**

**Elected Experience** Appointed to City Council Position No. 2

**Other Professional Experience**

Civil Service Commission 5 years. Salary Commission 4 years. City of Ridgefield Budget Review Board 3 years. Sears Holdings Corporation 42 years - Operated 60 big box retail stores in the Midwest.

**Education** Thorton Community College - AA degree.

**Community Service** Co-Founder Green Bag Food Project in the City of Ridgefield. Ridgefield Lions Club Board of Directors. Neighbors Helping Neighbors Board of Directors. Make A Difference award recipient for Ridgefield 2023. Liaison-Clark Regional Wastewater. Liaison-City of Ridgefield Budget Review Board. Liaison-Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.

**Statement** As a 19-year Ridgefield resident I have seen the population grow from 3,000 residents to the current population of 14,400 residents. During that time, I have been actively involved in attending City Council meetings and Community groups as an active volunteer. Recently I helped plant 2,500 trees with the Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington in multiple locations in Ridgefield. As you can see by my community service, I am deeply committed to the City of Ridgefield and listening to residents' concerns. I will strive to make thoughtful informed decisions about our future and ensure all voices in our community are heard. Retain Clyde Burkle.

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City of Ridgefield

Councilor, Position No. 3



**Mark D. Tyler**

**Elected Experience** Member of the Ridgefield, WA Planning Commission, 2023; Member of the Bethel, AK Finance and Budget Committee, 2017-2018.

**Other Professional Experience** Litigation Attorney - Miller Nash, LLP (Current); Deputy Prosecuting Attorney - Clark County; Assistant District Attorney - State of Alaska; Business

Analyst - NANA Development Corporation; Auditor - KPMG.

**Education** Juris Doctorate - Brigham Young University, 2015; BA Accounting - Portland State University, 2009; BA Political Science - Brigham Young University, 2006.

**Community Service** Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program

**Statement** Like many, my family moved to Ridgefield in the last few years because it offered a safe and welcoming environment. We have come to love the community and can't imagine a better place to raise our two small children. If chosen by the people to serve on the city council, my primary goal is to keep Ridgefield the safe and family friendly community it is as that community continues to grow.

In my view, the City Council has two main priorities: 1) Support law enforcement to keep our community safe; and 2) responsibly manage and use the citizens' tax dollars. My background as a CPA and accountant will allow me to effectively review our city's budget and understand how each policy decision will impact the budget and the services our city needs to provide.

As a prosecutor, I have worked with and understand what law enforcement needs to effectively accomplish the difficult task of monitoring our city and keeping each of us safe. I will work with our officers to ensure they have the resources they need to protect our city and themselves.

Thank you and I look forward to serving!

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City of Ridgefield

Councilor, Position No. 3



**Lee E. Wells**

**Elected Experience** Ridgefield City Council 2007-present; Ridgefield Mayor Pro Tem 2010-2022

**Other Professional Experience** Columbia River Log Scaling & Grading Bureau 1962-2006

**Education** Ridgefield High School Graduate - 1962

**Community Service** Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association Board of Directors 1989-present, serving 6 years as President. Director for Clark Cowlitz Farm Bureau 6 years. Clark County Current Use Advisory Board. Public Benefit Rating System for the Clark County Assessor. Present board member of the Clark County Weed board. Liaison-Discovery Clean Water Alliance. Liaison-Clark Regional Wastewater. Liaison-Port of Ridgefield. Several trips to Washington DC to discuss wildlife management and advocate for community concerns.

**Statement** In 2007 I ran for a seat on the Ridgefield City Council and was elected. Married my neighbor in 1965 three years after we both graduated from RHS and had 5 children that graduated from RHS, of which 5 out of 5 have 98642 zip code. We have 13 grandchildren and the majority of them have gone through the Ridgefield school system. We also have 7 great grandchildren and my great grand parents moved to Ridgefield in 1885. We bought our family farm in 1972 and my father's farm in 1995 and have run cattle on the refuge and other large parcels in the Ridgefield area for 50 years and continue to farm on a smaller scale. As you can see, we have a vested interest in the community. I enjoy giving back to the community the knowledge that I have gleaned over the years. I want to maintain a healthy and vibrant City and will continue to encourage citizens to participate to help make good decisions and retain our Ridgefield charm. I will continue to be an open and honest informed voice for our citizens and foster relationships for the betterment of the community. Please Re-Elect Lee Wells

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**City of Ridgefield**  
**Councilor, Position No. 4**



**Matt Cole**

**Elected Experience** Ridgefield City Council, April 2022 – Present (appointed)

**Other Professional Experience** 15-year marketing executive; former small business owner; former policy analyst at the Washington State Legislature; US Navy veteran

**Education** BA Political Science, Whitworth University

**Community Service** Little League coach; Union Ridge Elementary School volunteer; Ridgefield Arts Association; Ridgefield Planning Commission, 2021-2022; Ridgefield Budget Advisory Committee, 2021-2022; Board of Trustees, Clark County Mosquito Control District, 2020-2022; CMDC Advisory Member at WSU-V, 2015-2016; Web Design Advisory Board at Clark College, 2014-2015

**Statement** It has been an honor to serve Ridgefield on City Council. Having grown up in Clark County and choosing Ridgefield as our home seven years ago, my family and I have experienced firsthand the incredible qualities that make this town exceptional.

My focus on Council has been on smart growth and fostering a strong community. I believe in preserving Ridgefield's unique charm while seeking opportunities for economic growth. I have been committed to our parks and trails because they serve as essential gathering spaces for our neighbors. This includes advocating for new parks to be accessible to people of all abilities, and a connected trail network throughout the city. Lastly, I understand the significance of a solid community foundation, which is why I have worked to forge strong relationships between the city and our local partners. To me, that foundation makes Ridgefield a complete community.

We certainly face challenges as we continue to grow. Your support will ensure you have a voice on Council that represents active families, exceptional access to city services, and ensures our infrastructure continues to support our growth.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this community and express my heartfelt thanks for your vote.

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**City of Ridgefield**  
**Councilor, Position No. 5**



**Rob Aichele**

**Elected Experience** Ridgefield City Council 2020-present; Ridgefield Mayor Pro Tem 2022-present

**Other Professional Experience** Ridgefield Planning Commission 2019-2020. Representative for the Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters 2015-2018. Superintendent for Skanska USA Building 1989-2015.

**Education** Pacific NW Carpenters Institute. Skanska University. Carpenters International Training Center. Portland Community College.

**Community Service** Ridgefield Mainstreet Economic Vitality Committee. Ridgefield Police Department Neighbors on Watch Program (NOW). Ridgefield Lions Club. Ridgefield Arts Association. Liaison-Port of Ridgefield. Liaison-Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce. Liaison-Friends of the Ridgefield Library. Citizens for Ridgefield Schools. Prior service: HOA President and Treasurer. Prior Service: Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee.

**Statement** My wife and I moved to Ridgefield in 2015 after falling in love with our historic downtown area. Early retirement provided me with time to get involved with our growing community through City Government and local community groups. In 2019 I ran for a seat on the Ridgefield City Council and was elected. My motto was: "Your City, Your Council, Your Voice". I knocked on 2,800 doors and many of the people I spoke with enjoy living in Ridgefield, support smart growth and amenities that meet community needs. My priorities remain on parks and trail connectivity, advancing local employment opportunities, getting ahead of the infrastructure improvements and public safety. Over time my involvement with our downtown Mainstreet program has grown as their mission to support and promote downtown Ridgefield resonates with me. I have always been responsive and committed to representing the concerns and aspirations of the citizens of Ridgefield and if re-elected will continue representing your voice on your City Council. Re-elect Rob Aichele.

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## City of Ridgefield

### Councilor, Position No. 7



### Judy Chipman

**Elected Experience** 2 years on the Ridgefield City Council 9 years on the Board of Directors of the Columbia Credit Union

**Other Professional Experience** Bonneville Power Administration in a variety of positions and management roles within the Supply Chain and Contracting. Director of Procurement for the Vanalco Aluminum Smelter.

**Education** C.P.M. in Purchasing Management 2 years of business courses at Clark Community College Miscellaneous Contracting and Procurement classes through the National Association of Purchasing Management.

**Community Service** I have recently become involved and on the Board of a food bank in Ridgefield, Neighbors Helping Neighbors. We are working to raise funding there for their ability to continue operating.

**Statement** I have enjoyed my time on the Council and am very appreciative of the Community support in this role. This is a very busy role, and each Councilor spends many hours both weekly and monthly attending both local and County wide events where Ridgefield's presence is valued. I enjoy working with the city staff and City Manager and feel it is one of the best managed cities in Clark County, I grew up in Ridgefield and my husband and I moved back here in 2012 to Tavener Ridge. I have a passion for Ridgefield and want to see the growth we are experiencing be well planned and a full awareness on behalf of the community we serve of the projects and upcoming changes the city might be planning. I welcome individual conversations with residents and would love to meet with anyone wishing to share their thoughts with me. My husband and I are also member of New Heights Church and attend the West campus and enjoy serving there also. In my spare time, I enjoy my great-grandchildren and the joy they bring to our lives.

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## City of Vancouver

## Councilor, Position No. 4

**Bart Hansen**

**Elected Experience** Thirteen years on the Vancouver City Council; Two years as Mayor Pro Tem

**Other Professional Experience** Leadership Clark County; twenty three years experience at Clark Public Utilities; currently the Executive Director at the Building Industry Association

**Education** Master of Business Administration - Marylhurst University; Bachelor of Arts degree - Washington State University; Associate of Arts degree - Clark College

**Community Service** C-Tran Rider/Board Member; Vancouver School District- Management Advisory Task Force Member

**Statement** As your City Councilman, my vision for Vancouver has always been One Community, Safe and Prosperous. Whether you live on the East Side or the West Side, Uptown or Downtown, or somewhere in between, I will continue to represent you. When we share common goals, our city's diversity is our strength. My vote has always been to improve public safety and core essential services. I am honored to have the endorsements of the International Fire Fighters Association #452 and the Vancouver Police Guild.

First elected during a time of double digit unemployment and a recession, I chose to trim back nonessential services, while maintaining our police and public safety agencies. Most importantly, we continued to operate our city on a sound fiscal basis. Today, the economy is stronger and there is renewed development throughout Vancouver as our city continues to grow and prosper.

By coordinating efforts among our public agencies, we can save taxpayer dollars and provide value added services. As an example, I developed the C-Tran Apple Pass program that gives middle school and high school students free access to our bus system and community centers.

I ask for your vote and continued support.

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## City of Vancouver

## Councilor, Position No. 5

**Ty Stober**

**Elected Experience** Vancouver City Council 2016-Present; Mayor Pro Tem 2022-Present; Board Member, National League of Cities 2020-Present.

**Other Professional Experience** Program Manager, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance 2012-2015; Entrepreneurial Endeavors 2005-2012; Program Manager, TESSCO 2002-2005;

Sales & Marketing, Larsen Antennas 1992-2000.

**Education** Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership, Association of Washington Cities; Bronze Certificate, National League of Cities University; Senior Executives in State & Local Government, Harvard Kennedy School; MBA, University of North Carolina; BA, University of Puget Sound.

**Community Service** Hough & Fruit Valley Lunch Buddy; Former Board Member, Daybreak Youth Services.

**Statement** With over 200,000 diverse residents, Vancouver is nationally known as a *proactive* city, *unafraid* to innovate and take on tough challenges to develop our *unique* identity.

We are proud of the new waterfront expansion, but significant commercial, industrial, and residential developments are bringing urban amenities to residents throughout the city.

As a councilmember, I strongly advocate for *safety*, *job growth*, and a dramatic increase in *housing* that is affordable no matter an individual's income. Addressing these issues will require creative ideas, difficult conversations, and tough decisions. I am running for re-election to bring my commitment, compassion, and thoughtfulness to these deliberations.

*Thank you* for entrusting me with the honor of servicing on Council. I am honored to continue working on your behalf.

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City of Vancouver

Councilor, Position No. 6



**Leah Perkel**

**Elected Experience** Precinct Committee Officer

**Other Professional Experience** Inside Sales and customer service for local industries including manufacturing and distribution

**Education** Mt. View High School and continuing education at Clark College

**Community Service** Stone Soup, Clark County Food Bank and WHO. Sunday School teacher, Volunteered with the Northwest Neighborhood association. Volunteer work for the city of Vancouver.

**Statement** I was born and raised in Vancouver, surrounded by the beauty of rivers and parks where my family spent summers together. The strong sense of community made me decide to raise my own family here. Times have changed, and now many Vancouver families struggle to afford living in this city. Family wage jobs are crucial in the face of rising living costs, as they provide stable and sufficient incomes to support families and maintain a decent standard of living.

To address the housing crisis, we need innovative solutions that offer housing options at all levels, ensuring anyone can call Vancouver home. We must invest in transportation infrastructure as the city grows to meet the increasing demand. I support Vancouver's climate action plan, which includes expanding access to renewable energy sources and incentivizing green employers. Funding social services will alleviate the burden on the policing system and create a safer Vancouver, enabling police to focus on ensuring citizen safety while empowering social workers to provide necessary support to the community.

I am committed to making Vancouver an affordable and safe place where families can thrive and be proud to call home. I am your choice for positive change in Vancouver.

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City of Vancouver

Councilor, Position No. 6



**Sarah J. Fox**

**Elected Experience** Vancouver City Council Member (Seat 6)

**Other Professional Experience** Climate Policy Manager, WA State Department of Commerce (Current); City of Camas Planner, Veteran, US Army; Vice President of a local family owned construction company.

**Education** Master's Degree, Urban and Regional Planning; Bachelor of Arts Degree, Community Development, Minor in International Studies, Portland State University; Defense Language Institute (US Military); Hudson's Bay High School.

**Community Service** Emergency Operations Center Representative for COVID Crisis; Columbia River Economic Development Council Board and Finance Committee; Children's Justice Center Executive Board; EPA Local Government Advisory Committee; Honor Guard for Veterans of Foreign Wars; volunteer for Habitat for Humanity; Friends of Trees.

**Statement** As your current City Councilor, I have worked hard to keep my promises to you, stay focused on the issues, listen, serve without ego, and be dedicated to positive outcomes. All with a deep commitment to public service, collaboration, and ensuring accountability.

I supported fully funding our fire department and initiatives like implementing a police body camera program. Also, innovative efforts to reduce homelessness and increase housing affordability – understanding that no single solution alone can solve homelessness, mental illness, and the disease of drug addiction.

I'm a Vancouver native, literally born on Main Street. I graduated from Hudson's Bay High School, left for the military, and returned to raise my children here. As an Army Veteran, I know the ramifications of actions and being accountable to those that depend on you. Following military duty, I helped manage our family's construction business, then served as a city planner after college. Now, I lead a team developing guidance for climate change and environmental policies for the state of Washington.

I am proudly endorsed by our firefighters and community leaders. With your renewed support, I will continue to improve public safety, affordable housing, and strengthen our local economy.

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## City of Washougal

## Councilor, Position No. 1 (Mayor)

**David Stuebe**

**Elected Experience** Appointed to the City Council March 2021. Voted by the council to the Mayor Position in September 2022 due to a vacancy. Helped secure \$3,9 million in state tax dollars in support of downtown development. This includes \$1.9 million to continue the preliminary designs for the 32nd Street railway underpass and \$2 million for the civic campus renovation.

**Other Professional Experience** Retired Colonel, 30 years, US Marine Corps. I led coalition training, humanitarian missions, combat operations around the world and held several large commands. Retired from the healthcare industry holding leadership positions.

**Education** BA Degree, Political Science

**Community Service** Serving on several city and community boards.

**Statement** I have been a resident of Washougal since 2007, married to Paige and have four adult children and four grandsons. My passion is to serve my community and be an active part in the continuation of growing a small city that cares for our neighbors. A community where we are all proud, respectful, and responsible to each other. I'm excited about continuing to work with city leadership, staff, volunteers, community and working toward our recent 5-year strategic plan. This includes a downtown park with a splashpad, outdoor kitchen, dog park and additional parking for our new library and downtown businesses. Additionally, we received positive feedback from our federal congressional delegation regarding \$3 million that will assist with our mandated wastewater treatment upgrades. I enjoy leading and being part of a city that wants to make Washougal our home and an amazing place to live and work. I'm committed to helping the city provide intelligent and responsible growth, resident safety, affordable housing, downtown and business growth, youth/adult/senior resources and activities. I'm a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Moose and Eagle member and on the panel for the All-Service Academy Interview Committee for Congressional Appointments.

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## City of Washougal

## Councilor, Position No. 1 (Mayor)

**Gabriel Stone**

**Elected Experience** N/A

**Other Professional Experience**

I have experience with writing as well as with talents in the musical arts. I also have many different fields of study and have years of working experience. I am a people person and ready to serve. "Every Man a King!" Kingfish

**Education** I graduated from Washougal High School and I attended Clark College.

**Community Service** I have community service with Meals on Wheels and served the elderly community as well as their families. I helped manage the organization and served people of all backgrounds. I enjoy serving the community and if elected Mayor I will always fight for the people's voices.

**Statement** Ever since I was a little kid, I wanted to run for public office. Today, I can say I have that chance. I am not running for myself, but running on behalf of the people of Washougal, Washington. My plan is simple. "Every Man a King." Our plan will make education thrive, infrastructure built, and the council being heard by everyday people in the community. My plan would be to reduce unnecessary taxes, get rid of unnecessary regulation, budget restructuring, and have more community events. I am also looking to protect people's freedom and liberty that is at risk at the present moment. I can tell you with utmost experience that this city has potential, and I am looking to put it on the map both economically and socially. We must also rethink the way we plan the economy. Many people are struggling financially, and I believe my math is right on this issue. Many programs I have on hand would improve our city and I believe that no matter what side of the aisle you're on politically, we can all agree that we are all Americans. Thank you for your time and may America go forward in absolute solidarity.

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City of Washougal

Councilor, Position No. 2



**Tia Robertson**

**Elected Experience** Ellsworth on the Park Homeowners Association-Secretary 2010-2012; Sunset Ridge Homeowners Association- Architectural Request Committee 2022-2023

**Other Professional Experience** Small business owner with over 20 years of experience in the service/management industry.

**Education** University of Phoenix- BS Business Management

**Community Service** Columbia Springs Repair Clark County; American Heritage Girls, Vancouver; Adopt-a-Park Program, Hartwood Park; Camas Library used book fundraisers; City of Washougal Parks and Cemetery Board

**Statement** My husband introduced me to Washougal more than a decade ago after he had lived here for 30 years.

We are the proud parents of two children currently enrolled in the Washougal School District. We hold education and community service as vital priorities in our family. Our hope is that our children grow up here, fully aware of its potential, and learn how to serve and sustain its small-town aesthetics and charm.

As a small business owner, I'm dedicated to supporting other local entrepreneurs, as well as our agricultural sector. Further, I am a staunch supporter of our police and fire departments. As a member of the City Council, I will ensure that they have the necessary resources required to protect and serve our rapidly-growing community.

Ultimately, my goal is simple: to represent our community with integrity and ingenuity. I am committed to practical solutions that will enhance our neighborhoods and encourage our youth to pursue a life of service. Moreover, I believe in leaving the world a better place than we found it. This is not only my motto, but also my business promise, and I intend to also uphold it as your representative for City Council.

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City of Washougal

Councilor, Position No. 3



**David M. Fritz**

**Elected Experience** Appointed to Washougal City Council, Position #3, October 2022

**Other Professional Experience** Professional experience with national retailers working in real estate, real estate development, market planning and research, and business development. Skilled in managing teams

and third party vendors. Expertise with contracts, analytical and predictive tools, negotiation, construction and pre-construction including entitlements and permitting. Dollar General Corporation; Banfield Pet Hospital; Auto Zone Inc.; Ace Hardware Corporation.

**Education** Masters Degree in Business Administration, Keller Graduate School of Management, DeVry University; Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Messiah University.

**Community Service** United Washougal; Camas Ivy League; Re-Fuel Washougal; Washington Trails Association; Mount Saint Helens Institute; Mount Adams Institute.

**Statement** In autumn 2022 with the desire to serve the community my family and I call home and care deeply about I applied for an opening on City Council. It was an honor to be appointed to the position.

Since then I've immersed myself in learning about our city government and departments, while building relationships with the mayor, council members and city staff. I serve on the Community Development and Finance Committees, and participated in the Strategic Plan development process. I attended the AWC Action Days in Olympia and will be a representative in Zielonki Poland via my self-funded trip as the sister city relationship is established. I've met and supported community stakeholders and partners including the Port and various community service organizations. Mostly importantly, meeting community members to listen to thoughts and ideas to help keep Washougal moving in a positive direction.

I will help keep city services provided efficiently while facilitating smart growth. I'm passionate about enhancing our local quality of life, particularly our parks and outdoor spaces, with a special interest in sensible connections of pedestrian, multi-use, and bicycling pathways and lanes.

I respectfully ask the voters to allow me to continue serve as council member.

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## City of Washougal

## Councilor, Position No. 4

**Michelle Wagner**

**Elected Experience** Washougal City Councilmember since 2014

**Other Professional Experience**

Retired U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel (C-130 and C-5 Pilot, and Electronic Systems Program Manager); Admissions Liaison Officer (ALO) U.S. Air Force Academy (present)

**Education** Bachelor of Science, U.S. Air

Force Academy; M.B.A., Western New England University

**Community Service** Washougal Arts and Cultural Alliance (WACA) Board Member; Washougal Parks Board Council Liaison, Appointment Committee, Arts Commission Liaison, Community Development Committee and Public Works Committee; Previously--Clark County Mosquito Control Board Member and Fort Vancouver Historic Trust, George C. Marshall Adult Leadership Award Selection Committee Member

**Statement** It has been a great honor to serve and represent the Washougal community for the last several years on the City Council. If re-elected, I will continue to listen to the concerns of my constituents and work on their behalf to continue the City's efforts to make Washougal one of the best places in the country to live. The new Schmidt ball fields and Columbia River bike trail connector are some of my favorite projects that have come to fruition recently, and more are on the horizon!

I will continue to utilize my vote and voice to advocate for adequate infrastructure before development and encourage aesthetically pleasing development that complements our beautiful environment. I will support the acquisition of new parks and trails when fiscally sound, and push for projects that help build a vibrant community for the young and old. I will focus on local issues, promote economic development efforts and back our law enforcement officers in their efforts to maintain a safe city. Most importantly, I will respect and guard the taxpayer purse like it is my own and reflect on it during decision-making.

I humbly ask for your vote and support. Thank you! —Michelle

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## City of Washougal

## Councilor, Position No. 5

**Molly L. Coston**

**Elected Experience** Washougal Councilmember 2005-2011, and 2022-present. Washougal Mayor 2018-2021

**Other Professional Experience**

C-TRAN Board of Directors, Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership - AWC, Community Leadership Award - WA Assn. of School Administrators

**Education** Bachelor of Science - Biology & Organic Chemistry, Master's Certificate - Project Management

**Community Service** Rotary Club of Camas-Washougal 2004-present; League of Women Voters 2003 - present; Washougal Arts and Cultural Alliance - President; longtime PAC member for Washougal School District levies and bonds.

**Statement** For the past 6 years, I've worked diligently to make Washougal even more vibrant, safe and economically robust, both as your Mayor and now as a Councilmember. But that job is never done, and I would like to continue that work, focusing on areas of economic development, public safety and increased community engagement.

We have built strong collaborative relationships with the Port of Camas Washougal, the City of Camas, and the Washougal School District, improving transparency and increasing mutual trust. I have built strong partnerships with other community groups that support children and those in most need.

In the past few years, we have transitioned to a more stable and open form of government, weathered COVID-19 restrictions and isolation, added to our parks and trails, with the Columbia Waterfront Trail, Downtown Community Garden and Schmid Ballfield enhancements. We have developed a powerful new 5-year Strategic Plan that carry us into the future with a clear robust vision,

I ask for your vote to continue my service to Washougal.

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City of Washougal

Councilor, Position No. 7



**Ernie Suggs**

**Elected Experience** As a Washougal City Council Member I serve on a variety of boards and committees.

**Other Professional Experience** I have served on State, County, College and City boards helping others to promote life long learning.

**Education** I have a Bachelor's Degree in Teaching and Masters in Education

Administration from Brigham Young University.

**Community Service** An active volunteer in the community, Ernie has been involved with Boy Scouts, the Back Pack Program at Hathaway Elementary, and Two Rivers Heritage Museum. He also co-founded the Washougal Schools Foundation where his is still a board member. Additionally, Ernie coached football and was a track starter for 15 years.

**Statement** Ernie Suggs and his wife Pat of more then 57 years have lived in Washougal since 1975. They have raised 6 lovely daughters and have 20 grandchildren. All their daughters attended Washougal schools. He loves the Washougal community and has enjoyed the opportunity to raise his family here.

I have taught and organized many community education programs. Serving the community has allowed me to serve with a great many community members.

I am very supportive of our local schools and have been involved with the passage of our local levy's and bonds.

I look forward to serving the people of Washougal.

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## City of Woodland

## Mayor

**Todd Dinehart**

**Statement** For 28 years, I have proudly called Woodland my home. My wife's family has deep roots in the community, and this is where we raised our family. I cherish the small-town atmosphere and the sense of security that comes with it. I am running for mayor because I believe it is time to listen, engage and partner with our community on a deeper level.

Together, we can bring the change needed to restore transparency and trust in our city government.

Our local government should be held accountable to our citizens to ensure the continued livability of Woodland. The exorbitant increase in utility bills, along with outsourcing of local jobs, is unacceptable. I will apply my 31 years of finance and accounting experience to ensure reasonable and appropriate spending of taxpayer funds and resources. Improving congestion and infrastructure is also critical and requires attention. I will build working relationships with county commissioners and state officials to create sustainable long-term solutions for our community.

Woodland's strong sense of community inspires me, and I am asking for your vote to serve as your mayor. Together, we can build a brighter future for our town. Thank you for your confidence and support.

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## City of Woodland

## Mayor

**Will Finn**

**Statement** As Mayor since 2016, I have delivered seven balanced budgets, cut spending, and strengthened business relationships. My administration has increased the general reserves by reducing general fund liabilities. We did this through reduced staffing, technology upgrades, and streamlined services. City Hall has become a customer service-based experience by

creating a culture of "yes", making our city the benchmark for other cities in our area.

My administration has secured \$11+ million in grant funding with little contribution from your local tax dollars. We have leveraged your local tax dollars to secure outside grant dollars to help complete capital projects, upgrade facilities, and assist in long-range planning. I am continually looking for creative cost saving measures that do not reduce the level of service you deserve. We have applied for over \$30 million in grant funding, including \$23 million for the construction of exit 21.

I will continue my efforts in creating a strong, conservative government focusing on Public Safety, Financial Stability, Infrastructure, Economic Development, and Organizational Efficiency. It has been an honor to serve as your mayor and I look forward to the next four years!

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City of Woodland

Councilor, Position No. 3



**Melissa Doughty**

**Statement** As I have served on City Council for the last year, I have worked diligently to listen to the people of our wonderful community and been a voice to advocate for them. I strive to keep the values and traditions that Woodland has held strong for many generations while moving Woodland forward to keep up with growth and State Government regulations. It is both rewarding and

humbling to serve the people of Woodland. If elected, I guarantee to continue serving as your ambassador that asks the clarifying questions, a voice that echoes the concerns of the majority, and takes action towards solutions that are in our town’s best interest for many generations to come. In fact, I am honored to work with and educate our community’s youth, ensuring we’re building a strong generational cornerstone for the future of Woodland. I am proud to be a part of this town and champion my experience from living all over the country as a military spouse for 20 years to better serve you.

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City of Woodland

Councilor, Position No. 3



**Keith Bellisle**

**Statement** I am Keith Bellisle, and I am running for City Council Seat 3 in Woodland. I have lived in Woodland for nearly 10 years now, and I am passionate about making our city a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

If elected, I will focus on the following priorities; Economic development: I will work to attract new businesses to

Woodland and support the growth of existing businesses. I will also work to create a more business-friendly environment in Woodland. Public safety: I will work to keep our community safe by supporting our police and fire departments. I will also work to address the root causes of crime, such as poverty and lack of opportunity. Education: I will work to ensure that all children in Woodland have access to a quality education. I will also work to support our teachers and schools.

Infrastructure: I will work to improve our roads and other infrastructure. I will also work to make our city more energy-efficient.

I am committed to serving the people of Woodland, and I believe that I have the experience and the passion to make a difference. I ask for your vote on November 7th.

Thank you!

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## City of Woodland

Councilor, Position No. 4

**Aaron Alderman**

**Statement** My name is Aaron Alderman. My family moved to woodland in 1966 and my parents raised there family here.

Woodland high school is where I graduated in 1988. I served in the United States Marine corps, Where I served in Operation Desert Strom and have work in the logging industry since 1989.

I married my childhood sweetheart(also a woodland girl) in 2015 and we have built our life in our home town for the last 10 years.

I'm very involved with the local woodland youth, coaching baseball and football for my grandson.

It was an honor to be chosen to fill an empty seat on the city council and I look forward to serving my community in the future.

I have already learned so much regarding the things we can do as a council. I have spent times taking tours and getting to know the city Operations. With that knowledge I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work for the people of woodland.

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## City of Woodland

Councilor, Position No. 4

**Douglas Freimarck, Sr.**

**Statement** I am a proud Vietnam Era Veteran with over 40 years business experience; an active member of our City's Chamber of Commerce and currently serving as a Director of the Woodland East Community Homeowners Association (WEHOA) and the Washington State-wide Association of Manufactured Homeowners

Association (AMHO). It has been my

pleasure to serve as President on several other associations. My Masters' degree is in Information Technology, Bachelors' degree is in Psychology, and I hold multiple advanced IT certifications and have enjoyed being a FAA Certified Flight Instructor for several decades. Having owned and operated a few small businesses over the years, I understand how to manage and coordinate capital and operating budgets while exercising financial prudence with wise decision making. My priorities are to help keep Woodland the safe, beautiful, small-town community we have all enjoyed in the past while remembering the local history and hard work that has gone into creating what we have now. I am very concerned about our local school, traffic, infrastructure, growth, and utility situations. Going forward, I ask for your vote to serve on our Town Council's Position #4 to continue making Woodland a better community, especially for our children and grandchildren.

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City of Woodland

Councilor, Position No. 5



DeeAnna Holland

Statement Four years ago, I asked that Woodlanders vote for leaders invested in our community, leaders that would stand for the issues concerning our residents and willing to fight for our way of life. I was honored to be elected to serve the community as your council member.

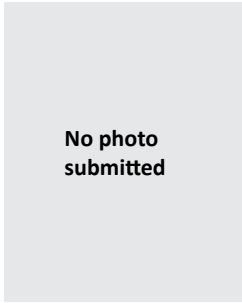
I don't know if any of us could have anticipated a global pandemic, the challenges it created, or how it would impact our lives. As a council member I feel like our legislative body spent more time reacting to things outside our control rather than addressing issues that have been affecting our city for decades. Years were spent on distractions and delays. There is no quick fix for outdated infrastructure, traffic congestion or growing pains but I am willing to put in the work needed to finally make headway on issues facing our residents and business owners.

I am asking for your vote to continue representing my hometown as your council member. For several years I have been the board President of the Woodland Action Center, founder and volunteer of Laundry Love – Woodland and am committed to our community. Thank you for your time.

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City of Woodland

Councilor, Position No. 5



Gabe Huston

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**City of Woodland**  
**Councilor, Position No. 6**



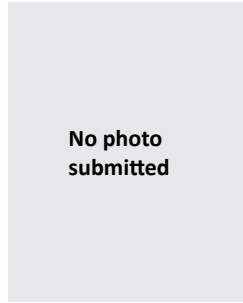
**Terry Hall**

**Statement** As your incumbent, I have been working for the best interests of all Woodland residents. I recently asked a life long resident what she liked most about Woodland. She said "the people, they're normal". I told her I was glad to hear her response as that is exactly how I feel. I love the people, all over Woodland: the business people, the kids and their school activities, the folks

enjoying the parks, the fishing, and the beautiful countryside. I want them all to enjoy the quality of life in our little town, in a safe, comfortable, clean and attractive and wholesome environment. I love serving all of these friends, family, and neighbors here in Woodland. I do love the people.

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**City of Woodland**  
**Councilor, Position No. 7**



**Monte Smith**

**No candidate statement submitted**

**No photo submitted**

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## 44 Candidates | Local Nonpartisan Offices

### Town of Yacolt

#### Mayor

No photo  
submitted

#### Ian Shealy

No biographical information or  
candidate statement submitted

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### Town of Yacolt

#### Councilor, Position No. 1

No photo  
submitted

#### Joe Wisniewski

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## Town of Yacolt

### Councilor, Position No. 2

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No photo submitted

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## Town of Yacolt

### Councilor, Position No. 4



#### Ronald Homola

**Elected Experience** I was appointed by Yacolt’s town Council to help fill a vacancy on the council in June of 2021 and as such I also Represent the Town of Yacolt on the North Country EMS Board.

**Other Professional Experience**  
Plumber

**Education** High school diploma

**Community Service** Where needed.

**Statement** Seeking Yacolt council position #4 for an encouragement and help to the community.

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Battle Ground School District No. 119

School Director, District No. 2



**Debbie Johnson**

**Elected Experience** I have no elected experience but believe in the importance of a good education!

**Other Professional Experience** DSHS STARS trainer for 5 years.

**Education** AS in Early Childhood Education from Clark College, BS in Human Development at George Fox University. Homeschooled for 15 years.

Employed as assistant manager Health Homes program at Columbia River Mental Health Services. Teacher with Head Start and taught young children in other settings for 27 years. Provided respite foster care for two years.

**Community Service** Foster parent for 5 years. 4-H leader for 7 years. Youth director for 2 years.

**Statement** I believe children are our future and their education is the key that unlocks the door to their unlimited possibility. It would be my honor to serve the families of our district by being elected for Director #2 of the board. I believe that parents are children's first teachers and their opinions should always be considered. I feel we need to continue to focus on increasing graduation rates. We need to keep increasing reading and math test scores. We need to offer more AP classes and close the achievement gaps. Be sure that students are at grade level especially in math, science and reading. Incentivize school attendance and bring back the excitement of being in school every day. Increase ELA, Math and Science standards as our district needs to be in the top 10 in the state. I would advocate for every student to succeed and invest in helping them in every area of their lives. I'd also support on-going teacher development. I believe that when you teach you touch the future. Incentivize and award our outstanding teachers! Our teachers deserve our support and with our support, they can support the students in the district. Please vote for me!

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Battle Ground School District No. 119

School Director, District No. 2



**Andrew D. Lawhon**

**Elected Experience** No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience** Andrew D. Lawhon has more than 12 years of experience working in the legal field. Currently he is an attorney at Jeffrey D. Barrar, P.S. and Clark County District Court Judge pro tempore.

**Education** He holds a Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate from Gonzaga University.

**Community Service** He is involved in judging middle and high school mock trials, leading youth activities at his local church and participating in the Knights of Columbus. Andrew also serves on the board of directors of the nonprofit Aquinas Vancouver. He and his wife are the parents of seven children, some of whom attend Battle Ground schools.

**Statement** My name is Andrew D. Lawhon and I am seeking your vote to retain my position on the Battle Ground School Board, Director of District 2. Since my appointment in February, I have hit the ground running: I have toured many of the 18 schools in the District, met with numerous teachers, worked alongside administrators, and listened to parents and community members. The British author, G.K. Chesterton once said: "Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another." I pledge to safeguard the soul of Battle Ground for future generations; continue to practice good stewardship of the financial resources of our community; and, most of all, protect the rights of parents as the primary educators of their children. I hope that I can count on your vote and continue this important work for our children and our values. Thank you very much.

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## Battle Ground School District No. 119

School Director, District No. 4



### Terry Tate

**Elected Experience** none

**Other Professional Experience**

Current - BGSD Chess Coach and Club Advisor; Current - Member '22-'23 BGSD Supervisor's Advisory Committee; 2019 Member BGSD Advisory Committee for Overcrowding; 2005 Retired Pastoral Ministry.

**Education** 2020 Retired BGSD Math/

Science Teacher; 2012 National Board Certified Teacher; 2007 Ma. Ed., Cross Cultural Ed.

**Community Service** No Information Submitted

**Statement** Under the banner of similar goals and mission statements, throughout my career of 50 years of service I have worked toward our District's vision of "Connecting Every Student to a Successful Future". As a School Board Member, I will continue to extend that vision, working to build strong bonds of communication and cooperation throughout our community. There is absolutely no reason in my mind that our families, faculty, administration and community leaders can't work together to overcome every obstacle to our student's education, continuing to grow an exemplary educational program as a benchmark for Washington State.

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## Camas School District No. 117

School Director, District No. 3



### Connie Hennessey

**Elected Experience** Camas School District Board; Director District 3; 2005 - present.

**Other Professional Experience**

High School Counselor, Evergreen School District; Hewlett-Packard 1988 - 1998.

**Education** Masters in Education, Guidance & Counseling, City University of Seattle; Bachelor of Science, Oregon State University.

**Community Service** As a school board member I have served multiple terms as president and vice president, been a liaison to the Citizens Advisory Committee, Student Health Committee, Policy Review committee, Superintendent's Budget Committee, Clark County Quality Schools Coalition, CTE Advisory Board, and the Capital Facilities committee. CEF Board, CEF Auction chair, PTA president.

**Statement** In my 18 years of serving as a Camas School Board member, we have seen our district nearly double in size while expanding opportunities for students and being responsible stewards of your tax dollars. Our programs, buildings, and initiatives have changed over time, but our focus remains the same: see and serve *each* student. This commitment will continue to be the driving force behind my decision-making and advocacy.

As we navigate the new state funding model while preparing our students for the 21st century world, we have challenges ahead to ensure our children are socially and emotionally healthy. Education is more complex than ever, and to create the best experience for our students we must work together, be transparent, collaborate, engage our community, and always be looking to the future.

I have lived in Camas for almost 30 years and my children are products of the Camas School District. As a public school counselor, I bring a valuable voice to our board. With your support, I will continue working for every student, educator, family and community member to ensure *each* student is prepared for whatever path they choose. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve our community.

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Camas School District No. 117

School Director, District No. 4



**Bamini Pathmanathan**

**Elected Experience** Currently serving as a Camas School District Board Director, Position 4. Appointed in February 2023

**Other Professional Experience** Registered Dietitian

**Education** Masters of Science, New York University

**Community Service** I have been a volunteer in our schools and the community since 2009. At Prune Hill Elementary School as PTA Secretary, as Camas Educational Foundation Mini-Grant Chair plus serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee, with the third year as the Vice Chair. Also served on The Student Wellness Advisory Council for three years. Other community services include Meals on Wheels, Clark County Food Bank, and Northwest Children’s Outreach.

**Statement** I am a dedicated advocate for high-quality education and a passionate member of our community. I am committed to making a positive impact on our schools and ensuring an exceptional learning environment for all students. Education is the foundation for a strong future for our community. It is imperative that we have knowledgeable, dedicated, compassionate leaders who can navigate the challenges of our growing educational landscape.

I have a deep understanding of the challenges faced by our educational system. I have spent countless hours volunteering, collaborating with teachers, and actively participating in school improvement initiatives.

Since my appointment in February 2023, I have had ample opportunities to participate in community listening sessions, visit with students, teachers, and community members, gather input, address concerns, and foster positive relationships. I value the input and perspectives of all stakeholders and invite collaboration between parents, teachers, students, and community members. I will actively seek opportunities to listen, learn, and respond to the needs of our diverse community, ensuring that the decision-making process is transparent and representative.

It would be an honor to retain the school board director seat with the Camas School District.

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Camas School District No. 117

School Director, District No. 5



**Tracey Malone**

**Elected Experience** I have been serving on the Camas School Board since 2017.

**Other Professional Experience** Vice President and Partner of Halbert Construction Services LLC.

**Education** Camas High School Graduate; Associate degree from Clark College.

**Community Service** Cascadia Technical Academy Foundation Board Member; Southwest Washington Contractors Association Board Member; Columbia Credit Union Board Member

**Statement** I’ve been a longtime Camas community member, graduating from Camas High School and choose Camas as home specifically for the schools for my children (current high school sophomore and ’22 CHS graduate).

I am passionate about Career Technical Education and providing multiple pathways for our students after graduation. I utilize my own skills and expertise from my professional career to contribute to valuable board decisions that are helping to determine growth and vision. I’ve served in my community on various committees with the city, county, and state, connecting with supporters of our district and advocates of our community. Currently I am serving on the City/Schools Committee, CTE Advisory Committee, and the Superintendent’s Budget Committee.

Serving as a Camas School District Board member for the last six years, I have contributed to successfully passing a levy in 2021 as well as completed bond projects for Discovery High School, Garver Theatre, Lacamas Lake Elementary School, and the CHS Field House.

I look forward to continuing to serve and represent the Camas community, students, families, and staff of the Camas School District with passion and commitment.

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## Evergreen School District No. 114

## School Director, District No. 2

**Rob Perkins**

**Elected Experience** Evergreen Public Schools Director, Appointed 2014, elected 2015. Board Vice President and Board Legislative Representative, also legislative committees of the Washington State School Directors Association and the OSPI Online Learning Advisory Committee.

**Other Professional Experience**

32 years Information Technology, Software Engineering. Currently Chief Technology Officer, Finite Solutions Inc.

**Education** Graduated Mountain View High School, 1987; Bachelor's General Studies (History) BYU, 2016; Leadership Clark County Class of 2018. Leadership WSSDA, 2022.

**Community Service** FIRST Robotics Mentor 2017-2019; ESDF Alumni Online Community Committee, 2012-2013, President, Springbrook Ridge HOA, 2008-2011; Teacher, LDS Church Educational System, 2009-2010; Harmony PTA Treasurer, 2004-2005

**Statement** For nine years, I've committed to uniting diverse voices in shaping our vision for education, acknowledging every stakeholder's indispensable role. In the face of recent challenges, I recognize the strain on our community - students, families, teachers, and more. I stand for increased engagement, ensuring the voices of students and families are heard and drive decision-making.

To better prepare our students for the future, I championed the expansion of alternative pathways beyond college. The inauguration of our Skilled Trades Center enables us to offer invaluable skills and employment opportunities. By strengthening partnerships with local businesses, we ensure students graduate ready to meet employer needs, instilling hope for their futures.

Prioritizing student well-being, I advocate for an all-encompassing safe classroom environment that includes physical, social, emotional, and racial equity dimensions, facilitating optimal learning.

Maintaining a balanced budget is critical, without compromising student experiences. I pledge transparency in how funds are allocated. Let's continue to build a brighter future for our students together. I seek your vote to continue this impactful work.

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## Evergreen School District No. 114

## School Director, District No. 2

**Chuck Keplar**

**Elected Experience** No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience** Classified Substitute, Pastor, At Home Dad, Small Business Owner.

**Education** Graduated from Oregon City High School in 1995. Currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree at Liberty University.

**Community Service** 15 years as a foster parent. 15 years as a mentor and advocate to foster families and families pursuing adoption through the foster system. 12 years as a youth football coach. 6 years as a coach at Vancouver Parks and Recreation. 3 years as a high school football assistant coach. 15 years volunteering at my local church as a speaker, teacher, emcee and elder. EOFC policy council member and volunteer of the year in 2014.

**Statement** I am a husband of 26 years and father of 8 children. My wife and I have adopted 6 of our children through the foster system. Vancouver has been our home for 23 years and we have lived in the Evergreen Public School district for that entire time. Evergreen Public Schools was once the pinnacle of excellence in education. I want to restore leadership and accountability to Evergreen Public Schools, repairing the trust that the current leadership has broken due to a lack of transparent leadership. If elected, I will propose that the school board adopts a hiring policy for the superintendent of Evergreen Public Schools as the last two hiring processes did not interview a single candidate outside of the interim superintendent that was appointed by the current board. I would not vote for a budget unless it includes cutting our district administration to levels commensurate with enrollment and restores the positions that were recently cut. Some of those cuts were entire programs that serve our students with the greatest needs. Evergreen Public Schools needs leadership that will put students first. I will work tirelessly to restore trustworthy leadership to Evergreen Public Schools.

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Evergreen School District No. 114

School Director, District No. 3



**Gary Wilson**

**Elected Experience** Precinct Committee Officer

**Other Professional Experience** County of Bucks (Budget Analyst/Internal Auditor); Elgart and Company CPA (Tax Accountant); Consolidated Freightways (Cost Accountant); Caesy Education Systems (Accounting Supervisor); SEH America (Accountant)

**Education** Bucks County Community College, Associate of Arts (Business Administration); Philadelphia University, Bachelor of Science (Accounting 3.5 Cumulative)

**Community Service** Washington Parents Rights in Education (Evergreen Coordinator); Evergreen High School Band and Color Guard Booster (Volunteer); Evergreen East Vancouver Missional Community (Team Leader); Evergreen Finance Team (Chairman); Evergreen AWANA (4th Grade Leader); Compassion Vancouver (Volunteer); Clark County Summit 'Crisis in Education' (Ground Team Leader); AGNA Airport Green Neighborhood Association (Volunteer); City of Beaverton (Budget Committee)

**Statement** As parents of Evergreen students we've watched their quality of education plummet for 6 years under this school board. Per OSPI: only 25% of Evergreen students are meeting Math Standards, English 38% and Science 35% (averaging 33% overall compared to next door Camas averaging 70%). Evergreen has the worst academic scores of the 9 Clark County School Districts. This is unacceptable and contributed to our losing 3,546 students resulting in approximately \$42,500,000 loss in state funding.

For 2 years I've attended almost every school board meeting speaking several times addressing these concerns. Finally, after a year of persistence and offering several solutions, this board only scratched the surface with the SIP Program.

When elected, I pledge to use my accounting skills focusing on cost savings on administrative staff not classroom teachers. I'll advocate for more transparency and parental input with proposed budgets and bell schedule changes. Additionally, I pledge to never fire superintendents 'without cause' (*as this board has costing taxpayers \$570,812 buying out two superintendents in 4 years*).

Poor management by this board squandering \$57,330,951 in one-time ESSER Funds since 2020 resulted in \$19,140,000 proposed budget cuts for 2023-24. *We can do better!* Vote Wilson for Evergreen!

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Evergreen School District No. 114

School Director, District No. 3



**Victoria Bradford**

**Elected Experience** School Board Director

**Other Professional Experience** Business Owner for 25 years. Bank officer, 10 years.

**Education** Portland State University, Marylhurst College

**Community Service** Vancouver Strong executive board, member Vancouver Downtown Association, Harmony PTA; Quality Education Coalition of Clark County; Evergreen Citizens for Schools; Evergreen Coalition of Parent Organizations. Iris Award winner.

**Statement** As an effective community leader, I will continue to champion programs for students that lead them to success after graduation. The district's most recent addition of a skilled trade center adds to our other programs that prepare students for careers, college, or the military. Community and business partnerships continue to be a focus in supporting our students. While Covid-19 has impacted students across the nation, we have put in place a comprehensive strategic plan to address learning loss that is already showing results.

I have worked to ensure the district is fiscally responsible and honors our commitments to the taxpayers. Our new building projects ensure safe, energy efficient schools and came in under budget and on time. While we are experiencing statewide budget cuts, we are working hard to maintain programs that are important to our students and families.

I believe all children can learn when given a safe environment with adults that care. I promise to continue putting students first. Your vote continues my advocacy both locally and legislatively to see that all children have the schools they deserve.

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## Evergreen School District No. 114

## School Director, District No. 4



## Jackie Weatherspoon

**Elected Experience** Appointed Director District #4 - Evergreen School District, March 2022-present

**Other Professional Experience** Held various reporting and editing positions at The Oregonian (1997-2006)

**Education** Graduated from Florida A&M University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism

**Community Service** Evergreen Public Schools Equity Advisory Committee member and liaison to Students Advocating for Equity (2020-22); Harmony Elementary PTA (2011-16): various positions including co-president; Former Girl Scout parent volunteer, Cub Scouts secretary and Washington Timbers academy soccer team manager

**Statement** I'm honored to serve as an EPS Board Director. As a long-time Vancouver resident, I'm proud that my children, including a 2023 graduate, attend school here. I've seen the great things that come from working together with students, families, and staff. I've witnessed parents coming together to create community, staff going above and beyond to help students thrive academically, and caring adults working tirelessly to build a culture of belonging in their schools.

Much was lost in the pandemic. Community was interrupted, students fell behind, and declining enrollment accelerated. During that time, the demographics of our community shifted. We have more students below the poverty level, more families who need support, and fewer resources at our disposal.

I'm committed to holding the board accountable in righting the ship and keeping students headed toward success and academic excellence. That means a commitment to sound fiscal management and ensuring educational equity.

My priorities are to ensure students from marginalized communities get equitable educational opportunities, all students have a voice in their school experience, and staff gets the support they need. I want students to feel welcome, seen, and safe at school, families to feel supported, and staff to know they're valued.

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Green Mountain School District No. 103

School Director, Position No. 4

No photo submitted

**Eric Lowe**

**Elected Experience** This will be my second elected term.

**Other Professional Experience** I am an IT Manager in the healthcare industry with 25 years of experience.

**Education** I received my Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering at Pacific Lutheran University in 1998.

**Community Service** I am very active in my local church.

**Statement** I am honored to have the opportunity to serve a second term on the Green Mountain School District Board. I intend to continue my commitment to encouraging a positive working and learning environment for students and staff, while maintaining the unique small school atmosphere that Green Mountain provides. Fiscal responsibility remains a top priority as small changes in student population can mean large changes in the district's financial position. Maintaining good spending policies while fiscally investing in our students' learning is critical for our collective continued success.

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Green Mountain School District No. 103

School Director, Position No. 5



**Joyce Cooper**

**Elected Experience** I have served on the Green Mountain School board for the past five years as a director and legislative representative

**Other Professional Experience** I was employed at the Battle Ground Public Schools for over twenty five years. For the first five years I worked as a Special Education Para-educator and

spent the next twenty years working in the Business Office at the Administrative Office in Brush Prairie before retiring in 2015.

**Education** No Information Submitted

**Community Service** I was recently appointed to the Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB) of Clark County.

**Statement** Positive changes are happening at Green Mountain School. A covered play area has been constructed, the remodel of the kitchen area is taking place this summer and HVACs are being replaced where needed. Maintenance of our buildings is reviewed regularly and repairs are being done. The administrative staff has been reconfigured and is working well. The staff is engaged in new ideas to enhance student learning and success.

I have been and continue to be committed to providing students with the opportunity to become responsible citizens through academic and personal growth.

I look forward to continuing to be a part of the positive changes happening at the Green Mountain School District.

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**Hockinson School District No. 98**

**School Director, District No. 3**



**Anne-Elissa Carter**

**Elected Experience** Appointed School Board Director – Hockinson Position 3 – May 2023

**Other Professional Experience** General Manager for last 23 years at a movie theater.

**Education** Associates of Arts – Clark College

**Community Service** Classroom Volunteer

**Statement** I am passionate about education and serving on the HSD Board because every Hockinson student deserves an equal opportunity to succeed in the classroom and beyond. As someone who has a career managing a movie theater, I have the privilege of working with young adults who are still in the educational system or have just left it. Through this experience, I see how teens navigate school and life. We can work together to help them throughout their education to better prepare them for the world outside of school. My goal is to ensure that every student is ready for the future and has access to the resources they need to succeed while a student within HSD. I am committed to helping students achieve their goals and pursue their passions, whichever career path choose.

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**Hockinson School District No. 98**

**School Director, District No. 4**



**Kat Stupka**

**Elected Experience** Partnerships and Fundraising Chair of M:OM (nonprofit). Youth Chair (3 years) at Ridglea Christian Church. Social Chair at FWAFA (K-12 school).

**Other Professional Experience** Marketing and Community Leader at a Healthcare Talent Acquisition company. Former Account Supervisor at

Marketing Agencies.

**Education** English for Secondary Education, with additional focuses in journalism, theater, and marketing.

**Community Service** I volunteer time with youth activities such as spending 5 years coaching my oldest's YMCA volleyball team, serving with various parent/teacher organizations, and various community service initiatives and fundraisers through my community gym.

**Statement** My background in marketing allows me to leverage my professional skillsets along with my personal passions to help Hockinson align on and tackle the future in an innovative way. Having moved from a district in Texas where the public school options were so limited that most parents were forced to choose private schools to set their children up for success, it has been a great experience for our family to have such promising public schools in our backyard. If elected I will have one child in TK at Hockinson Elementary and one entering as a Freshman at Hockinson High School, giving me a vested interest in helping create and foster an environment at Hockinson that allows staff members at the schools and every child to thrive and grow short and long term.

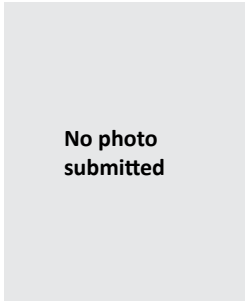
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Hockinson School District No. 98

School Director, District No. 5



**Gordon Smith**

**Elected Experience** No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience** United States Marine Corps - Infantry Officer, 1988-1991

**Education** BA - University of Washington 1988

**Community Service** No Information

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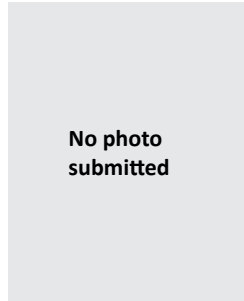
**Statement** I'm a strong believer in public service and helping out where you can. I've served in other elected positions and prior to moving to Hockinson, I worked with Cape Flattery School District, so it's something I've long had an interest in. I do like to bring my experience to support public education. I'm a firm supporter of public education and the good it does for our society. We all have different roles to play, and at this point in my life, I want to bring my experiences and talent to serving our schools and community.

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La Center School District No. 101

School Director, District No. 1



**Craig Whited**

No biographical information or candidate statement submitted

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**La Center School District No. 101**  
**School Director, District No. 2**



**Shannon Cluphf**

**Elected Experience** No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience** Veteran of the United States Navy for 4 years; Care Coordinator for Hospitals and Mental Health departments across the greater Portland Metro area for 15 years; Board Treasurer for Twilight Theater Company.

**Education** BA of Arts

**Community Service** Clark County Pride, Veterans Hospital, MMIW movement, Operation Veteran Care, Community Theater

**Statement** Hello! I am a dedicated mother of 2 and a United States Navy Veteran. I have dedicated my life to family and country.

I have had the fortune of being able to travel the world through my military experience, and in turn have learned so much about different communities across the globe.

I have years of experience working with adults and children alike through different hospitals and mental health facilities in the greater PNW area, as well as served on several boards.

I hope to have the opportunity to help improve La Center schools for kids, teachers, staff, and community alike. Together we can make the impossible possible.

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**La Center School District No. 101**  
**School Director, District No. 2**



**Amanda Miller**

**Elected Experience** I am currently serving as La Center School Board Director for District 2.

**Other Professional Experience** Local escrow department with national title company.

**Education** BA: Government, Eastern Washington University.

**Community Service** Providing service to others, in any capacity, is the foundation of a well-rounded individual. I demonstrate the importance of service by being a youth sports coach, softball and soccer, and as a Youth Group volunteer. The ability to read and have materials available, should be accessible to all. As part of my belief, I steward a Little Free Library – providing free books to the community.

**Statement** As an alumna of La Center Schools and a parent/aunt of students within the district; I have a strong connection to the quality of education that our district provides. I am currently serving as the Director for Position 2 and am dedicated to the mission of La Center Schools; to empower students to reach their fullest potential; becoming self-reliant, lifelong learners. La Center is a unique place; where outstanding teachers, involved parents, dedicated administrators and engaged community members work together to provide the best opportunities for our children to become productive members of society. I am privileged to have a space here and appreciate your support.

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La Center School District No. 101

School Director, District No. 4



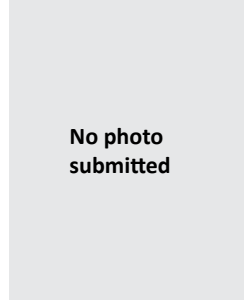
**Dorri Oldham**

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La Center School District No. 101

School Director, District No. 5



**Eric Lindberg**

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**Mt. Pleasant School District No. 29-93**

**School Director, Position No. 1**



**Liz Wilber**

**Statement** I was appointed as a Mt. Pleasant School Director last year. I chose to join the school board because I care about my community and am invested in the education of our children. I have 25 years of experience that I bring to the Mt. Pleasant school district; I was a community college English professor for more than twenty years. I currently work for a non-profit in

Stevenson helping people become employed, further investing in Skamania County. I look forward to continuing my work as a Mt. Pleasant School Director.

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**Mt. Pleasant School District No. 29-93**

**School Director, Position No. 3**



**Karl Kanthak**

**Statement** My son had a very positive experience attending Mt. Pleasant School District. It is my desire that current and future students have the same opportunity. I am committed to creating an optimum educational environment for the children, while also providing the highest level of governance and financially responsible operations of which I am capable. I am

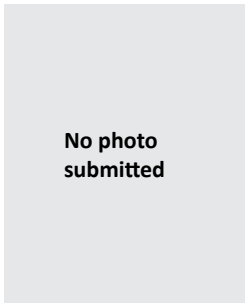
proud to have served 2 terms on the Mt. Pleasant School Board. If re-elected I will continue in these efforts. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

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Mt. Pleasant School District No. 29-93

School Director, Position No. 4



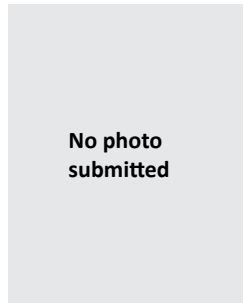
**Tanis Morris**

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Mt. Pleasant School District No. 29-93

School Director, Position No. 5



**Sara Genova**

No biographical information, candidate statement, or contact information submitted

**Ridgefield School District No. 122**  
**School Director, District No. 2**



**Amber Baker**

**Elected Experience** I am a first-time candidate looking forward to offering my skills and energy in service to our Ridgefield community.

**Other Professional Experience**  
 Owner and Farm Manager at Red Truck Farm, Independent Consultant/Community Facilitator, Youth Agricultural Leadership Program Supervisor, Community Food Non-profit Director.

**Education** Stanford University BA (02), MA (03), Anthropological Sciences

**Community Service** Parent and local business volunteer at Union Ridge; coach and parent volunteer at Pacific Soccer Club; volunteer at Ridgefield Multicultural Festival, School Bond Drive, Growing food for Ridgefield Gleaners and Food Bank; Member of Clark County Food Systems Council; and Board of Directors member at Growing Gardens.

**Statement** I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to serve our community on the Ridgefield School District Board of Directors. As a mother of two future Spudders and owner of a small farm business in Ridgefield, I am firmly rooted in our community and see enormous potential in our schools and students.

As a member of the board, I will encourage transparency and accountability within RSD. I will seek to listen to *all* educational stakeholders in conversations about how to ensure our students feel safe, welcome, and like they belong. We have a wealth of knowledgeable professionals working in RSD, and I want to learn from them how the Board of Directors can best support the work they do in our schools.

My professional experiences as the owner of Red Truck Farm and many years of nonprofit leadership and community building make me uniquely suited to address the different needs of our growing district. These past few years have presented challenges, but there are many opportunities for all of us— educators, parents, administrators, and community members— to find common ground, work together, and build the trust we need to help our schools thrive and grow.

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**Ridgefield School District No. 122**  
**School Director, District No. 2**



**Rob Peterson**

**Elected Experience** No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**  
 Director of Data Management (national healthcare company); Branch Manager (construction subcontractor); Board Member (National Board - BYU Young Alumni Association); Vice-President (Washington DC Chapter -

BYU Alumni Association)

**Education** B.A., Brigham Young University; M.B.A., Marriott School of Management

**Community Service** I am heavily involved in Ridgefield youth sports, I lead a community youth leadership program, I have volunteered in the classroom teaching Junior Achievement, and I have assisted with Watch Dogs and other school events.

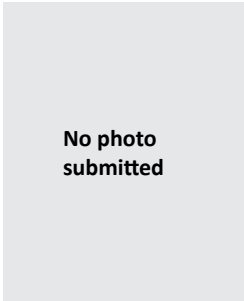
**Statement** Seven years ago my wife and I fell in love with Ridgefield and immediately decided to make this our forever home. As a dad of 5 young kids (ages 12 years to 18 months) I am deeply passionate about education and am invested in working with our community leaders and local stakeholders to enable Ridgefield School District to further its efforts to be the state’s premier district. I am excited for the opportunity to help foster success and unlimited possibilities for my own children and for *all* Ridgefield students.

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Ridgefield School District No. 122

School Director, District No. 3



**Brett Jones**

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Ridgefield School District No. 122

School Director, District No. 5



**Jake Bredstrand**

**Elected Experience** Washington State FFA President; Associated Students of Washington State University President (Pullman); Student Regent, Washington State University

**Other Professional Experience** Nearly a decade working in higher education/philanthropic roles. Currently work for a global tech company in

account management role.

**Education** Graduate of Evergreen High School (Vancouver, WA); B.A. Humanities, Washington State University – Go Cougs!; Certificate in Planned Giving, University of Richmond Institute on Philanthropy

**Community Service** Ridgefield Lions Club, City of Ridgefield Budget Advisory Committee, City of Ridgefield Parks Board, HOA Board Member

**Statement** Born and raised in Clark County, I have now resided in Ridgefield with my wife, Madison, since 2019. Planting roots in this community is one of the best decisions I have ever made. My commitment to education and leadership is another one of those decisions that has proved to be impactful in my life. As the son of two K-12 career educators, I have seen the ups and downs of the public school system. I've served as a longtime student leader, from high school to student body president of a Pac-12 university. I deeply understand the needs for youth development, opportunity and belonging in and outside of the classroom. I have a strong passion for Career and Technical Education, sports, clubs, activities and any component of school that helps prepare young people for lifelong success. I recently became a father, and I am now that much more committed to the long-term sustainability, safety and excellence of RSD. 'Pursuing Premier' is indeed the expectation in RSD. Our students, teachers, parents and community members deserve board directors who pursue that mission every day. I will do just that, with Spudder pride!

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## Vancouver School District No. 37

## School Director, Position No. 1



## Kyle Sproul

**Elected Experience** I currently serve as Vancouver Public Schools Board Director, Position 1. I was first elected to my seat in 2019.

**Other Professional Experience** I gained commercial marketing and management experience at two Fortune 500 companies. In 2006, I transitioned to a local small business where I am

responsible for developing new business initiatives, managing business strategy and marketing, and participating in budget review and contract negotiations.

**Education** MBA Strategic Business Development: Indiana University Kelley School of Business. B.A. English and Art: Georgetown University.

**Community Service** School volunteer, lunch buddy, coordinator for local little league

**Statement** I am a native Washingtonian and have lived in Vancouver for 18 years. I'm the proud parent to three VPS students with one child in elementary, middle and high school. I was drawn to serve in order to evolve our system so it better supports the needs of our diverse learners and to improve student learning outcomes. Throughout the challenges of the last four years, I have remained steadfast in my focus on student achievement and increased district accountability.

In my first term, our board accomplished the hiring of a new superintendent, the passage of our Equity Policy, the expansion of dual-language programming, a new process for community engagement, and the development of a new strategic plan. I served as Board Chair in 2021 where I led our superintendent search process. My current board responsibilities include: Vice Chair, Budget Committee, Community Advisory Committee, and representative to the Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools.

There is still significant work to be done to ensure *all* students achieve their full potential, but we have laid the foundation to make that possible. In my continued service, I'm committed to data-driven decision-making, setting measurable goals for student achievement, and maintaining fiscal responsibility.

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Vancouver School District No. 37

School Director, Position No. 4



**Nick Wells**

**Elected Experience** First elected office. Bringing fresh ideas and a commitment to success back to the VPS Board.

**Other Professional Experience** Nick has been in business and management for a decade. Leading a geographical territory covering as many as 14 western states in Human Resources and Payroll for national

brands. He has committed his professional career to helping local government organizations and small businesses in managing their most valuable asset, their people. Nick's experience expands further into budget review, private and public contract negotiation and leadership training on a national scale.

**Education** Bachelor of Arts: Central Washington University

**Community Service** Younglife, Little League, Babe Ruth and WIAA Umpiring

**Statement** Born in Vancouver, a husband and father, Nick prioritizes quality education and believes in traditional values. He brings unique qualification to the position having worked negotiations, training and development in both the Private and Public sector.

Nick's goal is to ensure a safe and effective learning environment for all students in Vancouver Public Schools. Nick emphasizes the importance of foundational subjects such as reading, writing, and arithmetic, along with promoting civic responsibility. The low achievement scores throughout the district and 23 of our schools falling in the bottom half of state rankings, are evident of the failure of "the way it's been done." These practices are damaging to the future of our children and it's time for change.

As a member of the community, a taxpayer, and a small business advocate, Nick values fiscal responsibility and accountability in our school system. He is dedicated to maximizing the efficient use of taxpayer dollars while empowering parents and teachers to make informed decisions for their students and classrooms. Ultimately, he will work tirelessly to improve the education system in Vancouver by bringing about positive change and progress.

It's time we put education back in the hands of our local teachers and parents.

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Vancouver School District No. 37

School Director, Position No. 4



**Kathy Decker**

**Elected Experience** December 2019-present: Vancouver Public Schools Board of Directors

**Other Professional Experience** Preschool Teacher, Kings Way Early Learning Center, Vancouver, WA; Kindergarten classroom teacher, Vancouver, WA; Preschool teacher, Family of Christ, Vancouver, WA;

Kindergarten and Multi-age classroom teacher, Corvallis, Or; 1st and 3rd grade classroom teacher, Fairfax County, VA; English conversation teacher, Kyoto, Japan.

**Education** BA, Elementary Education, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA

**Community Service** 15+ years classroom volunteer in my 3 children's VPS schools; Girl Scout leader; Soccer coach; Sunday school teacher.

**Statement** As your Board member for the last four years, I've focused on what I know to be best practices, and I've worked to remove barriers and increase opportunities.

I believe that every child deserves the chance to be successful. I am proud that at VPS we have brought student voice to Board decisions via the Student Advisory Council, grown our career and technical education (CTE) programs, and researched and developed curriculum that engages, honors and enriches our students.

I believe that every family deserves the opportunity to be fully involved in their child's education. I am proud that at VPS we have made Board meetings more easily accessible through later start times, increased the frequency of public meetings, posted recordings of every meeting, developed a curriculum and budget page on the VPS website for parents and community members to review what's happening in our schools, and involved thousands of family/community members in important decisions such as choosing a new superintendent, developing new policies, and designing our Strategic Plan for the future.

I believe that our teachers deserve the respect as the professional experts they are. I will continue to honor their voice.

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## Vancouver School District No. 37

### School Director, Position No. 5



#### Larry Roe

**Elected Experience** No information submitted.

**Other Professional Experience**  
 2020 Decennial Census Enumerator  
 - U.S. Census Bureau, Renewable Energy Consultant - Paragon Consulting, Fab Engineering Manager - Intel, Research Chemist – W.R. Grace, Research Associate - Stanford University

**Education** Ph.D. Chemistry - Cornell University, B.Sc. Chemistry - Harvey Mudd College, 12-1 - Bellingham Public Schools, Campus School at Western Washington State College.

**Community Service** Classroom STEM mentor – Roosevelt High School (2 years), De La Salle High School (1 year), Parkrose High School (2 years), Skyline Middle School (3 years), Jason Lee Middle School [7 weeks (COVID-19 interrupted)]. Vice President – Anansi Education NGO supporting underserved secondary school students in West Africa (20 years).

**Statement** I am the grandson of a school superintendent and public-school teacher, the son of two public-school educators, a longtime participant in public and private education, the parent of three adults with diverse educations and the grandparent of two preschoolers. I understand the importance of education and admire those who devote themselves to it as a career and as students. My scientific education has given me an understanding of the physical world that we all share and the importance of measurement in refining that understanding. My experiences in research, development, and manufacturing have given me an appreciation of the importance of innovation, goal-setting, skill, persistence, and resiliency.

The VPS mission statement is truly aspirational. Our school district strives to engage the work of hundreds of professionals to provide an environment for our students to develop their skills and enhance their knowledge to become competent, responsible, compassionate adults. Our students have been seriously challenged in their studies over the past few years. Our measurements of student success demand that we innovate to recover and improve that performance.

I am volunteering to do my best to close these gaps in service to our students. Please join me with your vote.

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## Vancouver School District No. 37

### School Director, Position No. 5



#### Tracie Barrows

**Elected Experience** Current VPS Board Director, elected 2019; served as VPS Board President 2022

**Other Professional Experience** 16 years in public education as a School Psychologist; 2 years in public education with School-Based Behavioral Health; 2 years as a paraeducator in special education; 6 years as trainer for

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention courses

**Education** Master’s in Clinical Psychology (School Psychology Concentration); Bachelor’s in Psychology; trained in trauma-informed crisis intervention and suicide prevention/intervention

**Community Service** school volunteer/involvement, volunteer for SMART team (crisis response team for school communities), staff for summer youth camp, volunteer teacher for English courses overseas, led counseling seminar an orphanage/school in Africa

**Statement** It has been an honor to serve as your school board director over the past four years. As a school psychologist and wife of a teacher, I understand the daily realities of working in our schools. Our students are facing increased social-emotional and mental health challenges, and I bring my unique perspective as a school psychologist to the board as we set the vision, identify policies, and budget resources for the district. Students deserve to feel safe and supported at school, and that continues to be a priority of mine. When students have their social-emotional mental health and basic needs met, they are able to grow academically, learn their best, and thrive.

During my time on the board, we have increased equity, transparency, and engagement. Our district has become a leader in our state, with a wide range of opportunities for students, such as Family Community Resource Centers, dual language programs, magnet schools, CTE courses, and other experiences that will prepare them for life after graduation. I am proud of the direction our district is heading and I ask for your vote so that I can continue to serve our community and advocate for our students.

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Washougal School District No. 112-6

School Director, District No. 1



**Jim Cooper**

**Elected Experience** WSD Director, District 1, 2019-present

**Other Professional Experience** Research Scientist, ARCO Solar and Stanford University; Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Associate Dean of Science, University of California at Santa Barbara; Owner, Vanalytics LLC (enology service).

**Education** B.S. in Biology, Lebanon Valley College; Ph.D. in Biology and Biomedical Science, Washington University in St. Louis

**Community Service** Board member, Treasurer and Past-President, Washougal Arts and Culture Alliance; Member, Parkersville National Historic Site Advisory Committee, Port of Camas-Washougal; Member, City of Washougal Arts Commission; Board Member and Officer, Ellwood Station HomeOwners Association, CA; Board of Directors, Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation & Treatment, Inc.

**Statement** Every child deserves a good public education that prepares them to prosper and contribute to a diverse modern economy. All children need language arts, math, science, civics, and critical thinking and communication skills. They deserve the creative encouragement and specific technical/vocational tools to become successful adults regardless of their specific path in life. As a WSD Director, I pledge: to listen, to work hard for Washougal children and families, to empower teachers and administrators to provide exceptional educational opportunities, and to make effective use of public funds for recruiting and retaining outstanding educators and maintaining facilities. By working together, the Washougal School District can become the envy of Clark County and Washington State. I respectfully ask for your vote.

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Washougal School District No. 112-6

School Director, District No. 2



**Angela Hancock**

**Elected Experience** I have been on the Washougal School Board since September 2018.

**Other Professional Experience** In the past 34 years, I have worked in various industries, including the Washougal School District. I currently work for the City of Camas.

**Education** Evergreen High School and Clark Community College

**Community Service** I have worked with many local nonprofits, including American Cancer Society, Alzheimers, Unite Washougal Community Coalition, Girl Scouts, Refuel Washougal, West Columbia, Gorge Humane Society, General Federation of Women's Clubs, and Washougal Schools Foundation Stride for Education.

**Statement** I would like to continue the work that was started before 2020, but my goal is to help facilitate understanding and increase communication of the processes in our district when questions arise from our community. I know that all of us care about our community and the children that live here. I would love to help bridge the communication gap so that we can come together and see that we can help the children further succeed if we work together.

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## Washougal School District No. 112-6

## School Director, District No. 4

**Ida Royer**

**Elected Experience** No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

Program Manager and U.S. Department of Defense civilian employee; Mom

**Education** M.S. Oceanography, Oregon State University; B.S. Mathematics, Northland College; B.S. Chemistry, Northland College

**Community Service** No Information Submitted

**Statement** As a working parent from Washougal, my goal is to represent *you*. I believe we all want to provide our kids with the critical thinking, problem-solving, and life skills to meet the increasingly complex challenges of our world. As a community, we share this endeavor by paying hard-earned taxes. Let's make sure we're spending them wisely and asking the hard questions.

I've known many gifted and dedicated teachers; my mother was one of them. They inspire confidence that there are professionals giving their best for our children every day. I've heard these same teachers complain about the ever-increasing administrative burdens that interfere with their ability to teach. I want to enable our teachers to do what they do best: teach.

I understand that many decisions are complicated. I'm not afraid to look through data and work to understand long-term impacts. I also value our community and know we are capable and strong. Together let's commit to raising resourceful and resilient Washougal kids.

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Woodland School District No. 404

School Director, District No. 1



**Sarah Stuart**

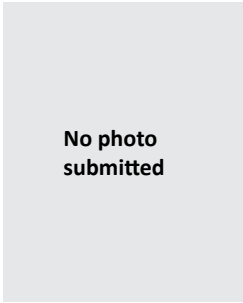
**Statement** I was raised in Woodland, attending Woodland schools K-12 and graduating in 2000. I went on to earn my bachelor's degree in nursing from Linfield College. My husband and I have four children in Woodland Public Schools - one at Columbia Elementary, two at Woodland Middle School, and one at Woodland High School. I have a passion for providing each and every

child in our community the opportunity to receive an excellent education in a caring environment, preparing them for whatever their future might hold. I have volunteered thousands of hours in our schools in various capacities, including serving in the classroom, at school events, in the FCA club for WMS students, and as a school board director the past 8 years. It has been such a privilege to work alongside our wonderful educators with the goal of improving student achievement and well-being. I've worked hard, made thoughtful decisions after seeking input from various diverse voices, and have been an encouraging team player, always looking toward what's best for kids. I promise to continue in this manner, making fiscally responsible, informed decisions for the good of all children.

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Woodland School District No. 404

School Director, District No. 1



**Katie Nichols**

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**No photo submitted**

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**Woodland School District No. 404**  
**School Director, District No. 2**



**Paul McLendon**

**Statement** Woodland Schools are extremely important to me and my family. My wife and I both Graduated from Woodland High School, as did all three of our daughters. Now I have grandchildren spread from Jr. high on down to preschool.

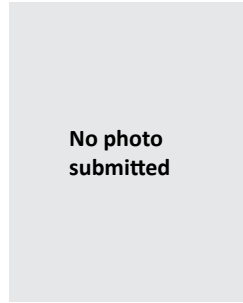
I do not have any public office experience. What I have to offer is the fact that, if elected, I will give my all to see that our children receive the best education and school experience we as a community can give them. There are many issues our schools are currently facing. The first and foremost is the recent levy failure. I want to dig in with the other board members to ensure we provide a high-level education and positive school experience, even without the levy funds.

I have been project manager for many large industrial projects and all of them had limited budgets. Yet each time we found a way to accomplish the project's goal. We can do this here and now with our schools.

Elect me and I promise I will research, study, poll community opinions and give information back to our town's people on all issues. I will give you my best.

**No contact information submitted.**

**Woodland School District No. 404**  
**School Director, District No. 3**



**Jeff Wray**

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## Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue

### Commissioner, Position No. 2



### Brigid Taylor

**Elected Experience** Appointed to the City of Ridgefield Parks Board

**Other Professional Experience** 23 years of teaching experience in Clark County; Safety Committee in two elementary schools in VPS; Finance Committee Member for Ridgefield Education Association. Ski Instructor at Mt. Hood Meadows.

**Education** Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, University of Montana; Master in Education, Washington State University Vancouver; Washington State Teaching Certificate.

**Community Service** Citizens for Ridgefield Schools Board, Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation Board, Ridgefield Lions Club, YMCA Task Force, Muscular Dystrophy Association.

**Statement** Within my family I've been exposed to the hard work and dedication that goes into protecting our communities. I attend our fire commissioner meetings regularly and am up to date on current events and issues that our fire service faces, specifically to our area.

These meetings have made me aware of the decisions being made by fire commissioners and how they directly impact all our families.

I feel compelled to be a voice for the communities in which Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue serves. My goal is there will be five minutes or less response time for all residents. I will help create a bridge that allows an open line of communication to our city and county officials and expand these partnerships. I will collaborate to ensure seamless emergency services because minutes matter for all residents. Fire engines need to be well maintained, have proper staffing, and should travel roads that allow for quick response time.

I show integrity, transparency, and a genuine love for the communities Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue serves. I humbly ask for your support in electing me as your next Fire Commissioner so that together, we can build a safer, stronger place to live, work and play.

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## Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue

### Commissioner, Position No. 2



### Jade Bourke

**Elected Experience** 1 year Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue Commissioner

**Other Professional Experience** 8 years Army (active duty); 25+ years at ELI/Integra/Zayo Telecommunications "currently managing both people and facilities".

**Education** Attended Florida State University (Panama)

**Community Service** 10 years volunteer Firefighter/EMT (Woodland/CCFR); 13 years Woodland Planters Days Celebration Committee; 7 years Clark County 4-H program; 7 years Christmas Roundup (benefiting Open House Ministries, Vancouver); Ridgefield American Legion Post 44 Active member.

**Statement** It has been an honor to serve as your Fire Commissioner this past year. We have worked hard to ensure our tax dollars are used to provide high quality emergency services at a reasonable cost. We have been able to secure grants and partnerships with outside agencies to add valuable services, including nonemergency referral visits to people discharged from hospitals or previous emergency responses. We also have mental health professionals teamed up with paramedics to provide more focused care for those needs, mostly without using tax dollars. This past year, we added many new firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics to support our growing community and also provided full time staffing of the Fairgrounds Station (179th St.) in cooperation with Fire District 6.

It is my commitment to continue to support these services and support the valuable men and women we have protecting our community. I believe my experience as a soldier, firefighter, EMT, workforce and facilities manager provides the knowledge to help guide our fire district in providing the best service delivered by the finest people to ensure our local communities have quick, reliable, and professional emergency services. Thank you for considering me for this position.

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## Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue

### Commissioner, Position No. 3



### Stanley Chunn

**Elected Experience** Previously a Clark County Fire Dist 2 commissioner then after merging became the Chairperson for Clark Cowlitz Fire Board of Commissioners where I have served for the last 6 years, 5 years on the finance committee and a member of the Fairground Fire Facility Board.

#### Other Professional Experience

Warehouse manager for Jubitz Corporation

**Education** No Information Submitted

**Community Service** 9 years as a volunteer firefighter for the City of Woodland, 4 of which I also served as the Department's representative to the planter's days committee.

**Statement** Thank you voters for allowing me to serve the last 10 years as your voice for fiscal accountability and integrity within your Fire Department. In that time we have accomplished some great work. We continue to operate on a balanced budget, passing clean audits every 2 years. We reopened the station in Charter Oaks neighborhood and most recently (in partnership with Clark County Fire District 6) were able to jointly open the Fairgrounds station on 179th. We were also able to retain 100% staffing throughout covid by offering accommodations and had no significant illnesses or permanent disabilities. This fall we began staffing an ambulance to assist in medical calls.

We also started a community risk reduction division and some exciting new programs. Including a mental health response team to connect those individuals to resources outside of a hospital setting. We have a unit providing follow-up care from hospital releases (as requested), and for the elderly who fell and received an injury. All of these programs are mostly or completely funded by outside sources. Putting very little financial burden on the tax payers but maximizing community health and adding resources to your local fire department. Thank you for your consideration.

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## East County Fire & Rescue

### Commissioner, Position No. 1



### Joshua Seeds

**Elected Experience** East County Fire and Rescue Commissioner (Position 1, since August 2018)

**Other Professional Experience** Ecologist at Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. I work to protect drinking water and fisheries from pollution, using science, law, and collaborative efforts with public water

systems, landowners, community groups, and government agencies. Previously a biomedical researcher.

**Education** Capital High School, Boise, ID. B.S. in Biochemistry, Washington State University. M.S. in Environmental Science, Washington State University-Vancouver.

**Community Service** I serve on the Clark County Clean Water Commission, fundraise for food banks, donate farm produce to those in need, and do public education about human and environmental health.

**Statement** Since August 2018, I've served on the East County Fire and Rescue Commission. I ask for your vote to serve another term. I'm a rural resident and understand the challenges faced by landowners who need fire-safe and ecologically healthy homes and properties.

My priority is to ensure that the District continues to provide quality EMS and fire service to residents and maintains a firm financial footing. I want the District to have a greater public education presence about defensible space and fire-safe behavior, along with attracting more volunteers. This is critical with hotter, drier fire seasons. We all have a role in fire safety. As a Fire Commissioner, I've helped lead cost-saving measures such as using squad trucks for EMS response and selling an unused station, using the proceeds to pay off debt and saving interest costs. I use my technical skills to assist district management, such as mapping incident response patterns and researching firefighter safety risks from toxic chemicals.

Public service is a core value of mine. My interest in serving on this commission stems from a desire to make and keep my community a good place to live and work. Thank you for your consideration.

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## East County Fire & Rescue

### Commissioner, Position No. 4



### Martha Martin

**Elected Experience** East County Fire & Rescue Commissioner, Position No. 4, 2012 to present.

**Other Professional Experience** Psychologist, private practice 19 years (Washougal, WA). Licensed Psychologist 29 years.

**Education** Graduate of the University of Washington, Bachelor's degrees in Music Performance and Psychology. Graduate of Arizona State University, Master of Counseling, and Doctorate in Counseling Psychology.

**Community Service** President and Vice President Parkers Landing Heritage Foundation, President Columbia River Arts and Cultural Foundation, Member of the Waterfront Development Committee for the Port of Camas-Washougal, President Concerned Citizens In Action. Past board member Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce. Past Vice President Clark County Arts Commission.

**Statement** As one of your five Commissioners, I have diligently watched out for your tax dollars, maintained excellence in the quality of your fire and emergency services, and will continue to promote safety for your family and for fire professionals. You deserve nothing less than to receive the best fire and emergency services.

East County Fire & Rescue currently provides vital life-saving services in your 60-square mile rural district. My job is to ensure those services continue for you, your family, and your neighbors.

With your vote, I will continue working to promote the positive direction of our ECFR district. As a Clark County native, local business owner, and community advocate, I will continue to provide responsible and honest representation.

As my neighbors and friends, you can continue to expect the best from this Commissioner.

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**Fire Protection District No. 3**  
**Commissioner, Position No. 2**



**Dean Thornberry**

**Elected Experience** No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**  
 25 years of fire service experience to include 12 years at an administrative level, retired as Deputy Chief of Operations, East County Fire and Rescue; 12 years of experience with local, State, and national incident

management teams

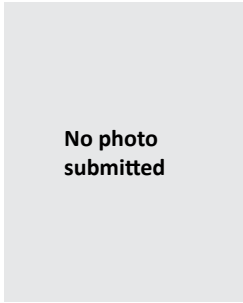
**Education** Eastern Oregon University, Fire Administration studies; AS Fire Science Portland Community College; Leadership Clark County, class of 2014 graduate; Ridgefield High School graduate

**Community Service** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Volunteer, WDFW Master Hunter Advisory Group member, WDFW Hunter Education Instructor

**Statement** It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Fire District 3 Commissioner since my appointment in August of 2022. I do my best to utilize my 25-plus years of fire service experience to make decisions that serve in your best interest. Fire District 3 has a long history of excellence and a commitment to serving the public with integrity and fiscal responsibility. If elected, I will commit to maintaining the quality fire & rescue service that you expect and deserve. I will always act with an emphasis on being an advocate for the taxpayer's investment and maintaining the District's exceptional reputation.

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**Fire Protection District No. 3**  
**Commissioner, Position No. 3**



**Rick Steele**

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## Fire Protection District No. 5

## Commissioner, Position No. 1

**Mike Lyons**

**Elected Experience** Clark County Fire District 5 Commissioner.

**Other Professional Experience** Quality Control Engineering, Western Electric; Captain, Fire District 5 and Vancouver Fire Department; Treasurer, Vancouver Firefighter's Union; Data Analyst, Vancouver Fire Department business plan.

**Education** Clark College 1971, Associate Applied Science Mechanical Engineering; Clark College 1979, Associate Arts General Studies, Honors; University of Portland 1981, Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering, Cum Laude Honors.

**Community Service** "Vancouver Strong" Fire & EMS Community Resource Team; City of Vancouver Pension Board; "Evergreen Citizens for Schools" Volunteer coordinator; "Yes for Fire & EMS" Steering Committee; Heritage High School volunteer, Choir Booster Treasurer, Senior Parents fundraiser; Youth coach: baseball, softball, soccer, basketball.

**Statement** I'm a Vancouver native and have lived within the current Vancouver Fire Department/District 5 service area my entire life raising two children together with my wife of 45 years. I have been actively involved with local fire service for 46 years.

Since 1988 the Fire District has actively pursued regionalizing fire and emergency medical services, first merging with Fire District 4, and in 1994 contractually consolidating with the Vancouver Fire Department. The combined resources have allowed the Vancouver Fire Department to add enhanced services including a fully staffed paramedic program, ladder truck operations, hazardous material team, technical/heavy rescue, and a fire boat. I fully support our contractual relationship with the City and believe it provides the best service to both communities.

My leadership has been instrumental in further improving service delivery, including the building and staffing of the Glenwood Fire Station 7, enhancing response to Glenwood, Barberton, Pleasant Valley and Brush Prairie. I take much pride in my personal efforts working with the City to build the new Station 11 in Fire District 5 and funding the construction and staffing of the station to better serve Orchards, Sifton, and 117th Avenue corridor.

Help me continue this important work.

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## Fire Protection District No. 5

## Commissioner, Position No. 1

**Craig Hancock**

**Elected Experience** No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience** Retired Firefighter. My professional experience is 34 consecutive years of service for the Los Angeles City Fire Department, where I held the ranks of Firefighter/Paramedic, and Fire Inspector. While at the LAFD, I was

involved with the development of ongoing training programs, and administrative projects for the Fire Marshal, specifically writing amendments to the Fire Code, which became adopted as part of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. It was an honor to serve the citizens of Los Angeles for over three decades.

**Education** Pierce College, CSUN, State Fire Marshal Training at Rancho Santiago College.

**Community Service** No Information Submitted

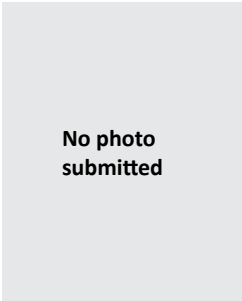
**Statement** As Fire Commissioner, my commitment to both the citizens of Clark County, and the Fire Department, is to serve with the same dedication, integrity, and pride, that I have given to the Fire Service, for most of my adult life. The priorities I have going forward, would be to focus on providing oversight and engagement, to make certain the department has the resources they require to maintain adequate staffing levels, and training, making "Firefighter Safety" an absolute priority. The public education programs the department provides should also continue to be a priority as well. With the significant growth of Clark County over the last few years, it should be incumbent upon all elected officials, involved with the department, to be able to monitor the agency's needs and work diligently to provide whatever is needed to serve the citizens most effectively. It will be an honor, and a privilege, to serve the citizens of Clark County.

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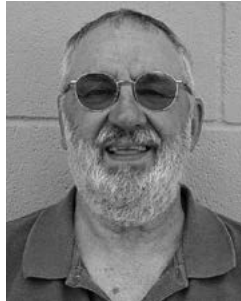
**Fire Protection District No. 6**  
**Commissioner, Position No. 1**



**Brad Lothspeich**  
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**Fire Protection District No. 10**  
**Commissioner, Position No. 3**



**Sam Arola**  
**Elected Experience** This is the first time that I am running for a county elected office

**Other Professional Experience**  
 Retired as maintenance supervisor for Washington State Department of Transportation in Kelso 38 years. Retired as fire chief of Clark County Fire District 10. 47 years.

**Education** Clark College 2year degree in agri business.

**Community Service** Vice president of Amboy Territorial day celebration. President of RPEC (retired public employee counsel) chapter 9.

**Statement** I am running for the third position on the Clark County Fire District board of Commissioners. I was appointed to fill this position that became vacant in February of this year. I was the Fire Chief of this department and chose to retire from that to become a commissioner. The area is growing, and the fire department has been growing with it to meet the calls for service over 1000 calls last year. I feel that I can make the hard discissions that it will take to keep up with the growth. I am very conservative and I always remember that the tax dollars that we spend are very valuable. I pay them too. I would like you support and vote to continue this task.

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Fire Protection District No. 13

Commissioner, Position No. 3

No photo submitted

**Tom McGraw**

**Elected Experience** No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

Most recently served the elderly and health challenged members of my community as a licensed certified nurse's assistant and restorative aid in some of the larger facilities in Battle Ground and I currently have my own in

home care business. I am currently a sitting member on the administrative board for North Country.

**Education** Graduate of Battle Ground high school in 1986 and attended Washington State University on full scholarship for baseball from 1986-90 in the field of sports management.

**Community Service** Served my community as a little league volunteer in many capacities, including as president for a five year period.

**Statement** I feel it to be my God-given privilege to serve my community and country in any way presented to me and will embrace the experience wholeheartedly to ensure that our community members receive the best available service possible in all capacities in and outside of my elected position.

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Fire Protection District No. 13

Commissioner, Position No. 3



**Matt Sciaretta**

**Elected Experience** No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

My work experience includes over 20 years of fire, rescue and EMS in Northern Clark County. My career started out volunteering as a fire fighter in Amboy. Soon after I obtained my EMT certifications through North Country

EMS and started working part time for them and Clark County Fire District 13. Currently, I am a shift captain for Clark County Fire District 10 in Amboy.

**Education** In 2003 I graduated from Battle Ground High School. My education continued at Clark College where I earned an AA in Business Administration.

**Community Service** 15 years as a volunteer firefighter.

**Statement** My Passion has always been in community service. I truly enjoy helping the community that we live in and enjoy seeing the difference that we make every day. As a long time resident of Northern Clark County, I really want to see Fire District 13 continue to provide the amazing and compassionate care to Yaocolt that it is known for. My family and friends live here, my children are being raised here, this is important to me.

Being both a tax payer and a first responder, I understand the difficult task of balancing a responsible budget while still being able to cover continually increasing call volume. As a Commissioner for Clark County Fire District 13, I would help look for ways to meet our communities need while remaining fiscally responsible. We have a great community and they deserve great care.

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## Cemetery District No. 1

Commissioner, Position No. 1

### William A. Zalpys

No biographical information or candidate statement submitted

No photo submitted

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## Cemetery District No. 4

Commissioner, Position No. 3



### Bob McClellan

**Elected Experience** Cemetery District 4 Commissioner (2010 - present)

**Other Professional Experience** No Information Submitted

**Education** No Information Submitted

**Community Service** No Information Submitted

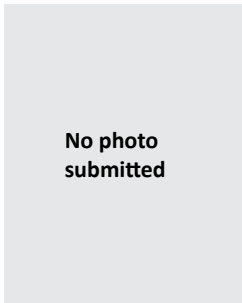
**Statement** A lifelong resident I was raised in View since birth. I have a deep and abiding respect for my community and the final resting place of neighbors, friends and family here in north county. My parents, Minnie and Robert, Sr. (both deceased), were instrumental in establishing Cemetery District 4 where my parents and grandparents are among those now at rest.

A successful business owner and now retired I find I have the time to assist in the stewardship of District 4 cemeteries (Amboy, Chelatchie, and View) and would love to continue to volunteer in the capacity of a Commissioner of the Cemetery District.

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Cemetery District No. 4

Commissioner, Position No. 3



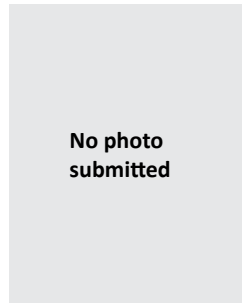
**Rick Halle**

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Cemetery District No. 5

Commissioner, Position No. 1



**Vivian Mosby**

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## Cemetery District No. 6

Commissioner, Position No. 1



### Rebecca DeMarino

**Elected Experience** Current Cemetery Commissioner

**Other Professional Experience** Retired Customer Service Director, United Airlines; Travel Agent, Cascade Travel.

**Education** Studied at Oregon State University; several certifications within the travel industry.

**Community Service** Previously served as a Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, Red Cross Volunteer, Girl Scout Leader, North County Food Bank.

**Statement** I am proud to live in beautiful Clark County. Having served for three years, I would be honored to continue as one of your Cemetery District No. 6 Commissioners. I have long held an interest in the history and preservation of cemeteries. The cemeteries of Clark County District 6, Lewisville, Crawford, La Center, and Highland, all hold such rich stories. Their preservation and beautification give honor to those who have made the final journey and provide a peaceful place for the families who gather to remember them. Thank you for your vote and the opportunity to serve.

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## Clark Regional Wastewater District

Commissioner, Position No. 3



### Denny Kiggins

**Elected Experience** Current President of Clark Regional Wastewater District; Executive Board and Secretary of Washington State Association.

**Other Professional Experience** Business owner for 25 years.

**Education** College, Professional Conferences and Seminars

**Community Service** Three Creeks Advisory Council; Highway 99 Corridor's "Team 99"; Hazel Dell Salmon Creek Business Association; Boy Scouts; Little League; Church

**Statement** I am looking forward to retaining my position as a commissioner at Clark Regional Wastewater and continuing to work with an outstanding general manager, staff and employees as I have for the past 20 years. Throughout these 20 years of experience my thoughts have always been to give back to the community which has given so much to our family.

Clark Regional Wastewater District provides wastewater services to more than 100,000 people in Clark County making it one of the largest and most respected districts in the state of Washington. The District provides wastewater collection services to its customers and relies on a regional partnership with the Discovery Clean Water Alliance and a separate agreement with the City of Vancouver to provide treatment services. Not to be forgotten, we have the lowest rates in the county.

The Alliance is a partnership managed by the District, along with Clark County and the cities of Battle Ground and Ridgefield. Alliance members jointly own and manage wastewater treatment infrastructure that helps to leverage existing resources, control future capital costs, and stabilize customers' rates. The Alliance treats wastewater from 25% of Clark County's population and serves half of all the county's designated growth areas.

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## Camas-Washougal Port

### Commissioner, District No. 2



#### Cassi Marshall

**Elected Experience** Port of Camas-Washougal Commission, 2020-present

**Other Professional Experience** Washougal School District; Jet Propulsion Laboratory

**Education** BS in Aero/Astro Engineering from MIT; Prairie High School

**Community Service** Rotary Club of

C-W, Camas Parks Foundation Board, Camas Ivy League (volunteer invasive species removal) Coordinator. Former: Camas Parks Commission (12 years), C-W Community Chest, Washougal Festival of Trees, Lacomas Little League, Helen Baller PTA

**Statement** Our Port is a major contributor to our quality of life in Camas-Washougal – through jobs creation, recreation, and a dedication to efficiency and environmental protection. Over the past few years, we’ve celebrated some major accomplishments: the opening of Building 20 in the Steigerwald Commerce Center (50,000 square feet for local businesses and jobs); the completion of the Steigerwald Wildlife Refuge Reconnection Project through multi-agency collaboration; and an agreement with Clark PUD to bring the Community Solar East project to our area later this year.

Moving forward, I’ll focus on long-term planning for the remainder of the Commerce Center land, as well as our Port’s properties at Grove Field. Both have tremendous potential to bring diverse local jobs and essential services to East County. I’ll also continue to prioritize community involvement, transparency, and fiscal responsibility in all Port decisions, while focusing on energy efficiency and sustainability in all areas of our operations. Combined, these efforts not only make economic sense, but also help secure a better future for us all.

Our Port is doing great work. I’d be honored to serve as your commissioner for another term.

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## Ridgefield Port

### Commissioner, District No. 1



#### R. Bruce Wiseman

**Elected Experience** Port Commissioner - 24 years beginning in 1998

**Other Professional Experience** 30 years - Wildlife biologist/National Wildlife Refuge Manager

**Education** Ridgefield High School - 1964; WSU - 1968 - Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management.

**Community Service** 40 years Ridgefield Lions Club; Ridgefield Schools; 4-H Clubs; PNW Christmas Tree Association - Past President; Clark County Farm Advisory Committees; Vancouver Lake Planning Advisory Groups

**Statement** After graduating from WSU in 1968, I served three years in the army. Upon my discharge in 1971, and until my retirement in 1997, I worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, managing Wildlife Refuges in four western states. The Ridgefield Refuge Complex was my last refuge duty station.

After retiring, I joined the Port of Ridgefield to assist with their huge environmental remediation project along its Lake River property and adjacent the Ridgefield Refuge. That massive 20-year project was completed at a cost of nearly \$100 million.

Other recent Port accomplishments include: completion of the rail overpass into the waterfront; construction of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife office building; and two 20,000 square feet buildings that are fully leased and includes Wisdom Ridge Academy; designating eight acres along Lake River for a future park, including the .75 mile paved foot path; and making land available for Rosauers, "our" community grocery store.

These Port projects are the result of vision and collaboration with our community and of the Port's commitment to the health of our environment. Planning the future of your waterfront is our ongoing project. Come assist us!

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## Vancouver Port

Commissioner, District No. 1



### Russell E. Brent

**Elected Experience** no elected experience

**Other Professional Experience** 48 years in the restaurant industry, 20 years in community engagement, Leadership Clark County Community Leader Award, US Chamber of Commerce Blue Ribbon Award, Sons of the American Revolution Silver Good

Citizens Medal, Non-profit Network Excellence Community Support Award

**Education** BS in Hospitality Management, Master's in Service Management

**Community Service** Clark College Foundation, Clark County YMCA, Northwest Wine and Food Society, Clark County Skills Center Advisory Board, Northwest Battle Buddies, Kids Cooking Corner, North County Food Bank Community Garden, WSU MAP Business Education Program mentor, Government Affairs' board chair Washington Hospitality Association.

**Statement** For 20 years I've served our community while raising my family and growing my business here. I have owned restaurants and helped many other restaurateurs in our community. I've volunteered on various community boards. As an advocate for business owners, I've built relationships with local, state and federal leaders. These are the skills needed to continue to move our Vancouver port into the future. I am someone who builds relationships while bringing all viewpoints together. As an effective leader, I will listen and communicate clearly.

Our port is a major economic engine. The new waterfront at terminal 1 is a game changer for our community. I have the right demeanor and skills to see this project to fruition.

I will focus on the port's opportunities: the waterfront, economic development for our region, and developing a skilled workforce. I'll make sure our port meets its important obligations to protect the environment, be transparent and open for public review, and be fiscally responsible.

My passion is working hard to make our community successful. I have a proven track record and I will continue to do it if elected as port commissioner. I ask for your vote for this non-partisan position.

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## Vancouver Port

Commissioner, District No. 1



### Don Orange

**Elected Experience** Port of Vancouver Commissioner, Elected 2017. Past President, Salmon Creek Kiwanis; Past President, Columbia Pastoral Counseling Services; Past Chair, Main Street Alliance of Washington.

**Other Professional Experience** Orange has owned small businesses nearly all his career, including a regional trucking company that received shipments at the Port of Vancouver.

**Education** ATI Business Management; Continuing business courses at Elite Training Institute.

**Community Service** Founder, Vancouver 101, Chair, BG School District Auto Advisory, Board member, KXRY; Volunteer for Martha's Pantry; Volunteer for Battle Ground School District; River Protector Business Award, Columbia Riverkeeper; Clark County Green Business Award.

**Statement** The One with Appeal! In 2017, I was honored to win a seat on the Vancouver Port Commission with over 64 percent of the vote. Together, we stopped the proposed oil terminal along the Columbia River. Today, the port is stronger than ever with record revenues and exciting projects on the horizon. Instead of oil trains, the Waterfront has put Vancouver on the map as a national travel destination.

This is an amazing community. Mary and I raised our boy here and loved learning about your families.

As a long-time local business owner I believe our people and their talent is what makes companies strong, not undercutting wages or cutting corners. I have fought to increase the minimum wage and for family-wage jobs, first as a citizen advocate lobbying my legislators, and now as an elected leader. Family-wage jobs are the key to a safe and prosperous community. Public safety and protecting workers is essential to a strong port and local economy.

With your support, I will continue asking the hard questions, advocate for public safety, fight for family-wage jobs, and protect our tax dollars. The future is bright for Vancouver and our port!

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## City of Washougal

**Proposition No. 11****Emergency Medical Services Regular Property Tax Levy**

The Washougal City Council adopted Resolution No. 1230 which authorizes the City to fund emergency medical services with a regular property tax levy. This measure would impose regular property tax levies of \$.50 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years beginning in 2024 to replace an expiring emergency medical services property tax levy as authorized by RCW 84.52.069.

Should this tax levy be approved?

Yes  No

**STATEMENT FOR**

The purpose of this proposition is to maintain the EMS levy which provides the paramedic ambulance response delivered by the Camas-Washougal Fire Department to the citizens of Washougal. Similar levies in the city of Camas and the district of East County Fire & Rescue also fund this essential service. Without this levy, there will be no guarantee that an ambulance will be readily available when you call 911. Your yes vote will simply maintain the established service within Washougal. Please vote yes!

*Levy History:*

The EMS program, started in 1978, has provided an enhanced level of emergency medical services for over 40 years. The program includes local paramedic ambulance transport and continuous medical training for all emergency response personnel. The Washougal community has supported this levy since 1978.

*Levy Assessment:*

At fifty cents per thousand dollars assessed property value, the levy will provide paramedic responders as well as the funds necessary to support replacement of ambulances and equipment, offset rising fuel costs, continue mandated training, continue community CPR and First Aid training and provide training and support to our firefighters and first responders.

*Benefits Provided:*

The levy provides funding for dual-function paramedic/firefighters and local low-cost ambulance transport service as compared to private companies. Funds generated will allow for a paramedic ambulance to remain stationed in the City of Washougal. Rapid response of a local ambulance based within the community improves patient outcomes and keeps our community safe.

Statement for submitted by:

Kevin Bergstrom, Chair

Rod Morris

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**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

Cities within Washington State have the authority to provide emergency medical services to the citizens of their city. To fund these services, a special six year levy is authorized and may be collected if approved by the voters of the city. If the voters of City of Washougal approve this levy to replace the expiring levy at the rate of \$0.50 or less per \$1000 of assessed valuation at the November 7, 2023 election, the City will be authorized for the next six years to continue to collect the property tax levy necessary to provide emergency medical services.

**No statements were submitted for:**

**STATEMENT AGAINST**

**REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST**

**REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR**