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Voters' Pamphlet

November 3, 2015 General Election

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IN CELEBRATION

50 years of the Voting Rights Act

Message from Secretary of State Kim Wyman

I'm pleased to present you the 2015 General Election Voters' Pamphlet.

This important election features local races and measures that will have a significant impact on you and our local communities. Voters will determine the outcome of local measures and elect officials to serve on city councils, school boards, fire, and port commissions.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, the landmark federal law that prohibits racial discrimination in voting in America. On the back cover, you'll see the winning artwork from this year's Kids' Art Contest. The theme, "Every Vote is Equal," celebrated 50 years of this key legislation.

The Voters' Pamphlet cover features the naturalization ceremony in Seattle on July 4. I was honored to again take part in this special event and watch as hundreds of people from over 80 nations proudly became American citizens. I was inspired to see many of these new citizens register to vote so they can have their voices heard and exercise this fundamental freedom cherished by so many of us.

If you are not a registered voter and want to vote in this fall's election, you have until October 26 to register at your county elections office.

You can have your voice heard and make a difference by voting in this fall's election. I encourage you to take a moment to read through the Voters' Pamphlet and other helpful information and then fill out your ballot and return it by November 3. Make an impact on your community and our state by voting this fall!



Kim Wyman
Secretary of State

About the cover

The photo on the cover was taken by Secretary of State Kim Wyman at a July 4 naturalization ceremony in Seattle, in which Secretary Wyman participated. Hundreds of people from more than 80 nations became U.S. citizens and later registered to vote that day. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the federal Voting Rights Act that prohibits racial discrimination in voting. We're celebrating this major achievement in equality and the voice it gives all citizens.



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VOTING IN WASHINGTON STATE

Qualifications

You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington State, and not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington State felony conviction.

Register to vote & update your address

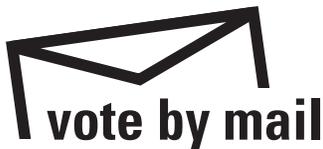
The deadline to update your voting address has passed. Contact your *former* county elections department to request a ballot at your new address.

New voters may register in person until October 26 at your county elections department.

Military voters are exempt from voter registration deadlines.

CAST YOUR BALLOT

- 1** Your ballot will be mailed to the address you provide in your voter registration.



- 2** Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope...



- 3** ... then return it by mail or to an official ballot drop box by **8 p.m.** on November 3.



Where is my ballot?

Your ballot will arrive by October 20.

If you need a replacement ballot, contact your county elections department listed at the end of this pamphlet.

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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY — MAY 24, 2016



Washington will conduct a Presidential Primary

Every Washington State voter will be mailed a Presidential Primary ballot.

Make sure your Washington State voter registration address is up-to-date.

Your ballot will list both Democratic and Republican party candidates; you may vote in only one party's primary.



2016 Presidential Primary Timeline

April 25 – Deadline to update your voter registration information, register by mail or online before the Presidential Primary.

May 6 – All Washington State voters will be mailed a Presidential Primary ballot. Check to ensure your mailing address is current at www.myvote.wa.gov or by calling (800) 448-4881.

May 16 – Last day to register to vote in the Presidential Primary. Applicants must appear in person at their county elections department.

May 24 – Washington State's Presidential Primary. Ballots must be returned to an official drop box by 8 p.m. or postmarked no later than May 24.



For information on party caucuses, please contact your party.

Political parties

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Accessible pamphlets

Audio and plain text voters' pamphlets available at www.vote.wa.gov.



No Internet access?

To receive a copy on CD or USB drive, call **(800) 448-4881**.

Language assistance

Se habla español

Todos los votantes del estado de Washington tienen acceso al folleto electoral y a los formularios de inscripción en español por internet en www.vote.wa.gov.

Adicionalmente, los votantes de los condados de Yakima, Franklin y Adams recibirán su boleta y folleto electoral de forma bilingüe antes de cada elección.

Si usted o alguien que conoce necesitan asistencia en español llame al **(800) 448-4881**.

中國口語

所有華盛頓州的選民都可在網站 www.vote.wa.gov 查看中文選民手冊和選民登記表格。

此外，金郡選民也可登記在每次選舉前自動獲取中文選票和選民手冊。

如果您或您認識的人需要語言協助，請致電 **(800) 448-4881**。

Việt Nam được nói

Tất cả cử tri ở Tiểu Bang Washington có thể truy cập sách dành cho cử tri và đơn ghi danh cử tri bằng tiếng Việt trực tuyến tại www.vote.wa.gov.

Ngoài ra, cử tri ở Quận King có thể đăng ký để tự động nhận lá phiếu và sách dành cho cử tri bằng tiếng Việt trước mỗi cuộc bầu cử.

Nếu quý vị hoặc người nào quý vị biết cần trợ giúp ngôn ngữ, xin vui lòng gọi **(800) 448-4881**.

THE BALLOT MEASURE PROCESS

The Initiative

Any voter may propose an initiative to create a new state law or change an existing law.

Initiatives to the People are proposed laws submitted directly to voters.

Initiatives to the Legislature are proposed laws submitted to the Legislature.

The Referendum

Any voter may demand that a law proposed by the Legislature be referred to voters before taking effect.

Referendum Bills are proposed laws the Legislature has referred to voters.

Referendum Measures are laws recently passed by the Legislature that voters have demanded be referred to the ballot.

LAWS BY THE PEOPLE

Before an **Initiative to the People** or an **Initiative to the Legislature** can appear on the ballot, the sponsor must collect...



246,372

**VOTERS'
SIGNATURES**

8% of all votes in the last
Governor's race

Before a **Referendum Measure** can appear on the ballot, the sponsor must collect...



123,186

**VOTERS'
SIGNATURES**

4% of all votes in the last
Governor's race

**Initiatives & Referenda
BECOME LAW**
with a simple
MAJORITY VOTE

Initiative Measure No.

1366

concerns state taxes and fees.

This measure would decrease the sales tax rate unless the legislature refers to voters a constitutional amendment requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes, and legislative approval for fee increases.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

The Secretary of State is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).

Explanatory Statement

Written by the Office of the Attorney General

The Law as it Presently Exists

Washington law charges a sales tax on most retail sales made in the state. Generally, a retail sale is the sale of goods or services, but there are certain exceptions defined by law. There are also certain goods and services that are exempt from the retail sales tax, such as most groceries, over the counter and prescription drugs, and newspapers. The state retail sales tax is currently 6.5% of the selling price on each retail sale. This rate does not include local sales taxes that may also be charged by cities, counties, and other taxing jurisdictions.

Another state law provides that most fees charged by the government are allowed only if they are approved by more than half of the members of each house of the legislature.

The Washington State Constitution states that no bill may become law unless it receives a yes vote by more than half of the members of each house of the legislature. The Washington State Supreme Court has explained that this voting requirement cannot be

changed by a regular law. This means that neither the legislature, nor the people through the initiative process, can pass a law that requires more votes in order for certain types of bills to pass. The only way to increase the number of votes needed for a bill to become a law is to amend the constitution.

The constitution can only be amended if two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature vote to propose the amendment. The amendment must then be approved by a majority of the voters at the next general election.

The Effect of the Proposed Measure, if Approved

This measure would cut the state retail sales tax from 6.5% to 5.5% on April 15, 2016, unless the legislature first proposes a specific amendment to the state constitution. The proposed amendment must require that for any tax increase, either the voters approve the increase or two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature approve the increase. It must also require the legislature to set the amount of any fee increases.

If the legislature proposes the constitutional amendment before April 15, 2016, then the state retail sales tax would stay at 6.5%.

If the legislature does not propose the constitutional amendment and the state retail sales tax is reduced to 5.5%, that would cut the amount of taxes that individuals and businesses pay for goods and services. It would also lower the State's revenue for government services.

The measure would also define "raises taxes" and "majority legislative approval for fee increases" as those phrases are used in state law.

Fiscal Impact Statement

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

Summary

If the Legislature does not refer a constitutional amendment to voters for consideration at the November 2016 general election, over the next six fiscal years, sales tax revenue for the state General Fund would decrease \$8 billion. Sales tax revenue for the state Performance Audit Account would decrease \$12.8 million. State business and occupation (B&O) tax revenue would increase \$39.9 million. Local tax revenue would increase \$226.1 million. State expenditures would be \$598,000. If an amendment is referred to voters, fiscal year 2017 state election expenditures would increase \$101,000. There would be an unknown increase in local government election expenditures.

General Assumptions

- The effective date of the initiative is December 3, 2015.
- Estimates use the state's fiscal year of July 1 through June 30. Fiscal year 2016 is July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.
- As the phrase is used in Section 3(2) of the initiative, "prior to April 15, 2016, refers to the ballot" means that the Legislature passes the constitutional amendment described in Section 3(2) of the initiative before April 15, 2016, and submits it to the voters for their consideration on the November 2016 general election ballot.

Analysis

The initiative presents the Legislature with a choice that leads to two possible and mutually exclusive scenarios. The Office of Financial Management (OFM) cannot predict how the Legislature will act. For the purposes of this fiscal impact statement, OFM describes the fiscal impact of each scenario.

Scenario 1

The Legislature does not refer a constitutional amendment to voters prior to April 15, 2016. On April 15, 2016, the state retail sales tax rate would decrease from 6.5 percent to 5.5 percent.

State and Local Government Revenue Assumptions

Changes in the state retail sales tax rate could affect the amount of goods consumers purchase, which would affect state and local tax revenue. The Department of Revenue (DOR) prepared the revenue estimates assuming a price elasticity of 0.99. Price elasticity is a method used to calculate the change in consumption of a good when price increases or decreases.

State Revenue

Reducing the state retail sales tax from 6.5 percent to 5.5 percent would decrease revenues deposited in two funds: the state General Fund and the state Performance Audit Account.

Table 1 provides estimates of the retail sales tax reductions over the next six fiscal years to the state General Fund. State revenues deposited in the state General Fund may be used for any government purpose such as education; social, health and environmental services; and other general government activities.

(See Table 1 on page 11.)

Table 2 provides estimates of the retail sales tax reductions over the next six fiscal years to the state Per-

formance Audit Account. State revenues deposited in the state Performance Audit Account are used by the Washington State Auditor to conduct comprehensive performance audits required under RCW 43.09.470.

(See Table 2 on page 11.)

Table 3 provides estimates of the increases in state B&O taxes deposited in the state General Fund over the next six fiscal years. The state B&O tax is a gross receipts tax. It is measured on the value of products, gross proceeds of sales or gross income of the business. Due to price elasticity, state B&O tax revenue could increase with the change in the state retail sales tax rate.

(See Table 3 on page 11.)

Local Government Revenue

Due to price elasticity, local B&O tax revenue and local retail sales tax revenue could increase with the change in the state retail sales tax rate. Table 4 provides estimates of the increased local revenues collected over the next six fiscal years.

(See Table 4 on page 11.)

State Expenditure Assumptions

- The effective date of the retail sales tax decrease is April 15, 2016.

State Expenditures

To implement a reduced retail sales tax rate that takes effect on April 15, 2016, DOR expenditures would increase an estimated \$598,000 over the first six fiscal years. Table 5 provides cost estimates by fiscal year, rounded to the nearest thousand.

(See Table 5 on page 11.)

The timing of the rate change and the number of businesses affected by the rate change contribute to DOR's costs. A change in the state retail sales tax rate would affect about 200,000 businesses that file monthly, quarterly or annual tax returns. These businesses collect retail sales tax from customers and then pass the sales tax revenue to the state when filing a return.

A rate change that occurs on April 15, 2016, would be reflected on tax returns due May 25, 2016. These tax returns should reflect a sales tax rate of 6.5 percent for transactions that occur April 1 to April 14, 2016. Transactions that occur April 15, 2016, or later should reflect a sales tax rate of 5.5 percent. Based on experience, returns filed immediately after a rate change have more errors than other returns. It is assumed that a high number of tax returns submitted in May 2016 will contain errors. DOR staff must manually process and

resolve each return that is in error, is out-of-balance or amends a previous return.

In addition to increased labor costs for processing a higher number of incorrect returns, DOR would experience other expenditures, as follows.

Fiscal year 2016:

- Programming and testing computer system changes.
- Printing and mailing a special notice to affected taxpayers.
- Updating other notices, publications and web-pages.

Fiscal years 2016 through 2021:

- Preparing additional refunds and assessments.
- Responding to more questions from affected taxpayers submitted through normal processes and a secure DOR system.

Scenario 2

The Legislature refers a constitutional amendment to voters prior to April 15, 2016. The constitutional amendment would appear on the November 2016 general election ballot.

State and Local Government Expenditure Assumptions

- The state would not pay the cost of including a constitutional amendment on the ballot.
- County governments would pay the cost of including a constitutional amendment on the ballot.
- The amendment and other required information would be included in the state Voters' Pamphlet and Online Voters' Guide.

State Expenditures

The Office of the Secretary of State's expenditures for the 2016 general election Voters' Pamphlet could increase by as much as \$101,000.

Voters' Pamphlet costs are based on the number of pamphlets printed, the number of pages in each regional edition of the pamphlet, layout and composition work, distribution, postage, translating the pamphlet into minority languages as required by federal law and producing the pamphlet in accessible formats for voters with disabilities. The content required by Chapter 29A.32 RCW also contributes to the expense. For constitutional amendments, the Secretary is required to include the text of the amendment, pro and con arguments, the legal identification of the amendment, the official ballot title, an explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General and the total number of votes cast for and against the amendment in the Legislature.

Based on historical Voters' Pamphlet expenses, the estimated cost of the 2016 Voters' Pamphlet is \$12,625

per page. Due to constraints in the printing process and the minimum contents required by state and federal law, the Secretary generally assumes each amendment or measure will use eight pages in the pamphlet. If the amendment described in this initiative uses eight pages, it would add \$101,000 to the total cost of the pamphlet.

Local Government Expenditures

County governments will experience greater expenditures for the 2016 general election. The cost to county governments cannot be estimated prior to the election.

The 39 counties in Washington incur costs for conducting elections, including printing ballots and ballot materials, distributing blank ballots, and canvassing and tabulating voted ballots. A jurisdiction with candidates or measures on the ballot reimburses counties for its prorated share of election costs. However, as provided for in RCW 29A.04.420, the state reimburses counties only for its share of election costs when federal and state races or state measures and constitutional amendments appear on the ballot in an odd-numbered year.

Table 1 Reductions in state retail sales tax revenue deposited in the state General Fund

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
(\$163,804,000)	(\$1,432,025,000)	(\$1,504,173,000)	(\$1,571,928,000)	(\$1,653,576,000)	(\$1,686,820,000)

Table 2 Reductions in state retail sales tax revenue deposited in the state Performance Audit Account

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
(\$263,000)	(\$2,295,000)	(\$2,411,000)	(\$2,519,000)	(\$2,650,000)	(\$2,703,000)

Table 3 Increases in state B&O tax revenue deposited in the state General Fund

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
\$818,000	\$7,149,000	\$7,509,000	\$7,847,000	\$8,255,000	\$8,421,000

Table 4 Increases in local B&O tax and local sales tax revenue

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
\$4,623,000	\$40,414,000	\$42,451,000	\$44,363,000	\$46,667,000	\$47,605,000

Table 5 DOR implementation costs

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
\$315,000	\$167,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$7,000	\$7,000

Election results mobile app

Free! Available for iPhone and Android.

Search for **"WA State Election Results"** in the app store on iTunes or Google Play Store.

Results are announced after 8 p.m. on Election Day and are updated frequently.

Results are not final or official until certified.



Argument For Initiative Measure No. 1366

Five Times the Voters Have Approved Initiatives Requiring Either a Two-Thirds Vote of the Legislature...

...or majority vote of the people to raise taxes. Five times. In 2012, 64% of voters approved it. Voters clearly want tax increases to be *an absolute last resort*.

Nonetheless, Olympia won't listen to the people unless we pass I-1366. Recent history shows why.

For the Two Years Following Voter's Approval in 2007, I-960 Worked Exactly as Voters Intended

With I-960, tax increases *were* a last resort and Olympia balanced its budgets without raising taxes. In 2010, they suspended I-960 and increased taxes *a whopping \$6.7 billion*, a huge betrayal of the public trust. KING 5's poll: 68% thought it was the wrong thing to do. This year's Legislature, without the two-thirds requirement in effect, increased taxes *a jaw-dropping \$17.5 billion*. Passing I-1366 sends a clear message: we need protection from Olympia's insatiable tax appetite.

We Need Certainty in Tough Economic Times

We need an economic climate where families feel confident, employers expand, and job growth is positive. I-1366's protections provide a stable future, giving families and employers the certainty they need to prosper.

Olympia Faces Another Big Deficit Because Unsustainable Spending has Once Again Outstripped Revenue

We simply can't afford to have it all. When voters pass I-1366, Olympia will be prodded to reform government, prioritize spending and re-evaluate existing programs. If voters reject I-1366, Olympia will resort to job-killing, family-budget-busting tax increases. Hold Olympia accountable for your tax dollars – vote yes.

Rebuttal of Argument Against

Politicians raised taxes *a jaw-dropping \$17.5 billion* this year. They simply can't control themselves. I-1366 is the Taxpayer Protection Act – its intent is protecting taxpayers from Olympia's insatiable tax appetite, either by reducing their crushing tax burden or letting the people vote on a tougher-to-raise-taxes constitutional amendment. The initiative prods the Legislature to confront the critical issue of overtaxation. Olympia will continue to ignore the people unless voters pass I-1366. Vote yes.

Argument Prepared by

Erma Turner, retired hairdresser, businesswoman, our favorite supporter, Cle Elum; **Darryl Ehlers**, farmer, husband, father, poet, gathered 1255 signatures, Lynden; **Jack Fagan**, retired policeman, retired navy, grandfather, bowler, fisherman, hunter; **Jerry Klingele**, retired small business owner, active in community, Yakima; **Brad Carlson**, family small business owner, Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Vancouver; **Suzie Burke**, businesswoman, Fremont's biggest small business advocate, Seattle

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Argument Against Initiative Measure No. 1366

Tim Eyman's I-1366 forces lawmakers to either change our Constitution—allowing a handful of ideological legislators to dictate the agenda for *all* of our State— or face \$8 billion in unnecessary cuts to essential services over six years. It's a false choice that takes Washington backward.

A Roadblock to Reform

Washington has the most regressive tax system in the nation, unfairly harming middle and lower income households, startups, and small businesses. Under 1366, as few as 17 ideological legislators from either party, out of 147 total, can block reforms that could make state government work better for us all.

Steep Cuts We Cannot Afford

By holding lawmakers — and taxpayers — hostage to a constitutional change, 1366 would force deep, unnecessary cuts to K-12 schools, higher education, public safety, and healthcare. Our kids would lose from rolling back bipartisan gains in school funding with increased class sizes, out-of-date textbooks and technology, and fewer good teachers.

Constitutionally Flawed

I-1366 is so flawed it will likely be found unconstitutional, wasting millions in legal fees that could be better spent on law enforcement, healthcare, and other basics. Let's reject the politics of hostage taking, and protect our Constitutional tradition of passing legislation by majority vote, by saying *no* to 1366.

Bipartisan Leaders and Organizations Agree: Vote No!

Washington State Democrats; retired Republican Secretaries of State Sam Reed, Ralph Munro; WA Education Association; WA State Labor Council; League of Education Voters; WA Council of Fire Fighters; WA Conservation Voters; NAMI of WA; League of Women Voters.

Rebuttal of Argument For

The Tri-City Herald sums up 1366: "The initiative is an extortion measure wrought with problems. If approved, it would devastate the state budget unless the Legislature bows to the will of Eyman and his backers." Unless lawmakers change our state Constitution, 1366 would cut \$8 billion over six years, destroying bipartisan investments in K-12 schools and higher education. Businesses oppose 1366 because it would worsen our business climate and damage our economy. Vote No.

Argument Prepared by

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Initiative Measure No.

1401

concerns trafficking of animal species threatened with extinction.

This measure would make selling, purchasing, trading, or distributing certain animal species threatened with extinction, and products containing such species, a gross misdemeanor or class-C felony, with exemptions for certain types of transfers.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

The Secretary of State is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).

Explanatory Statement

Written by the Office of the Attorney General

The Law as it Presently Exists

An international treaty called the "Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species" identifies many species of animals and plants that are at risk of extinction worldwide. Among the species this treaty addresses are species of elephant, rhinoceros, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, pangolin (also called a spiny anteater), marine turtle, shark, and ray. The United States agreed to this treaty in the 1970s. Federal law makes it illegal to sell, import, or trade in endangered species listed by the treaty, or in parts or products made from animals that are listed as endangered (with some exceptions). Washington state law does *not* prohibit the purchase, sale, trade, or distribution of parts or products made from endangered species of elephant, rhinoceros, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, pangolin, marine turtle, shark, or ray.

The Effect of the Proposed Measure, if Approved

If adopted, this measure would prohibit any person in Washington from selling, buying, trading, or distributing

parts of certain endangered animal species, or products containing or made from those animals. Specifically, the measure would apply to parts or products made from elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, lions, leopards, cheetahs, pangolins, marine turtles, sharks, and rays. But it would apply only to species of those animals that are listed in either Appendix I or II of the "Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna," or listed as critically endangered, endangered, or vulnerable in the lists of endangered species compiled by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, which is an international conservation organization.

The measure also includes five exceptions when it would not apply. These exceptions include: (1) sale or trade of antique items if the endangered animal makes up less than 15% of the item; (2) animal parts or products distributed for educational, scientific, or museum purposes; (3) when items are distributed under a will, estate, or trust after death of the owner; (4) musical instruments if the endangered animal part makes up less than 15% of the instrument; and (5) where trade in the item is allowed by federal permit or law.

A violation of the law could be a state crime. The violations would be either a gross misdemeanor or a class-C felony, depending on the market value of the illegal animal parts or products. If a person is convicted for violating the measure, the person would also be ordered to pay a criminal wildlife penalty of 2,000 or 4,000 dollars. The measure would also modify the power of state law enforcement officers to include authority to seize and dispose of illegal parts and products from the endangered species that are covered by the measure.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Written by the Office of Financial Management

For more information visit www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot

Summary

Initiative 1401 (I-1401) makes it a crime to sell, offer to sell, purchase, trade, barter for, or distribute any covered animal species part or product. Covered animal species are any species of elephant, rhinoceros, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, pangolin, marine turtle, shark or ray. I-1401 would have an unknown impact on state revenues. Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife would experience increased expenditures if additional law enforcement officers were hired. Other state and local judicial expenditures are estimated to be less than \$50,000 per year. Local governments would experience an unknown increase in incarceration expenditures.

General Assumptions

- The effective date of the initiative is December 3, 2015.
- Unless otherwise noted, estimates use the state's fiscal year of July 1 through June 30. Fiscal year 2016 is July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.

State Revenues

Section 3 of the initiative creates two new crimes and two new fines. A person convicted of unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the second degree, a gross misdemeanor, would pay a \$2,000 criminal wildlife fine. A person convicted of unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the first degree, a class C felony, would pay a \$4,000 criminal wildlife fine. Revenue from these fines would be deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Reward Account. There are no data available to estimate the number of convictions that may occur. Therefore, state revenue from these new fines cannot be estimated.

State Expenditures

The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) does not currently perform enforcement activities related to the animal species covered by I-1401. While the initiative does not require WDFW to hire more law enforcement officers, the agency would likely seek new funding from the Legislature for additional officers or detectives. For example, a request for a dedicated enforcement effort that includes five officers and one detective would cost \$815,000 per fiscal year.

Current fish and wildlife enforcement activities are funded primarily through the state Wildlife Account and the state General Fund. Some of these activities are funded through the Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Reward Account. New enforcement activities could be funded through any or all these sources.

The state Wildlife Account is used for protection of state fish and wildlife, administrative and certain operating expenses of WDFW, certain administrative costs for the Department of Licensing and enforcement of state game laws. The state General Fund may be used for any government purpose such as education; social, health and environmental services; and other general government activities. The Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Reward Account is used only for investigation and prosecution of fish and wildlife offenses, rewards for reporting fish and wildlife crimes, and hunter education programs.

Local Government Expenditures

District and municipal courts (counties and cities) may experience increased costs for hearing additional gross

misdemeanor cases. Superior courts (counties) may experience similar increased costs for hearing additional felony cases. The Administrative Office of the Courts estimates the fiscal impact of these cases to be less than \$50,000 per fiscal year if there are fewer than 400 additional gross misdemeanor cases statewide each year and fewer than 65 additional felony cases statewide each year.

A person convicted of a gross misdemeanor or unranked class C felony and sentenced to serve time in jail would serve the time in a county or city jail. Based on data from the Washington State Caseload Forecast Council, the average length of incarceration for conviction of an unranked class C felony is 86 days. The average cost of incarceration at a county or city jail is \$88 a day. Based on these data, a county would experience annual expenditures of \$7,568 for each person convicted of a class C felony. Similar data are not available to estimate the cost of jail time for each conviction of a gross misdemeanor. There are no data available to estimate the number of felony or misdemeanor convictions that would occur statewide in a year or how many convictions would result in jail time. Therefore, the total annual incarceration costs to local governments cannot be estimated.

Argument For Initiative Measure No. 1401

Initiative 1401 will help save endangered wild elephants, rhinos, lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, pangolins, marine turtles, sharks and rays— all at risk of disappearing from Earth forever.

Stop Wildlife Trafficking

The scale of the poaching crisis is immense. In one recent case, poachers poisoned a watering hole with cyanide, killing 300 elephants at once. Every fifteen minutes, on average, poachers kill another elephant for black-market ivory – sometimes even sawing off the animal’s tusks while it’s still alive. By penalizing those who traffic in these and other illegal animal products, I-1401 will help put an end to such cruelty and save these iconic animals from extinction.

We Can Make a Difference

The United States is the world’s second-largest market for products from endangered species, and the Ports of Seattle/Tacoma are major entry points. Since 2010, there have been more than 50 seizures of elephant products entering Washington State alone. I-1401 will give state authorities new tools to choke off this illegal trade before these endangered animals are driven to extinction.

Conservation Experts Support 1401

I-1401, written in close consultation with leading wildlife scientists and law enforcement experts, is supported by many respected organizations including the Humane Society of the United States, Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle Aquarium, and Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium.

By voting yes on I-1401, we can do our part to help save endangered animals from extinction.

Rebuttal of Argument Against

Over the past decade, the involvement of organized criminals targeting endangered wildlife has grown faster than we thought possible. Its presence is felt in many markets, including the U.S. We are literally driving species to extinction – from rhinos to rays – and decisive leadership at the state level is needed to stop this trend. 1401 closes loopholes and provides law enforcement with critical tools to combat the illegal trade. *Mary Rice, Executive Director, Environmental Investigation Agency*

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Argument Against Initiative Measure No. 1401

Endangered Species Are Already Protected

We all love elephants. This initiative doesn’t protect them. Proponents provide no evidence this ban will stop trafficking or poaching in other countries. Poaching and trafficking in poached ivory is already a felony under International and Federal laws and has been for decades. Poaching has increased because of demand in Asian markets not because of the purchase and sale of ivory from before the ban on importation into the United States. This initiative targets legally purchased, legally crafted, legally owned ivory. It targets antiques.

The “Antique Exemption” is a sham

In section 3(2)(a) of the initiative an antique is exempt only if it is more than 100 years old, is less than 15% ivory and you have all the paperwork to prove it. If this passes you could be charged with a felony and fined \$14,000 for selling your grandmother’s elephant ivory necklace for \$250. Chess sets, jewelry, figurines, poker chips, buttons and beads, anything more than 15% ivory would become worthless. All your investment would be gone

This Initiative Takes Away Ordinary People’s Property

If you legally “own” something but cannot sell it or give it away do you have anything left of value? All this initiative would let you do is donate it to a museum or pass it through a will to heirs who couldn’t sell it or give it away either. Most people who have family heirlooms or collections are not billionaires. Property owned legally should continue to be legal.

Rebuttal of Argument For

This initiative does in fact target antiques. Proponents admit current law is working and seizures of illegally poached ivory are already happening at our ports. What is different about this proposal is it will criminalize dealing in legal antique ivory. The US holds the world’s second largest reserve of decades old vintage ivory. Culture changes but cultural history should not be erased. Learn from it, don’t destroy it. What is legally acquired should stay legal.

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ADVISORY VOTES

What's an advisory vote?

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

Repeal or maintain?

You are advising the Legislature to repeal or maintain a tax increase.

Repeal - you *don't favor* the tax increase.

Maintain - you *favor* the tax increase.

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View additional cost information at
www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot.



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Advisory Vote No.

10

Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1449

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, oil spill response and administration taxes to apply to crude oil or petroleum products transported by railroad, costing \$17,000,000, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed
- Maintained

Ten-Year Cost Projection

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Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1449 (ESHB 1449)			
Fiscal Year	Oil Spill Administration Tax	Oil Spill Response Tax	Total
2016	\$ 642,000	\$ 675,000	\$ 1,317,000
2017	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 675,000	\$ 1,775,000
2018	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,300,000
2019	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,500,000
2020	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,780,000
2021	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,780,000
2022	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,780,000
2023	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,780,000
2024	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,780,000
2025	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,780,000
Total	\$15,222,000	\$1,350,000	\$16,572,000

Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

Senate: Yeas, 46; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 3
House: Yeas, 95; Nays, 1; Absent, 0; Excused, 2

Advisory Vote No.

11

Second Substitute Senate Bill 5052

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, the marijuana excise tax on medical marijuana sales, costing an amount that cannot currently be estimated, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed
- Maintained

Ten-Year Cost Projection

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Second Substitute Senate Bill 5052 (2SSB 5052)
<p>This bill extends the application of the marijuana excise tax to medical marijuana sales. This will result in additional revenue from the marijuana excise tax. However, the amount of additional taxable activity cannot be reasonably estimated. Therefore, the amount of additional marijuana excise tax revenue attributed to this bill is indeterminate.</p>

Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

Senate: Yeas, 41; Nays, 8; Absent, 0; Excused, 0
House: Yeas, 60; Nays, 36; Absent, 0; Excused, 2

Advisory Vote No.

12

Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5987

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, additional taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels costing an estimated \$3,707,000,000 in the first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed
 Maintained

Ten-Year Cost Projection

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Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5987 (2ESSB 5987)	
Fiscal Year	Fuel Taxes
2016	\$ 170,405,500
2017	\$ 348,640,400
2018	\$ 392,850,800
2019	\$ 395,375,700
2020	\$ 396,977,500
2021	\$ 399,134,200
2022	\$ 399,920,400
2023	\$ 400,581,200
2024	\$ 401,185,500
2025	\$ 401,708,300
Total	\$3,706,779,500

Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

Senate: Yeas, 37; Nays, 7; Absent, 0; Excused, 5
House: Yeas, 54; Nays, 44; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

Advisory Vote No.

13

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6138

The legislature increased business and occupation tax revenues and excluded certain software manufacturers from a retail sales tax exemption, without a vote of the people, costing \$1,449,000,000 for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed
 Maintained

Ten-Year Cost Projection

Provided by the Office of Financial Management
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Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6138 (ESSB 6138)			
Fiscal Year	Business and Occupation Tax	Retail Sales Tax	Total
2016	\$ 25,908,000	\$ 37,569,000	\$ 63,477,000
2017	\$ 50,902,000	\$ 48,082,000	\$ 98,984,000
2018	\$ 62,437,000	\$ 51,355,000	\$ 113,792,000
2019	\$ 73,398,000	\$ 54,759,000	\$ 128,157,000
2020	\$ 95,416,000	\$ 57,101,000	\$ 152,517,000
2021	\$ 99,478,000	\$ 60,929,000	\$ 160,407,000
2022	\$104,132,000	\$ 65,032,000	\$ 169,164,000
2023	\$108,239,000	\$ 69,435,000	\$ 177,674,000
2024	\$113,401,000	\$ 74,155,000	\$ 187,556,000
2025	\$117,621,000	\$ 79,221,000	\$ 196,842,000
Total	\$850,932,000	\$597,638,000	\$1,448,570,000

Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

Senate: Yeas, 35; Nays, 10; Absent, 0; Excused, 4
House: Yeas, 60; Nays, 38; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

Final Votes Cast by Each Legislator

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay



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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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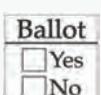
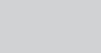
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Whatcom County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

November 3, 2015 General Election

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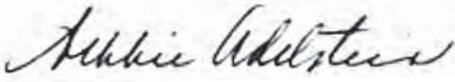
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Dear Voters,

This is a busy year in Elections and it will be busy for you as you sit down to vote. There are several new things on the ballot. There is the county-wide proposition regarding the jail replacement. This is the year that charter revisions are presented to you, the voters, from the months of work done by the Charter Review Commission. There are also two charter revisions proposed by the County Council. In this Local Voters' Pamphlet the information on these items are listed first. The candidates for Whatcom County offices, as well as officials in several of the cities, are up for consideration and follow next. Four fire districts also are looking to you for your approval of propositions as is the City of Ferndale for a metropolitan park district proposal. So your careful thought and consideration of ALL these matters are needed.

Be sure to check the list of ballot drop boxes – several more have been added and may be near you. The box that was formerly at Meridian Middle School has been moved to the Laurel Grange on Meridian Street; new locations include Sudden Valley, Birch Bay fire station, Sumas (behind the Post Office), the North Fork Library in Kendall, and at Haggen's in the Sehome Village parking lot. Students at Whatcom Community College funded a box on their campus near the Heiner Center (as did Western students at the WWU book store previously). These boxes are open to everyone.

Sincerely,



Debbie Adelstein
Whatcom County Auditor



Do You Know What Your County Elected Officials Do?

Office	Duties
Assessor	Maintains a listing, description, and mapping of all property accounts, and ownerships in the County. Appraises all taxable real property and business equipment personal property to determine assessed property values. Calculates levy rates and certifies the tax roll to the County Treasurer. Provides uniformity and fairness in the distribution of property tax. Administrates property tax relief programs.
Treasurer	Responsible for safeguarding all funds and investments of the county and other public districts; bills and collects property taxes; processes property sales and transfers; and provides banking and debt management services.
Executive	Chief Executive Officer of the County. Supervises and manages county administrative and executive departments other than those of other elected officials. Responsible to Council and citizens for enforcement of all ordinances and statutes, budgets, comprehensive and capital improvement plans, contracts, claims and deeds, as defined in the Charter.
Prosecuting Attorney	Prosecutes all criminal and civil actions on behalf of the state and county, advises county departments and officials on legal matters, represents and defends the County.
Sheriff	Performs countywide law enforcement services with primary focus in the unincorporated areas; operates the jail and jail alternative programs; serves as the director of emergency management; coordinates search and rescue operations; and executes civil process and orders of the court system.
Auditor	Keeps property records by recording documents, conducts elections and maintains voter registration, issues vehicle and vessel licenses, mobile home transfers, and marriage licenses.
Council Members	Vote to approve new laws, levy taxes, appropriate revenue and adopt budgets, establish compensation paid to all employees, provide for reimbursement of expenses, adopt comprehensive plans, and hear appeals.



Mail: One \$0.49 cent stamp required.
Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, November 3.
We recommend mailing by November 2.



Drop Box: No postage necessary.
Open: October 14
Close: November 3 at 8:00 pm

Official Ballot Drop Box Locations

Bellingham

- 311 Grand Avenue: Whatcom County Courthouse; South parking lot of the courthouse or inside at Suite 103
- 501 High Street: WWU Bookstore
- 237 W. Kellogg Road: Whatcom Community College (on campus beside Heiner Center)
- 210 36th Street: Haggen Sehome Village (Northeast Corner of Parking Lot) 



Birch Bay

- 4581 Birch Bay-Lynden Road: North Whatcom Fire & Rescue Station 

Blaine

- 610 3rd Street: Blaine Library

Deming

- 5044 Mt. Baker Hwy: Deming Library

Everson

- 106 E. Main Street: Everson WECU

Ferndale

- 2095 Main Street: Ferndale City Hall

Kendall

- 7506 Kendall Road: North Fork Library 

Lynden

- 216 4th Street: Lynden Library

Meridian *(No box at Meridian Middle School)*

- 6172 Guide Meridian: Laurel Grange 

Sudden Valley

- Gate One, at Security Office turnaround 

Sumas

- 534 Railroad Avenue: Behind the Post Office 





Online: Register to vote or update your address online at www.myvote.wa.gov if you have a current Washington State Driver License or I.D.



Mail: Register to vote or update your address by completing a registration form. Registration forms are available on our website, at city halls and libraries. You may also call the Election Division to have a form mailed to you.



In person: Visit the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Accessible Voting Unit



An accessible voting unit (AVU) is equipped with visual and audio technology. Voters requiring reasonable accommodation or assistance may vote on the AVU in the Auditor's Office starting October 14.

Contact Information



Public Disclosure Commission: View contributors for candidates and measures. Visit www.pdc.wa.gov or call toll free (877) 601-2828

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Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 647-7661

Republican Headquarters: 2321 E. Bakerview Road, Suite B
Bellingham, WA 98226
(360) 734-5215

Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division



(360) 778-5102
We gladly accept relay calls

311 Grand Avenue, Suite 103 in Bellingham
elections@co.whatcom.wa.us
www.whatcomcounty.us/auditor

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, *November 3 (Election Day) open until 8 pm*

Whatcom County, Washington
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Not all measures or contests on this sample will appear on your ballot. Only the measures and contests that you are entitled to vote on will appear.

TO VOTE: Use blue or black ink to connect the arrow by your choice with a single line. Do **NOT** use felt tip pen or pencil.

Example: 

HOW TO CHANGE A VOTE: Draw a line through the incorrect choice. You have the option of making another choice.

WRITE-IN: To vote for a person not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the person on the line provided.

Voting more than once per measure or contest will cancel that vote

State Measures

Initiatives to the People

Initiative Measure No. 1366

Initiative Measure No. 1366 concerns state taxes and fees. This measure would decrease the sales tax rate unless the legislature refers to voters a constitutional amendment requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes, and legislative approval for fee increases.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

- Yes
 No

Initiative Measure No. 1401

Initiative Measure No. 1401 concerns trafficking of animal species threatened with extinction. This measure would make selling, purchasing, trading, or distributing certain animal species threatened with extinction, and products containing such species, a gross misdemeanor or class-C felony, with exemptions for certain types of transfers.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

- Yes
 No

Advisory Votes

Advisory Vote No. 10 Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1449

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, oil spill response and administration taxes to apply to crude oil or petroleum products transported by railroad, costing \$17,000,000, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed
 Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 11 Second Substitute Senate Bill 5052

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, the marijuana excise tax on medical marijuana sales, costing an amount that cannot currently be estimated, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed
 Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 12 Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5987

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, additional taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels costing an estimated \$3,707,000,000 in the first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed
 Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 13 Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6138

The legislature increased business and occupation tax revenues and excluded certain software manufacturers from a retail sales tax exemption, without a vote of the people, costing \$1,449,000,000 for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed
 Maintained

County Measures

Proposition No. 2015-1 Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax

The Whatcom County Council passed Resolution 2015-024 concerning a proposition authorizing a sales and use tax for jail facilities. This proposition would impose a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (20 cents for every \$100) for constructing and operating jail facilities for inmates charged or convicted of misdemeanor and felony acts, and for other public safety purposes, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450. Half of this tax (10 cents for every \$100) would expire upon repayment of bonds issued to finance the facilities, no later than 30 years after issuance. Should this proposition be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Proposed Amendments to the Whatcom County Charter by the Charter Review Commission

Proposition No. 1 Method of Electing Council Members

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter concerning the method of electing County Council members. This measure would amend Charter Section 2.13 to provide for election of County Council



Sample Ballot

members by voters only from within the council district from which the candidate was nominated, except for the at-large position which would continue to be selected by voters from the entire county. Should this proposal be:
Approved _____ Rejected _____

Proposition No. 2

Limiting Power of Council to Amend Charter

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter limiting the power of the Council to propose Charter amendments. This measure would amend Charter Section 8.23 to prohibit the County Council from proposing Charter amendments to previous Charter amendments that have been approved by a 2/3 majority of voters, except if the Council adopts a proposal for such amendment by a 7-0 vote. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Proposition No. 3

Limiting Power of Council to Amend Charter's Election Provisions

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter limiting the power of the Council to propose Charter amendments. This measure would amend Charter Section 8.23 to prohibit the County Council from proposing any Charter amendment to Charter Sections 2.12 or 2.13, which pertain to the method of nominating and electing County Council members, except if the Council adopts a proposal for such amendment by a 7-0 vote. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Proposition No. 4

Word Limit for Ballot Questions

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter to provide greater consistency with state law regarding the wording of initiatives and referenda. This measure would amend Charter Sections 5.40 and 5.60 pertaining to initiatives and referenda and increase the word limit for ballot questions from 20 to 40 words. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Proposition No. 5

Lowering Threshold for Initiative and Referendum Signatures

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter lowering the number of signatures required to place initiatives and referenda on the ballot. This measure would amend Sections 5.40 and 5.60 to lower the threshold of signatures required to place an initiative or referendum on the ballot from 15% of the number of votes cast in the last general election to 8% of the number of votes cast in the last regular gubernatorial election. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Proposition No. 6

Lowering the Number of Signatures Required for Citizen Initiatives to Amend Charter

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter reducing signatures required to place citizen-proposed Charter amendments on the ballot. This measure would amend Charter Section 8.22 to lower the number of signatures required for placement upon the ballot of proposed Whatcom County Charter changes by citizen initiative from 20% to 15% of the number of votes cast in the County in the last gubernatorial election. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Proposition No. 7

Term Limits for County Executive and Council Members

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter to place term limits upon the County Executive and County Council members. This measure would amend Charter Sections 2.14 and 3.21 to apply a term limit of no more than three consecutive full terms to the County Executive and County Council members, to be applied prospectively only, beginning with the 2017 and 2019 elections. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Proposition No. 8

Altering Composition of Districting Commission

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter to alter the requirements for composition of the Districting Commission. This measure would amend Charter Section 4.41 to include representation on the districting committee from each political party with a candidate who receives at least 15% of the vote cast in the County in the last gubernatorial primary or presidential election, with a second representative on the committee assigned to each party of which a candidate for those same elections received at least 33% of the vote. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Proposed Amendments to the Whatcom County Charter by the County Council

Proposition No. 9

Number of Council Districts and At-Large Council Positions

The Whatcom County Council has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter concerning the number of Council districts and at-large positions. This measure would amend Charter Sections 2.11 and 2.12 to create five districts of equal population. If passed, there would be one council position in each of the five districts plus two at-large positions that would be nominated without regard to district. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Proposition No. 10

Amendments by the Charter Review Commission and the County Council

The Whatcom County Council has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter concerning voting thresholds to place charter amendments on the ballot. This measure would amend Charter Sections 8.21 and 8.23 to require any amendment proposed by either the County Council or the Charter Review Commission to have a supermajority vote of the Council or the Commission in order to be placed before the voters on the ballot. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Whatcom County

Executive, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Jack Louws
 Joy Gilfilen

Council District 1 Position B, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Todd Donovan
 Bruce Ayers

Council District 2 Position B, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Satpal Sidhu
 Kathy Kershner

Council District 3 Position B, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Barbara Brenner

Assessor, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Keith Willnauer

Auditor, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Debbie Adelstein

Sheriff, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Bill Elfo

Treasurer, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Steven Oliver

Port of Bellingham

Commissioner District 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Robert (Bobby) Briscoe
 Gary S. Jensen

City of Bellingham

Mayor, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Kelli Linville

Council Ward 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

April Barker

Council Ward 3, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Dan Hammill

Council Ward 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Terry Bornemann

Council Ward At Large, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year Term, Vote for One

Roxanne Murphy

City of Blaine

Ward 1 Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Steve A. Lawrenson

Ward 2 Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Dennis Olason

Ward 3 Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Mary Lou Steward

City of Everson

Council Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Eric Oettel

Council Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Joel Vande Hoef

City of Ferndale

Proposition No. 2015-1

Creation of Ferndale Metropolitan Park District

The Ferndale City Council passed Resolution No. 15-02-17-A in order to allow voters to decide whether to create a Ferndale Metropolitan Park District with boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the City as now or hereafter established and to be governed by the Ferndale City Council as the ex officio board of commissioners to support the City's parks and recreation system. Shall the Ferndale Metropolitan Park District be so created and governed?

[] For the formation of a metropolitan park district to be governed by the City Council of Ferndale as the ex officio Board of the metropolitan park district commissioners.

[] Against the formation of a metropolitan park district.

Mayor, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Jon Mutchler
 Cathy Watson

Council Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Rebecca Xczar



Sample Ballot

**Council Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Greg Hansen

**Council Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Keith M. Olson

Glenn Stewart

**Council Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Paul S. Ingram

Teresa N. Taylor

City of Lynden

**Council Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Gary L. Bode

**Council Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Ronald DeValois

**Council Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Gerald (Jerry) Kuiken

**Council Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Brent Lenssen

City of Nooksack

**Council Position 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Scott Bodven

**Council Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Marshall Judy

City of Sumas

**Council Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Todd Daniels

**Council Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Gary de Bont

Bellingham School District 501

**Director Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Camille Diaz Hackler

**Director Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Quenby Peterson

Jono Manion

**Director Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Kelly M. Bashaw

**Director Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year
Unexpired Term, Vote for One**

Douglas W. Benjamin

Ferndale School District 502

**Director District 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Kevin Erickson

**Director District 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Stuart McKay

**Director District 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Hugh Foulke

Blaine School District 503

**Director District 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

John Freal

**Director District 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Todd Berge

**Director District 3, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year
Unexpired Term, Vote for One**

Joan Lotze

Russ Schutt

**Director District 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Charles Gibson

Lynden School District 504

**Director Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Dominic Shiu

**Director Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Brian L. Johnson

**Director Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Kevin Burke

Meridian School District 505**Director District 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Craig L. Wasilewski

**Director District 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Marty Gray

**Director District 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

John Bosche

Nooksack Valley School District 506**Director District 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Cheryl Thornton

**Director District 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Chris Haugen

**Director District 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Mark Olson

Mt Baker School District 507**Director District 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Ellen Dodson

**Director District 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Trish Hart

**Director District 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt

Concrete School District 11**Director District 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term,
Vote for One**

Michael Brondi

**Director District 5, At-Large, Nonpartisan Office,
Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One**

Dolores Elliott

Fire Protection District 1**Proposition No. 2015-1
Restoring Regular Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 227 authorizing a regular property tax

levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2015 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes _____ No _____

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Tim Wells

Fire Protection District 4**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Harry W. Andrews

Peter H. Arkison

Fire Protection District 5**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Stan Riffle

Judson Meraw

Fire Protection District 7**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Al Saab

Fire Protection District 8**Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Robert Neher

Fire Protection District 11**Proposition No. 2015-1****Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy**

Will Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 be authorized to fund emergency medical services for its citizens by imposing a regular property tax levy of \$.39 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Ed Scott

Fire Protection District 14

**Proposition No. 2015-1
Authorizing Increase of Previous Property Tax Levies**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 14, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2015-04 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.30 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2015 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes _____ No _____

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Larry (Skip) Moore

Fire Protection District 16

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Ryan Lenssen

Fire Protection District 17

**Proposition No. 2015-1
Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 17, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 319 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2015 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes _____ No _____

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Anthony Cannizzaro

Fire Protection District 18

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Patrick Bistline

Fire Protection District 21

Commissioner District 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Dean Whitney
John Crawford

Glacier Fire And Rescue

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Tim Coralline

South Whatcom Fire Authority

Commissioner District 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Tom Ekdahl
Brian Martin

Commissioner District 2, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One

James Willson

Commissioner District 4, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One

Stefen Paige
John B. Parks

Water District 2

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Chuck Foster

Water District 7

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Thomas Rhone

Water District 13

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Larry Davis

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One

Jackque Fowler

Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Phil Cloward
Jeff Larsen

Birch Bay Water And Sewer District

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One

Carl Reichhardt



Columbia Valley Water District

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Richard Banel
Gerry Zimmerman

Glacier Water District 14

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Connie Cook

Lake Whatcom Water And Sewer District

Commissioner District 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Laura Lee Weide

Commissioner District 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Bruce Ford

Commissioner District 4, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Leslie McRoberts

Point Roberts Water District 4

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Madeleine Anderson

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Arthur S. Reber
Wayne Knowles

Samish Water District

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Gordon J. Nolan

Cemetery District 1

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for One
John F. LaMonte

Cemetery District 2

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Janet Lutz-Smith

Cemetery District 3

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Robert Straka

Cemetery District 4

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One
John Groom

Cemetery District 6

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Julie Hughes

Cemetery District 7

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Leonard Sund

Cemetery District 9

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Tom Jones

Cemetery District 10

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Richard Decima

Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Troy Luginbill

Cemetery District 11

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Roderic Perry

Point Roberts Park And Recreation District 1

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One
Bennett Blaustein

Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One
Stephen T. Falk

Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One
Linda Hughes

Blaine-Birch Bay Park And Recreation District 2**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One**

Richard C. Sturgill

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Jeffery Carrington

Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Douglas Robertson

Lynden Regional Park And Recreation District 3**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One**

Ronald Van Soest

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Robert (Bob) Bandararra

Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan Office, 4 Year Term, Vote for One

Barbara Daley

Hank Roorda

Chuckanut Community Forest Park District**Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

John Hymas

Hospital District 304**Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan Office, 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Andrew C. Hunter

Point Roberts Public Hospital District**Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Office, Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for One**

Kandace (Kandy) Harper

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Whatcom County Proposition No. 2015-1 Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax

The Whatcom County Council passed Resolution 2015-024 concerning a proposition authorizing a sales and use tax for jail facilities. This proposition would impose a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (20 cents for every \$100) for constructing and operating jail facilities for inmates charged or convicted of misdemeanor and felony acts, and for other public safety purposes, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450. Half of this tax (10 cents for every \$100) would expire upon repayment of bonds issued to finance the facilities, no later than 30 years after issuance. Should this proposition be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Explanatory Statement:

State law requires the County to provide for a jail. The County Council has determined the current jail does not meet existing and future needs. If Proposition #1 passes, the County will build a replacement jail on LaBounty Road in Ferndale, demolish the existing Prospect Street jail, and construct facilities for inmate transfer at the County Courthouse. The proposition before County voters would add sales and use tax at the rate of 0.2% for construction and operation of jail facilities, adult corrections programs including inmate mental health programs, and for other public safety purposes, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450.

Statement For:

The Whatcom County Jail is an essential public facility and the only detention option in the County. Opening in 1984 to house 148 inmates, our existing Jail currently operates at nearly twice its designed capacity. Overcrowding and structural deficiencies have shortened the Jail's lifespan. Visitors, staff and inmates are endangered by increasingly failing; security, structural integrity, life-safety systems; and lack of space to safely and responsibly house inmates with a variety of disorders. A fire or other catastrophe could result in an enormous loss of life and taxpayer liability. The planned replacement Jail incorporates design features and systems to maximize safety, security and operational efficiencies. The new Jail provides for educational and treatment programs to prevent recidivism, including a separate specialized mental health and substance abuse unit. The replacement Jail site is centrally located and accommodates incremental expansion for future needs. The 0.2% sales tax (20 cents on \$100 purchase) will fund the construction, partial operations and maintenance of this desperately needed replacement facility while ensuring non-residents share in costs. One-half of the tax will expire upon repayment of the construction bonds. Operating an efficient, safe and humane Jail is essential to our quality of life and fiscal responsibility.

Statement For prepared by: Ray Baribeau, Susan McClendon, and Pat Brown

Statement Against:

Vote *no* on the latest *jail tax!* In 2004, 61% of voters agreed to a sales tax to fund a new jail. Now the County is asking us to *pass another unstable sales tax for the same project* instead of a stable property tax. If we pass this tax it will lock up all of our public safety funding into one project. We do need a new jail, but let's not sign another blank check. We also need cost effective alternative programs with stable funding. These programs reduce criminal justice costs. All of this sales tax will go into the jail - the most expensive option versus cost effective, humane alternatives. This jail won't even house misdemeanants from Bellingham! The county jail plan up for voter approval calls for charging housing city misdemeanants \$150/day. The cost is so high Bellingham has refused to join this plan and will save money by sending inmates to Yakima at a cost of \$65/day. In addition to this tax increase for a large jail, the county plans to use more than \$20-million in other funds for a new Sheriff's office complex. Voters should set funding priorities and say *no* to this sales tax increase.

Statement Against prepared by: Patrick Alesse, Dan McShane, and Doug Starcher

Statements For, Statements Against, and Rebuttals are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any government agency.

Rebuttal of Statement For:

This tax doesn't include funding for much-needed programs that reduce incarceration; it's just for a very expensive jail. This also isn't a jail for all of Whatcom County; it will exclude misdemeanants from Bellingham. You already passed a sales tax in 2004 for a new jail and those funds are still being collected. Do not give a rubberstamp approval for this flawed jail proposal: vote no on this second sales tax for the jail!

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The 2004 tax is used for the interim work release facility, jail improvements, design and future operation of a new jail. Existing jail diversion programs are currently funded at \$11.5M and expanding. Property tax increases are not available for needed income to make bond payments. The elected leaders of 6 of our cities support a countywide agreement to build and operate a new jail. Costs of sending misdemeanants to another county have not been verified.



Whatcom County Proposition No. 1 Method of Electing Council Members

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter concerning the method of electing County Council members. This measure would amend Charter Section 2.13 to provide for election of County Council members by voters only from within the council district from which the candidate was nominated, except for the at-large position which would continue to be selected by voters from the entire county. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Explanatory Statement:

Presently all councilmembers, though selected in the primary election by voters only from within the district in which the candidate resides, are elected by voters from the entire County in the general election, regardless of a voter's district of residence. The proposed amendment, if adopted, would change that so that in the general election voters from each district would vote only for those candidates who reside within a voter's district, except if candidates are running for an at-large position, in which case all voters, regardless of district of residence, would vote for a candidate for the at-large position.

Statement For:

This is the first of seven amendments that enhance and protect *your* rights against government intrusion and control. They were proposed by the Charter Review Commission that *you* elected last November.

By voting to approve this first amendment, *you* restore *your* ability to elect Council members that represent *you*. This protection was *taken from you* eight years ago by the approval of an amendment proposed by county government.

When that government proposal took effect, it allowed *others* to decide *your* council member. That's like Oregon selecting your representative for Washington State. Does that make sense?

Are *you* satisfied with *your* representation being selected by *others*, or would *you* rather elect a council member that represents *your* needs? Voting to approve Proposition 1 protects *your* right.

Statement For prepared by: Eileen Sobjack, Joe Elenbaas, and Karl Uppiano

Statement Against:

Please Reject District-Only Voting. Electing our County Council members county-wide means they have to work together and represent all of us. Proposition 1 will: make council members less responsive to our county as a whole, and divide our Council into political factions, producing partisanship and gridlock.

District-only voting is another proposal passed through the Charter Commission in a narrow vote by commissioners who proposed such amendments as cutting County funding for non-profits like the food bank and domestic violence services.

District-only voting will rig the system against our communities. According to an email from Commissioner Chet Dow, district-only voting is about fundamentally altering our elections to benefit the coal industry: *"At some point it is likely that County Council will cast votes concerning whether or not to issue the needed permits for the [coal] shipping terminal... This is why I believe that all other topics pale in comparison to getting Amendment 1 enacted."*

Voters rejected this same measure 7 years ago. After 3 years of experimenting with district-only voting, we returned to countywide voting so that all seven of our County Council members would have to work together. *Reject District Only Voting and keep Whatcom County moving forward, together.*

Statement Against prepared by: Fair & Equal Whatcom; Rebecca Boonstra, Pat Alesse, and Max Bronsema.

Statements For, Statements Against, and Rebuttals are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any government agency.

Rebuttal of Statement For:

This is district-only voting. The proponents claim this was "taken from you." Not true: *we, the voters*, rejected district-only voting just eight years ago. We want to vote for each councilmember because they make decisions for all of us. This proposal takes away your right to vote for all seven councilmembers! District-only voting is notorious for leading to more partisanship and gridlock. Keep your right to vote on each councilmember: reject district-only voting!

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

We recommend *you* approve Charter Proposition #1 for more responsive and responsible county government. Support *your* right to be represented with district only voting. Electing County Council members by each of the three unique districts assures *your* council member represents *your* community values. The council works together with a greater understanding of the diverse interests of *your* county instead of one faction in control.



**Whatcom County
Proposition No. 2
Limiting Power of Council to Amend Charter**

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter limiting the power of the Council to propose Charter amendments. This measure would amend Charter Section 8.23 to prohibit the County Council from proposing Charter amendments to previous Charter amendments that have been approved by a 2/3 majority of voters, except if the Council adopts a proposal for such amendment by a 7-0 vote. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Explanatory Statement

Currently the County Council may propose Charter amendments if five of seven councilmembers vote to adopt an ordinance presenting such proposal to the voters. This amendment proposed by the Charter Review Commission, if adopted, would alter that requirement where the voters had previously approved an amendment on a matter by at least a 2/3 majority. New proposals by the Council to further amend the Charter on that matter could only be presented to the voters if adopted by a unanimous vote of all councilmembers. A "yes" vote for this amendment is incompatible with a "yes" vote for Proposition No. 10.

Statement For:

Vote yes on Proposition 2 Limiting power of Council to change charter Proposition 2, is intended to discourage the council from proposing amendments countermending any amendment that was approved by a large majority of voters. *This proposal is about protecting the decisions the citizens of Whatcom County have made at the ballot box.* This change to our County Charter would require the County Council to reach a 7-0 consensus vote to propose changing any Charter Amendment that the voters passed by a 2/3 majority vote. This keeps the County Council from attempting to change things on our Charter that the citizens have overwhelmingly voted for. When the voters of Whatcom County speak, the County Council should listen. That is what this amendment insures. Protect your vote, Vote yes on Proposition 2

Statement For prepared by: Delaine Clizbe, Karl Uppiano, and Ben Elenbaas

Statement Against:

Please reject Proposition 2. The world changes and we want our government to be able to change with it. Both our U.S. and Washington State Constitutions require a super-majority (2/3) vote to make changes, not a unanimous vote. Our State Constitution also ensures that the County Council may propose charter amendments to us, since ultimately, it is us, the voters, who have the final say on any such change. Proposition 2 would require a unanimous vote of the County Council to even place a proposal on the ballot so that you, the voter, could consider amending the County Charter. This impassable hurdle means that one person on council would have veto power over any proposal considered. It limits your right to petition your government for changes, it limits the County Council's right to ask you for amendments, and it infringes on your right to vote. *Reject Proposition 2 to protect your right to vote for changes when they are needed.*

Statement Against prepared by: Alie Walker, Richard May, and Roxanne Murphy

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Decisions made by voters are already protected because County Council cannot change the charter unless you, the voter, approve their proposed amendments. For the next 10 years, Proposition 2 would enable a vote from one Councilmember to block proposals for urgent changes citizens have requested. Getting seven people to agree on any major issue is difficult. A 2/3rd majority vote makes sense and secures your opportunity to vote on changes. Reject Proposition 2.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

"Home Rule Charter" means we are not always like the State. This proposition requires a 7-0 vote by Council only on changes to the Charter that were approved by a 2/3 vote of citizens--Our current Council frequently votes unanimously. This does not limit citizens right to petition Council... it strengthens voters choice by making it harder for the Council to go against what the voters say. Protect your vote approve Proposition 2.



Whatcom County Proposition No. 3

Limiting Power of Council to Amend Charter's Election Provisions

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter limiting the power of the Council to propose Charter amendments. This measure would amend Charter Section 8.23 to prohibit the County Council from proposing any Charter amendment to Charter Sections 2.12 or 2.13, which pertain to the method of nominating and electing County Council members, except if the Council adopts a proposal for such amendment by a 7-0 vote. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Explanatory Statement:

Currently the County Council may propose Charter amendments if five of seven councilmembers vote to adopt an ordinance presenting such proposal to the voters. This amendment proposed by the Charter Review Commission, if adopted, would change that requirement when the Council is proposing amendments to Charter Sections 2.12 and 2.13 which address the election of councilmembers. A proposal to amend those particular sections could only be presented to the voters if the Council adopted such a proposal by a unanimous vote of all councilmembers. A "yes" vote for this amendment is incompatible with a "yes" vote for Proposition No. 10.

Statement For:

Please vote to approve Proposition 3 – Limiting Power of Council to amend Charter's Election Provisions

Proposition 3 enhances voters' say by making it harder for the County Council to propose amendments to the Charter that would change the way they themselves are elected – judged a conflict of interest. This change is needed because in 2005 the voters of Whatcom County voted to have the Whatcom County Council elected by districts rather than county wide. The County Council put the issue back on the ballot, with confusing language that left voters unable to decipher what they were voting for.

Proposition 3 limits Council's power in one specific section of the Charter -- regarding council elections. It does not affect Council's ability to propose changes elsewhere in the Charter.

Voters approving Proposition 1 will also want to approve Proposition 3 to enhance the likelihood that district representation remains in place for a reasonable period of time.

Statement For prepared by: Delaine Clizbe, Karl Uppiano, and Chet Dow

Statement Against:

Please reject Proposition 3, which would make it nearly impossible for the Whatcom County Council to propose amendments to our Charter, by requiring a unanimous (7-0) of votes.

A supermajority ($\frac{2}{3}$ of votes) is required to amend the United States Constitution, the Washington State Constitution, and the Whatcom County Charter (our county's constitution). A supermajority vote secured women the right to vote through the 19th Amendment. This would have been impossible if a unanimous vote had been required.

If accepted, Proposition 3 would: restrict majority voters' right to govern, create impossible government gridlock, and limit the voice of the people.

Reject Proposition 3, to protect our right to make a better future for families across Whatcom County.

Statement Against prepared by: Iris Maute-Gibson, April Barker, and Tom Stuen

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Given the chance, voters correct mistakes -- like we did last time we rejected District Only Voting. Proposition 3 would limit our voice to only every 10 years. They argue for "limiting the power" of elected officials to govern. *Government should be able to do more for every Whatcom County resident.* Protect our right to vote for all of our elected officials and their right to govern -- *reject* Proposition 3

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The statement against Proposition 3 is written by a partisan group who hopes to confuse you into rejecting this Proposition. The truth: this 7-0 requirement is for a very limited section of the Charter--how our County Council is elected. Don't be misled. Our County Council should not have a say in how they are elected. That is a conflict of interest. Say Yes to Proposition 3 by marking *approve* on your ballot.



**Whatcom County
Proposition No. 4
Word Limit for Ballot Questions**

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter to provide greater consistency with state law regarding the wording of initiatives and referenda. This measure would amend Charter Sections 5.40 and 5.60 pertaining to initiatives and referenda and increase the word limit for ballot questions from 20 to 40 words. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Explanatory Statement:

Presently ballot titles for County initiatives and referenda are supposed to be no longer than twenty words. The proposed amendment, if adopted, would change that requirement so that ballot titles for those purposes could be up to forty words long, and would also provide greater consistency between state law and county law regarding other aspects of the County's ballot titles for initiatives and referenda.

Statement For:

Proposition 4 is a charter amendment that was recommended by the County Auditor, in order to improve the process used to prepare the official titles and summaries for initiative and referenda proposals. The change will make Whatcom County's standards for title and summary of initiatives and referendums more consistent with the laws of Washington State. It will also ensure that ballot measures are worded such that a yes vote is a vote in favor of a proposal, while a no vote is a vote against a proposal. This charter amendment does not affect the number of signatures required for a proposal to appear on the ballot. It clarifies how proposals will be described to voters.

The Charter Review Commission voted unanimously, with a bipartisan 15-0 vote in favor, to place this charter amendment before the voters. The authors of this statement represent a range of different political perspectives, and we join together here and ask that you approve Proposition 4.

Statement For prepared by: Todd Donovan, Joe Elenbaas, and Karl Uppiano

**Rebuttal of
Statement For:**

No statement submitted

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

**Rebuttal of
Statement Against:**

No statement submitted



Whatcom County Proposition No. 5

Lowering Threshold for Initiative and Referendum Signatures

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter lowering the number of signatures required to place initiatives and referenda on the ballot. This measure would amend Sections 5.40 and 5.60 to lower the threshold of signatures required to place an initiative or referendum on the ballot from 15% of the number of votes cast in the last general election to 8% of the number of votes cast in the last regular gubernatorial election. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Explanatory Statement:

Presently the number of signatures of registered voters in the county needed on a petition to place an initiative proposal or referendum on a matter of County law upon the ballot is 15% of the vote cast in the county in the last regular general election. This proposed amendment, if adopted, would change the number of signatures required to 8% of the vote cast in the county in the last regular gubernatorial election.

Statement For:

Our State Constitution stipulates that the people reserve the power to propose laws and to enact or reject them on the ballot. The powers of initiative and referendum have been used at the state-level to repeal the poll tax, to adopt campaign finance reform, and to advance non-partisan elections. Our initial county charter set provisions for use of initiative and referendum, however the minimum number of signatures required to qualify for the ballot was set at 15% of votes cast in last election. That is much higher than the 8% threshold in our state constitution, making it virtually impossible for citizens to exercise their rights to initiative and referendum in Whatcom County.

Proposition 5 amends the charter so the threshold for signatures for would be set at 8%, the same threshold specified in the Washington State Constitution. This still requires that several thousand signatures must be collected to qualify for the ballot. *Proposition 5 speaks to the right of citizens to bring initiatives and referendums to the voters. (Proposition 6 is similar, but addresses the process whereby citizens initiate changes to the charter itself.)*

Proposition 5 received strong bi-partisan support from the Charter Review Commission and we recommend approval.

Statement For prepared by: Todd Donovan, Jon Mutchler, and Karl Uppiano

Statement Against:

Whatcom County citizens have the right to propose or reject laws through initiatives and referenda; which is good. But this right exists to accommodate exceptional circumstances: when the County Council acts or fails to act in accordance with the wishes of a significant portion of the electorate. The proposed Charter amendment would allow a tiny splinter of the electorate (8%) to place "take it or leave" proposals on the ballot.

Our State government has struggled for years due to the consequences of ill-considered initiatives. These initiatives have both cut revenue and demanded additional services, a mathematically impossible outcome. Initiatives have hurt our State's ability to repair roads and bridges, and to support schools. Let's not increase the likelihood of such chaos in Whatcom County.

Philip Talmadge, former State Senator and Supreme Court Justice wrote in the Seattle University Law Review, "...the initiative process has become a substitute for thoughtful legislation, particularly on budget issues." It's easy to vote yes to reduce car tabs to \$30. But would you vote to double tuition for college students?

Citizen's rights to make or change laws will remain, but letting only 8% decide what we should vote on is undemocratic! Vote No on Proposition 5.

Statement Against prepared by: Barbara Ryan and Mark Asmundson

Rebuttal of Statement For:

The question is how easy should it be for special interests on the left or the right to circumvent our elected representatives? Proponents cite the state constitution's 8% threshold. This year, 253,835 signatures would be needed statewide to bring a measure to voters. If this measure passes in Whatcom County, only 8378 signatures will be needed, a very low target and highly empowering to special interest groups. This measure makes extremism too easy; vote no.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Proposition 5 allows voters, on rare occasions, to decide on local policy and process. This never happens here anymore because burdensome rules limit petitioning. The 8% threshold only affects the ability to ask for a vote. A 50%+ majority would then approve or reject. That's democracy. Claims of "chaos" are exaggerations. The State Supreme Court guarantees local initiatives have less scope than state initiatives. It's important to have this local option. Please vote yes.



**Whatcom County
Proposition No. 6**

Lowering the Number of Signatures Required for Citizen Initiatives to Amend Charter

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter reducing signatures required to place citizen-proposed Charter amendments on the ballot. This measure would amend Charter Section 8.22 to lower the number of signatures required for placement upon the ballot of proposed Whatcom County Charter changes by citizen initiative from 20% to 15% of the number of votes cast in the County in the last gubernatorial election. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Explanatory Statement:

Presently the number of signatures of registered voters in the county that are required upon a petition to place an initiative for County Charter amendments upon the ballot is 20% of the votes cast in the county in the last regular gubernatorial election. This proposed amendment, if adopted, would lower the number of signatures required to 15% of the number of votes cast in the county in the last regular gubernatorial election.

Statement For:

Proposition 6 speaks to the right of citizens to initiate changes to our county charter. (Proposition 5 is similar, but addresses citizen initiatives and referendums.)

The “pro” committee for Proposition No. 6 has a profound appreciation and respect for the Whatcom County Charter (our county “constitution”). Two of us served on the 2015 Charter Review Commission and the third ran for that office. Along with bipartisan support from the Charter Review Commission, we urge passage of Proposition No. 6 as a way to strengthen the ability of ordinary citizens to propose changes to that charter.

We agree on two principles. First, the people should always have a fair process whereby they can propose meaningful, but not frivolous changes to the charter. And second, the threshold to initiate county charter changes should be high, but not impossible.

Currently, in order to bring a charter amendment to the voters “20% of the number of votes cast in the county in the last gubernatorial election” needs to be gathered. Had someone attempted this requirement in 2015 they needed to gather 21,000 signatures. Proposition No.6 lowers this requirement to 15%, which is still a high threshold. We urge passage of Proposition 6.

Statement For prepared by: Jon Mutchler, Todd Donovan, and Karl Uppiano

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of

Statement For:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of

Statement Against:

No statement submitted



Whatcom County Proposition No. 7

Term Limits for County Executive and Council Members

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter to place term limits upon the County Executive and County Council members. This measure would amend Charter Sections 2.14 and 3.21 to apply a term limit of no more than three consecutive full terms to the County Executive and County Council members, to be applied prospectively only, beginning with the 2017 and 2019 elections. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Explanatory Statement:

Presently there is no limitation upon the number of terms to which County Councilmembers and the County Executive may be elected. This proposed amendment, if adopted, would limit the number of consecutive terms to which Councilmembers and Executive could be elected to three full four-year terms. Terms would be considered consecutive unless a period of four years out of such office intervened between elected terms of service. The limitation if adopted would apply prospectively only, beginning with the elections of 2017 for councilmembers elected that year and 2019 for councilmembers and executive elected that year.

Statement For:

This measure would allow a legislator or Executive to serve for 3 consecutive terms (12 years) then require a one term break (4 years) before serving again. Term limits will increase trust in our officials by creating a healthy turnover. The 1 term break would allow for a return to office and would create at least one full term when the official would serve without the distraction of running for office. The most practical outcomes are derived from living in and being a part of the community you serve. Holding elected office should not be looked upon as a career activity. Officials would need to focus their efforts on achieving their goals in 12 years. If they can't in this time frame then it's time for a change. There are structural advantages to incumbency that create hurdles for any challenger to overcome. Including more name recognition and money. Candidates with good name recognition almost always win and in some cases don't have challengers or run a campaign. We would not need this ordinance if incumbency lead to better governance. Having more people elected to office will increase participation in the process and lead to better outcomes. Please approve proposition #7.

Statement For prepared by: Ken Bell, Eli Mackiewicz, and Karl Uppiano

Statement Against:

Vote no on Amendment 7. Term limits for the County Executive and the County Council is a solution looking for a problem. We already have term limits: they're called elections. Local office holders face the voters every four years. If the majority of the voters are dissatisfied with the incumbent, or prefer another candidate, then the incumbent will be voted out of office. This Amendment shows a fundamental distrust of the voters to make decisions and elect the best candidates. Term limits aren't needed. We have over 30 years of experience in electing County Executives and Council members. In that time we have elected more than 30 Council members; only Barbara Brenner and conservatives Ward Nelson and Sam Crawford have served more than three terms. We have elected three County Executives. Shirley van Zanten served three terms, Pete Kremen served four and Jack Louws is finishing his first. Term limits are presented as a way to ensure turnover in elected officials. We already have that. Supporters of this Amendment do not trust the voters to elect the best candidates. Vote no on Amendment 7.

Statement Against prepared by: Dan Raas, Tom Stuen, and Philip Buri

Rebuttal of Statement For:

History shows that this Amendment is unnecessary. Despite incumbents' name recognition and money, Whatcom voters regularly vote them out. Many others retire, their work done. Very few of our councilmembers have served more than three terms in office. No evidence exists that our elected officials defer their goals in order to stay in office. This Amendment restricts your right to vote by banning candidates you might favor. Vote No on Amendment 7, term limits.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

We are developing a political class in this country where the parties determine who is electable and who is not. Those opposed to term limits are typically those in or around the political system or party loyalists. Representative government means that ordinary citizens bring real world experience to governance. This ordinance is designed to put an end to the endless campaign that is the reality of today's public service. Please vote yes on #7.



**Whatcom County
Proposition No. 8**

Altering Composition of Districting Commission

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter to alter the requirements for composition of the Districting Commission. This measure would amend Charter Section 4.41 to include representation on the districting committee from each political party with a candidate who receives at least 15% of the vote cast in the County in the last gubernatorial primary or presidential election, with a second representative on the committee assigned to each party of which a candidate for those same elections received at least 33% of the vote. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Explanatory Statement:

Presently the County’s redistricting committee is comprised of two persons each from the two major political parties, plus a fifth person chosen by those four. This proposed amendment, if adopted, would provide for one person from each political party with a candidate receiving at least 15% of the vote in Whatcom County in the most recent gubernatorial primary or presidential election, with a second person from each party with a candidate receiving at least 33% of the vote in Whatcom County in either of those elections. If the number so chosen is even, those persons shall select an additional member.

Statement For:

Every ten years, when the Census recalculates Whatcom County’s population, a Districting Committee is formed to redraw Council District lines. The Committee makes sure that an equal number of voters live in each District and *should* ensure that residents with common interests can vote together. But, because partisan politics influences this Committee, it becomes a way to divide us by our voting records, rather than to unite us by our shared needs. This amendment would reform this process and give smaller, but by no means less important, political parties a chance to participate in redistricting negotiations. Our Charter allows for *only* four members of the Committee, with “two from *each major political party*”. So, by this wording alone, all other parties have *no chance* to sit around this important table. Is this fair? Whether you live in the North County or in South Bellingham, the current Districting Committee is interested only in which of *the two* political parties you might support in the next election. By involving smaller parties, with at least 15% support locally, this Committee may consider the interests of independent voters who care more about good governance than being politically victorious. Please vote to approve Proposition 8.

Statement For prepared by: Eli Mackiewicz, Todd Donovan, and Karl Uppiano

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of

Statement For:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of

Statement Against:

No statement submitted



Whatcom County Proposition No. 9

Number of Council Districts and At-Large Council Positions

The Whatcom County Council has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter concerning the number of Council districts and at-large positions. This measure would amend Charter Sections 2.11 and 2.12 to create five districts of equal population. If passed, there would be one council position in each of the five districts plus two at-large positions that would be nominated without regard to district. Should this proposal be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Explanatory Statement:

Under the current Whatcom County Charter, Whatcom County is required to be divided into three districts of equal population. In each district, there are two council positions. There is also currently one at-large council position which is nominated without regard to residence in a particular district, resulting in a total of seven council positions. This amendment would require that the county be divided into five districts of equal population. Each of these districts would have one council position. In addition, this amendment would increase the number of at-large positions to two, resulting in a total of seven council positions.

Statement For:

Whatcom County has breathtaking landscapes—from the Salish Sea to the North Cascades. Between them, rich farms and waters provide berries, milk, salmon and shellfish to the world. The breadth of our landscapes is matched by the diversity of our people, but today our districts don't reflect that diversity.

Vote yes to increase our council districts to 5 Fair and Equal Districts (Coastal, Farmland, Foothills and Lakes, and North & South Bellingham). After this passes, a bipartisan districting committee will establish the final lines.

The old system is outdated. Three districts worked when adopted in the 1970's. Since then, our population has doubled. Similar counties have anywhere from 5 to 9 districts.

The old system is unfair to both rural and urban communities. All three districts include part of Bellingham, meaning all rural voters have to compete with Bellingham in each election and if you live in Bellingham, there may be no representative from your city. Every community deserves to be represented! *No new taxes* are needed for Five Districts. You will still have seven representatives, 1 per district and 2 residing at-large. Vote yes on Proposition 9!

Statement For prepared by: Fair and Equal Whatcom; David W. Finet, Tim Douglas, and Dorie Belisle

Statement Against:

Reject Whatcom County Council's Proposition 9.

For the first time in the history of Whatcom County, the Council is attempting to redraw its own districts; a process reserved for the Districting Committee according to the Whatcom County Charter. This proposal is designed to confuse you, the voter. It would carve Whatcom County into small concentrated political districts. More district lines means more opportunities for gerrymandering by political parties and less representation (1 Council member instead of 2).

Over the course of several 2015 Charter Review Commission open public meetings, this proposal was thoroughly vetted. For six-months the residents of Whatcom County spoke in front of the Commission, and the Commissioners conducted open public discussions amongst themselves. In the end, it was determined that this was not the correct direction for Whatcom County; the Charter Review Commission rejected it on a bipartisan, super-majority vote of 11 (*no*) and 4 (*yes*) votes.

At the Council public comment hearing, Pete Kremen said it best when he voted no, *"Three districts are plenty. When I say it's time tested, it is, it ebbs and flows. We get changes in political makeups and ideologies on the county council."* *Reject* this flawed Proposition.

Statement Against prepared by: Delaine Clizbe, David McCluskey, and Kris Halterman

Statements For, Statements Against, and Rebuttals are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any government agency.

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Don't be confused by descriptions of beautiful scenery. Five Districts takes away local representation, giving you one less Council member to represent your voice. Currently voters choose who will represent them every two years. Under five districts this will happen only once every four years. Five districts is less representation, more political gerrymandering, and denies rural voters a voice to their future. Say no to this attempt to set up a very partisan County Council.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

In recent years County Council has heard from county residents that the geographic area they live in needs better representation. Proposition 9 is designed to ensure direct representation from 5 distinct areas of Whatcom County, including rural and urban. This is fair and critical to good representation. Once passed by voters, this goes to a bipartisan Districting Committee but the first step is for us to *approve* 5 fair and equal districts.



**Whatcom County
Proposition No. 10**

Amendments by the Charter Review Commission and the County Council

The Whatcom County Council has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter concerning voting thresholds to place charter amendments on the ballot. This measure would amend Charter Sections 8.21 and 8.23 to require any amendment proposed by either the County Council or the Charter Review Commission to have a supermajority vote of the Council or the Commission in order to be placed before the voters on the ballot. Should this proposal be:

Approved: _____ Rejected: _____

Explanatory Statement:

The current Whatcom County Charter requires that a simple majority of the Charter Review Commission vote for a proposed charter amendment to place it before the voters. By comparison, a supermajority of the County Council must vote for a proposed charter amendment to place it before the voters. If this amendment passes, the requirement of a supermajority would apply to both Commission and Council and a supermajority would be sufficient for either to place any proposed amendment before the voters. A "yes" vote for this amendment is incompatible with a "yes" vote for either Proposition 2 or 3.

Statement For:

Please vote to accept Proposition 10. Our County Charter is our local constitution. In Whatcom County, the State of Washington and the United States of America, we require a super-majority vote and no higher in order to amend the Constitution or put a proposed constitutional amendment before the voters. But there's one exception: amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission can appear on your ballot with only a simple majority.

All of the controversial Charter Commission amendments on your ballot passed with a narrow, partisan majority. There was no effort to gather support, collaborate across party lines, or consider the impact of proposed amendments on the voters of Whatcom County. Propositions 1, 2 and 3 are designed to enact minority rule and lock it in place so that you—the voter—cannot change it in the future. We need to raise our standards to reduce political gridlock.

If passed this would simply require the Charter Review Commission to operate by the same rules as the Whatcom County Council, Washington State or the US Congress. They too would have to have bi-partisan support in order to propose a change to our local constitution. *Vote to accept Proposition 10!*

Statement For prepared by: Fair & Equal Whatcom; Barbara Ryan, Rebecca Boonstra, and Darrell Hillaire

Statement Against:

Reject Proposition 10 if you favor Proposition 2 or Proposition 3. Retain your right to citizen control of the Whatcom County Charter.

The "5 district" proposal (Prop 9) was voted down by the Charter Review Commission but the current partisan County Council overruled that decision and put it on the ballot anyway. This County Council doesn't like when the people exercise their voice and this proposition is nothing more than an attempt to silence you. If Proposition 10 is passed along with Proposition 2 or Proposition 3, it will be the courts deciding what happens next- not the people of Whatcom County.

The Charter Review Commission is the citizen's ability to change the Charter. The commissioners take input from the public. They debate and vet each suggested change. Finally, they vote on which changes will be sent to the Whatcom County voters for approval. With a supermajority vote required, citizens' suggestions for changes have little chance of being submitted to the voters.

This proposition would impact the citizen's rights to amend the Whatcom County Charter. It hinders the Charter Review Commission's ability to make the citizen requested changes to the Charter. Retain your voice in local government. *Reject Proposition 10.*

Statement Against prepared by: Delaine Clizbe and Dave McCluskey

Rebuttal of

Statement For:

"Home Rule Charter" in Whatcom County means the voters decided we would do things differently than the State. The Charter Review Commission voted 9-2 on Proposition 3—proving it's not the narrow margin this partisan committee describes. Propositions 2 and 3 are written to prevent the government from usurping any changes the public makes to the charter. Don't give away your power in local government. Vote no on Proposition 10. Mark *reject* on your ballot.

Rebuttal of

Statement Against:

The charter requires a 2/3 majority of the County Council to recommend changes for voter approval; the same majority should be required of the County Charter Review Commission. Without this amendment, a vocal minority is capable of partisan mischief, unnecessary changes favoring special interests without deliberation, debate or compromise. Vote yes to require a 2/3 majority of the Charter Review Commission to recommend changes to our charter.



Whatcom County | Executive | 4 Year Term

Jack Louws



Elected Experience: County Executive, 2012-present; Lynden Mayor, 2002-2009; Lynden City Council, 1990-1993

Other Professional Experience: Louws Truss, Inc., 1977-2010 (President 1983-2010); Snapper Shuler Kenner Insurance, 2011

Education: Lynden High School graduate

Community Service: My wife, Cindy, and I have three grown children, two grandchildren and have been foster parents to 16 children. We attend Cornwall Church and support numerous nonprofits across the county. I've chaired the Whatcom Council of Governments, Small Cities Caucus, Growth Management Coordinating Council and Bender Fields Expansion Bond Committee. My board service includes Whatcom Transportation Authority, Economic Development Investment Council, Emergency Medical Services Board, Public School Advisory Committee.

Statement: As your County Executive the past four years, I made significant progress on many projects across our community. Parks were added in Acme Valley, Birch Bay and Maple Falls and major renovations are slated for Silver Lake Park. The Whatcom Unified Emergency Coordination Center and Whatcom County's first Mental Health Court were created. The Courthouse was remodeled and a fourth Superior Court Judge added. And we operated within a balanced and sustainable budget.

I am most proud of my work to repair County relationships with Bellingham, the Port, small cities and local tribes. In 2014, the Dispute Resolution Center recognized Bellingham Mayor Kelli Linville and me with the Public Servant Peace Builders Award for our willingness and commitment to model collaborative leadership and proactively work together for the betterment of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

During my first campaign, I pledged to bring integrity, commitment and respect to the office. I've lived that promise every day and continue to stand by it.

I thank you for placing your trust in me for the past four years and hope to continue earning it for four more. I ask for your vote to continue the important work that remains to be done.

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Joy Gilfilen



Elected Experience: 70-80's: Executive Secretary at Washington State Legislature 4 times.

Other Professional Experience: Managed Whatcom County Tourism Bureau 2 yrs. Built executive level planning systems at SPIE scientific media 2 yrs. As Business Consultant to Amazon Herb Company we doubled sales revenues to exceed a million a month. VP of Whatcom Women in Business 2 terms.

Education: 30 years field trained in free enterprise with foundational 2 years college, numerous sales, business courses.

Community Service: Basketball coach Boys & Girls Club; PTA; Member, Bellingham City Club. President, Restorative Community Coalition since 2010. 4-H Leadership 10 years. Spearheaded Fairhaven 1990 Task Force.

Statement: For 40 years, I have been troubleshooting difficult issues, building human-to-technology systems and solving real world problems. To me, the challenges we face today are about building for a better tomorrow. Whatcom County is facing the stresses and pressures of rapid change. Finding solutions will take fiscal responsibility – to the taxpayers; it will take executive accountability to the County Council; and it will take transparency in our civic systems. Now is the time for fiscal responsibility. It is time to cross political divides. It is time to help our small towns stand up to state and federal pressures so that we can rebuild our cities. Someone needs to say no to more taxes. No to more bureaucracy. No to more regulations. Instead of an oversized jail fed by over-criminalization, let's empower restorative economic solutions, implement restorative justice. Freedom is the ultimate responsibility.

I grew up in a small town doing community development. I see that same development formula as a way to meet the needs of the world that is coming, because it can no longer be business as usual. It can no longer be politics as usual. It's time for a fresh perspective.

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Todd Donovan



Elected Experience: Elected to Whatcom County Charter Review Commission, 2014.
Other Professional Experience: Professor, Western Washington University, teaching state and local government for 24 years; Washington State University Thomas Foley Institute for Public Service, senior fellow; Washington State Council of Faculty Representatives; Elected President of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, 2013.
Education: California State University Sacramento, B.A. Economics and Government, 1986; University of California, Riverside, Ph.D. Political Science with an emphasis on land use and economic development, 1991.
Community Service: Board member, Columbia Neighborhood Association; Representative, Whatcom County Citizen Elections Advisory Commission; Past Board Member and chair, Whatcom Chapter Washington Conservation Voters

Statement: For nearly two decades, I have worked outside of government to promote healthy communities. It would be a privilege to serve as your representative on County Council to continue that work. As your councilmember, I will plan for 21st century jobs, build on the progress we have made protecting drinking water in Lake Whatcom, and champion thriving farms, our great park system and livable towns and cities. Whether you live in a small city, on a farm or in Bellingham we share many things: a responsible approach to tax dollars, an appreciation of work that supports our families and pride that we call this spectacular place our home. You can count on me to be careful with your tax dollars. I support a safe, new jail and I'll work to make sure this plan includes treatment for the mentally ill and diversion from jail so that we spend less of your money while making our community safer. The choices we make now define our future, and the future of our children. I look forward to talking with you and hearing your hopes, concerns and ideas. Endorsed by Whatcom Democrats, Bellingham / Whatcom County Firefighters, Washington Conservation Voters, and many more.

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Bruce Ayers



Elected Experience: Bellingham City Council 1994-1999, WWU Student Body President 1975-1976, Precinct Committee Officer
Other Professional Experience: Professional and Principal Land Surveyor since 1979, Past President, Northwest Land Surveyors Assoc., Director, State LSAW Board
Education: B.A. Western Washington University
Community Service: Past Member and Treasurer ARC of Washington Board, Past President and Treasurer Elect Bellingham Central Lions Club, Director NW Business Club, Chair Whatcom County Council of Governments, Member Whatcom County Planning and Community Development Board, City Council Representative to Museum Board, Chamber of Commerce Board of Director, Past Chair Whatcom GOP, Charter Representative Boy Scout Troop 7, Baseball Coach Bellingham Parks and Recreation

Statement: Over the past 18 years Whatcom County elected leaders have spent millions on engineering, design, and structural professionals to plan and design the needed replacement jail. These studies and resulting data consistently demonstrate that we have an overwhelming need to replace the current jail with a humane, efficient, and a modern facility. Whatcom County's mental health needs must be met and mental health programming with jail alternatives and prevention is and should be a priority. Whatcom County currently spends millions of dollars annually for existing Mental Health Behavioral programming. We can replace the failing main jail and develop more mental health alternatives at the same time. With your vote and support I will make it my first priority to replace our jail facility with a safe, and humane new jail. A diversity of viewpoint is needed on the current County Council. There are many critical issues facing Whatcom County that will need a thorough debate and discussion, including but not limited to: Agriculture, updating the County Comprehensive Plan, River and Flood priorities, and community growth issues. With your help and support, I will continue to work to keep Whatcom County a great place to live, raise a family, and work.

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Whatcom County | Council District 2 Position B Short and Full 4 Year Term

Satpal Sidhu



Elected Experience: Current, Whatcom County Councilman and 2014 Candidate for State Rep 42nd District.

Other Professional Experience: Small business owner Spice Hut and LyndenBerry Company in Whatcom County; senior business executive, professional engineer, educator and community volunteer. Worked in petroleum, solar and technical education sectors for 35 years.

Education: MBA, BSEE, BS Math; Fulbright Scholar

Community Service: Resident of Lynden for 29 years. Board member at NW Agricultural Business Center, Whatcom CC Foundation; Citizen Council PeaceHealth; Whatcom Counselling and Psychiatric Clinic, Bellingham Police Diversity Committee; NW Clean Air Agency; Meridian School District Foundation and many more. More at www.VoteSatpalSidhu.com

Statement: I always believed in giving back to my community. Recently, I was able to listen and converse with thousands of voter and continue to build upon my commitment in 2014 campaign to be a problem solver. My values are the American ideals of hard work, strong ethics and community service.

Looking forward to Whatcom County, a growing healthy community with clean environment and robust economic opportunities for businesses and good paying jobs for our future generations. I bring my solid business background to help the county attract new innovative technology businesses. I see great potential for more jobs in agriculture with increased exports, value-added processing and addressing the issues facing our farms. On the council, I'll be a strong voice for agriculture and preserving farmland.

County Council faces important decisions influencing the community for years to come like restoring Lake Whatcom, new jail with proper community based mental health services, addressing poverty issues, water rights, recruiting new industries, Charter changes and more. I promise to uphold the public ethics, fairness and non-partisan approach to create better opportunities for our future generations. I look forward to meet you and listen to your ideas to better our local government.

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Kathy Kershner



Elected Experience: Elected County Council 2010. Chaired County Council, Flood Control District Board of Supervisors, Board of Health. Council Finance Committee, Election Canvassing Board

Other Professional Experience: U.S. Navy Officer, retired, 22 years service. Founder of Advocations, a firm that evaluates state-funded programs that enable adults with developmental disabilities to lead safe, independent lives in our communities. Partnered in a \$22 million human services agency providing jobs and support to individuals and families of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Education: Bachelor of Science, Family Resources, University of Hawaii.

Community Service: Northwest Regional Council, North Sound Mental Health Advisory Board, Council of Governments.

Statement: Four generations of my family call Whatcom County home. We know this place is special. My family has been blessed to enjoy the many opportunities and quality of life that Whatcom County offers, and I will work hard for you to preserve our beautiful home. You deserve a government that works for you. My top priority will be ensuring your viewpoint is considered as decisions are made and that the Council is keeping its promises. I have a proven track record of working with diverse groups in our communities to solve complex and challenging issues with results that ensure everybody wins. My leadership experience gained as a Commissioned Naval Officer, Councilmember and Business Executive will allow me to get right to work on important issues regarding public safety, economic growth, regulatory impacts, water use, affordable housing and clean drinking water. We need to replace our unsafe jail, and I will seek additional resources for mental health treatment without overburdening taxpayers. I will serve you and future generations with integrity, fairness, and courage. I am honored to have represented you on the County Council, and it would be a privilege to receive your vote.

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Barbara Brenner



Elected Experience: Barbara Brenner chairs Council Public Works, Health, Safety Committee; Member Council Planning Committee; Serves on Behavioral Health Advisory Board, Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Intergovernmental Tribal Relations Committee, Public Defenders Advisory Committee.

Other Professional Experience: Owner/operator Heritage Refinishing, art teacher, panelist on Leadership America Forum, wrote successful initiatives, small farm forester.

Education: College, Certified Erosion Control Lead, Master Gardener, Master Composter, Master Recycler.

Community Service: Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Rome Grange, Hovander House Docent, Washington State Farm Forestry Association, Sean Humphries Hospice House, Northwest Womens' Hall of Fame, Black Mountain Forestry Center Boards. 10 Mile Early Watershed Committee, Trees for Streams Program.

Statement: USA Weekend Magazine described Barbara Brenner as "...the hero next door...sacrifices long term for the common good...thinks of others constantly...creative, energetic, independent minded...takes big risks to make things better." Persistent, investigative, responsive. Bellingham Herald named her Health and Social Services Newsmaker of the Year. Advocate for robust medical and mental health, and senior services. Received Legislator of the Year Award from Whatcom County Sheriffs Guild.

Stopped importation of hundreds of tons a day of infectious waste, which made workers sick. Improved unfair phone service. Works with farmers to support economy and local jobs. Pushes to reform regressive property taxes, create affordable housing, incentivize low impact development. Stands up for those who need a voice. Principled, compassionate. Tirelessly protects residents.

"Everyone is important! I take no endorsements and owe no favors. I limit campaign spending. Public service is about trust, not political doublespeak."

Husband, Ed Morris is a jet captain. Son, Wesley Brenner is a King County prosecutor. Son, Collin Morris is a civil engineer for an international marine engineering company. Their home and property showcased on Sustainable Connections Tour of Low Impact Development and Re Store Tour of Recycled Homes. Visit VoteBarbaraBrenner.com for more.

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Whatcom County | Assessor | 4 Year Term

Keith Willnauer



Elected Experience: Elected Whatcom County Assessor in November, 1989. Elected to the position seven times, 26 years of service, longest serving Assessor in the State of Washington.

Other Professional Experience: Washington State Appraiser Accreditation. Member International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO). Past President Washington State Association of County Officials. Past President Washington State Association of County Assessors

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Distinguished Alumni, Western Washington University. Certified Professional County Official, University of Washington Graduate School of Public Affairs

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I am focused and committed to the future. Our local communities are faced with critically important needs and demands. The administration of property tax is technical and non-political. The protection of our environment, the protection of our personal safety, and the education of our youth, will all rely on property tax to support these service deliveries. I have the technical background, the experience, and the commitment to customer service necessary to achieve these requirements.

The Assessor's Office has transitioned to a new computer system and most importantly, established an enhanced yearly property valuation program. We are continuing to focus on customer service quality with automation developments and new information access. All of these advancements have been accomplished while reducing the staff by 2 positions. I commit to direct an administration with a taxpayer's perspective of practicality and cost.

The county enterprise now requires a multi-departmental land record system. The Assessor's Office has committed to foundation a new computer mapping Geographical Information System (GIS). My experience working with other officials and under tight budget restraint will serve this major project well.

I respectfully seek your support for my re-election to the position as your Whatcom County Assessor.

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Whatcom County | Auditor | 4 Year Term

Debbie Adelstein



Elected Experience: Whatcom County Auditor, 2012-2015

Other Professional Experience: Certified Election Administrator (State Secretary of State), 2005-2015; Board Member, Washington Association of County Officials; Legislative Chair of Washington State Association of County Auditors.

Education: B.A. (Political Science), Western Washington University

Community Service: I have been committed to public service my entire adult life, serving on various boards for non-profits, including Past Board Member, Boys & Girls Club of Whatcom County, Western Alumni Association, & Western Foundation; Past President Roosevelt PTA, and member of the Calendar Review Committee of Bellingham Public Schools. Currently, I am on the Board of the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra.

Statement: I have been honored to serve this past four years as your Whatcom County Auditor. I welcome the opportunity to serve you for four more.

In my office we are committed to provide excellent customer service in helping the public when they need us, whether it is in recording documents, obtaining vehicle and vessel licenses, or registering voters. We pledge to conduct fair and impartial elections with our highest priority being accuracy. We seek efficiencies in all of our operations and make the necessary changes when we can demonstrate improvements will result. We are fiscally responsible and implement cost savings as long as it does not jeopardize the quality of our work product or the service we provide.

I have lived in Whatcom County for over 40 years with my husband, Steve, and have two married children and three grandchildren.

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Whatcom County | Sheriff | 4 Year Term

Bill Elfo



Elected Experience: Whatcom County Sherriff since 2003

Other Professional Experience: Experienced in all aspects of local Law Enforcement; Corrections; Emergency Management; Former Police Chief; Prosecutor; College Criminal Justice Professor. Governor's appointment to Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission (vice chair); former President Washington Sheriffs' Association and Whatcom Police Chiefs' Association

Education: B.S. and M.S. Criminal Justice; Juris Doctorate; FBI Command College and National Law Institute; National Sheriffs' Institute; University of Louisville School of Police Administration

Community Service: Whatcom Mental Health and Substance Abuse Revenue Advisory Committee (Chair); Brigid Collins Family Service Center Advisory Board; Boys and Girls Clubs; Bellingham Whatcom Commission Against Domestic Violence; Washington State Bar

Statement: Keeping our community safe for families motivates me every day. Preventing crime and gang violence; taking habitual criminals off our streets; protecting victims; advocating for a safe and efficient jail; and reducing crime through improved behavioral health treatment are my top priorities.

With your help, much has been accomplished. Revised protocols and enhanced technologies keep child abuse, domestic violence and other crime victims safer. Partnerships with other law enforcement helped dismantle gangs and send violent criminals to prison. Deputies are better trained to defuse situations with the mentally ill and better prepared and equipped to respond to sudden eruptions of violence threatening our schools, neighborhoods and workplaces. An emergency coordination center opened and stands ready to coordinate disaster responses. I testified before Congress and millions in federal grants to mitigate border crime followed.

Our Jail operates one of the most robust Jail Alternative Programs in Washington and the delivery of mental health services has improved. Mental Health Courts opened and Drug Courts expanded. However much more can be done and with our vote, I will continue to make our community even safer.

I am honored with the endorsement of all our small City Mayors, Police Chiefs and Prosecuting Attorney.

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Steven Oliver



Elected Experience: I have served two terms as your Whatcom County Treasurer, first elected in 2007 and re-elected in 2011. Two-term Ferndale City Councilmember, first appointed to complete a partial term, the elected to a 4-year term.

Other Professional Experience: Small business owner and a local corporate board member.

Education: Graduate of the University of Puget Sound in 1990 in Business Administration and Finance. I also participated in Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Leadership Program.

Community Service: Former corporate board member of Boys and Girls Clubs of Whatcom County and numerous other community-based committees, organizations and efforts.

Statement: I have served as your County Treasurer and Deputy County Treasurer for over 16 years safeguarding taxpayer money, collecting revenues for approximately 70 public entities, providing excellent customer service, and implementing new efficiencies. Something that a wise mentor told me years ago still sticks with me today: "Politics are red and blue, but money is green. Keep the county treasury above the politics." Strong treasury management is the foundation of transparent government. I fully report all financial activities with no financial gimmicks. I have worked hard to maintain the county's excellent AA credit rating and save taxpayers money. I'm extremely proud of our recent accomplishments. We are testing an electronic real estate transaction processing system for our local real estate, attorney and title company professionals. This system will speed real estate closings as well as allow my office to maintain high efficiencies. I am also actively engaged in discussions with our State Legislature regarding meaningful property tax payment plan options. As voted tax burdens grow, we need better payment options available to taxpayers.

I work for you and will be deeply honored to continue serving you as County Treasurer. Thank you for your support.

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Robert (Bobby) Briscoe



Elected Experience: Past president of Puget Sound Crab Fisherman Association and served as alternate on Pacific Fisheries Management Council Groundfish Advisory Panel.

Other Professional Experience: Independent businessman for 41 years operating my commercial fishing vessels in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California waters.

Education: Graduate of Sehome High School class of 1974

Community Service: My wife and I, married 36 years, have raised two fine sons in the Ferndale and Blaine area and are now blessed with four grandsons. We have and continue to be involved in their many interests.

Statement: Hello, I'm Robert Briscoe, also known as "Bobby" to many people. I am a fourth generation commercial fisherman born and raised in south Bellingham. My maritime experience in harbors along the west coast and Alaska has provided me with the knowledge and common sense needed to build a strong working port that provides family-wage jobs, recreation, and a major airport.

The Port of Bellingham has great potential to be a working port for seagoing trade, maritime businesses, boat manufacturing and repair, commercial fishing, along with community recreational uses. I will focus on the core responsibilities of the port, which are to promote and enable the marine industry and transportation of goods in and out of Whatcom County. Navigating through the complex commercial, recreational, and environmental issues in our community will be top priority.

My endorsements include Bellingham/Whatcom County Fire Fighters IAFF, Whatcom Commercial Fisherman's Association and Whatcom Democrats. I would be honored to have your vote for port commissioner and pledge to do the best job I can to represent you in Whatcom County.

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Gary S. Jensen



Elected Experience: 2 Years City Council Member, 8 Years Mayor of Ferndale

Other Professional Experience: Past President, Whatcom Old Settlers. Past local and State President, Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Assoc. Past President and 30 years as a High School wrestling official. Owner, Sullivan Plumbing Services Inc. Board member, Whatcom Built Green

Education: Ferndale High School. Technical Training

Community Service: Member, Commission Against Domestic Violence. Whatcom Parks and Recreation Foundation. Ferndale Chamber of Commerce. Old Settler Parade Announcer. Ferndale High School Football chain gang. Past member Whatcom Alliance for Health Care Access. Food bank volunteer.

Statement: I believe the Port of Bellingham touches more family incomes than any other Whatcom Employer. The Port oversees a variety of real estate with both large and small business' who depend on creativity and fairness. It would be beneficial to have a Commissioner with experience in job creation and management history. To know the responsibilities of signing both sides of a paycheck. To carry the burden of making wise decisions, attempting to make our community a better place. Decisions that must be for the benefit of all but not perfect for individuals. As a local business owner and a Mayor, I offer that hard earned, hard learned experience.

Coal, unlike some, I have not shied from this subject. I have never supported the burning of coal. That does not mean however that we should turn our backs on the workers of Cherry Point. We have the right to sometimes hate corporations, they may earn that. This should not extend to our friends, neighbors who depend on Cherry Point or the Port. We must support living wage jobs while not harming our environment. We can achieve that balance and have both. I believe we can and Thank You for helping.

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Kelli Linville



Elected Experience: Mayor of Bellingham since 2012. Represented the State of Washington's 42nd Legislative District for 17 years.

Other Professional Experience: Educator, speech pathologist, small business owner

Education: Graduated from Bellingham High School. Earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Western Washington University.

Community Service: Member of the Rotary Club of Bellingham and the Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce. Served on multiple community boards including Bridget Collins House, YMCA, ARC, and Rainbow Center.

Statement: Since being elected Mayor of Bellingham in 2011, the priorities that I advocated for have happened. Respect now exists between Whatcom County, the City of Bellingham, the water and sewer district, and the Port of Bellingham. Solid relationships have been built between us. And

good and positive results have occurred.

In the past four years, the City's collaboration has been more effective than ever before. The results of the collaboration include the Waterfront Redevelopment, EMS Unification, and the protection of Lake Whatcom. Neighborhood associations are thriving. Affordable housing is a new, and growing, reality.

There is still work to be done. As your Mayor, I am committed to Continuing the partnerships that result in jobs, and the economic development our community wants, energizing our City Center, and continuing to enhance our quality of life. Your support energizes me. You deserve the dynamic, vibrant and livable city that is Bellingham. Every decision I make will add to that legacy.

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April Barker



Elected Experience: 2012-present President, Birchwood Neighborhood Association, 2013-present Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission, 2014-present Chair, Bellingham International Airport Advisory Committee

Other Professional Experience: Small business owner, Northwest Muscle Mechanics. Paraeducator, Birchwood Elementary. Washington Education Association member.

Education: 1998 Bachelor of Science, exercise science, Fort Lewis College (Durango, Colorado) 2003 Master of Science, concentration sport psychology, Western Washington University

Community Service: Active Volunteer to numerous civic committees and associations Bellingham Public Schools AdHoc Committee, Birchwood Elementary, Take Back Birchwood, Bellingham City Fireboat Naming, Family Language Exchange, helped to secure a \$30,000 grant for a Birchwood family resource center and a \$10,000 grant toward developing a sense of place.

Statement: As a business owner, mother of two and owner of several residential properties my priority is simple: protecting the unique sense of place that Bellingham resident's value.

I have a proven track record of protecting neighborhood character, improving health and safety and advocating for our most vulnerable neighbors. I have developed a vast network spanning across organizations while work toward positive solutions on city, port and education issues-- building partnerships necessary to tackle tough issues effectively. My greatest strength is my curious nature that seeks to understand issues through many lenses.

It is an honor to be invited to run for Council by current Ward 1 Councilman Weiss. I look forward to continuing the Councils work toward safeguarding the environment and our drinking water. Working with Council members, Mayor and staff, I pledge to keep Bellingham moving forward, toward smart growth--ensuring a well-rounded and health community for future generations. Vote April Barker to show your support for preserving Bellingham's unique sense of place. Thank you.

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City of Bellingham | Council Ward 3 | Short and Full 4 Year Term

Dan Hammill



Elected Experience: I was appointed by Bellingham City Council to serve as the Ward 3 representative in December 2014.

Other Professional Experience: I'm a small business owner of a company that plans and coordinates events for non-profit organizations in our community.

Education: I am a graduate of Western Washington University.

Community Service: Campaign Manager, Bellingham Home Fund Chair, Community Development Advisory Board Board Trustee, Kulshan Community Land Trust President, York Neighborhood Association Director, Fruitful Gatherings Sustainable Food Program Literacy Tutor, Whatcom Literacy Council Land Steward, Whatcom Land Trust Block Watch Captain, Neighborhood Watch Program Event Organizer, One-year memorial observance of Olympic Pipeline explosion

Statement: As your Ward 3 City Council representative, I work on behalf of the things that make Bellingham a great place to live: healthy families, strong environmental protections, neighborhood character, and our local businesses and non-profit providers. I've lived in Bellingham for 26 years and am an active volunteer, from being a literacy tutor to serving as president of the York Neighborhood Association.

I envision a community that embraces its unique character as it continues to flourish. As we grow, we face choices that will reflect and define us. Wise judgment around land use, economic development, housing, transportation infrastructure development, neighborhood preservation and the waterfront will affect Bellingham for generations.

I am proud to serve on the City's Planning and Finance Committee and as the chair of the Lake Whatcom and Natural Resources Committee. I also serve on the boards of the Opportunity Council, Whatcom Museum and the Council of Governments.

I look forward to continuing to serve as your Ward 3 representative. Thank you for your vote.

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City of Bellingham | Council Ward At-Large | 2 Year Term

Roxanne Murphy



Elected Experience: Bellingham City Councilmember, At-Large, elected in 2013.

Other Professional Experience: Roxanne currently works as the Youth Director for her Nooksack Indian Tribe. She has also been a community and public relations professional for the Woodland Park Zoo, City of Tacoma and Weyerhaeuser Company.

Education: Bachelor’s degree in Communications from Central Washington University. Master’s degree in Public Administration from The Evergreen State College.

Community Service: Roxanne is a board member with the Whatcom Transportation Authority, Whatcom Council of Governments and the Bellingham City Council liaison to the Whatcom Marine Resources Committee and the Bellingham School District.

Statement: It has been an honor to serve as your Bellingham City Councilmember, and At-Large is how I have supported our people, places, environment and businesses.

Within the first term, it was great to work for our city of renewed excitement in protecting our drinking water, supporting new and existing parks and recreation areas, improving policies for our local business community, and assisting those in need. It was also amazing to watch Bellingham earn national attention as the Council and community came together to support my proposal to replace Columbus Day with Coast Salish Day.

The City Council committees that I’ve served on are a reflection of what I care about, including Planning, Public Works and Public Safety, Lake Whatcom, Community and Economic Development and the fitness specialist in me has loved serving as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Additionally, I’ve worked hard to serve you and to be a reliable, caring and durable Councilmember, while also meeting the needs of my other job as the Nooksack Indian Tribe’s Youth Director.

A vote to Reelect Roxanne will allow this dedication to continue in making better days for Bellingham, and even better days for you.

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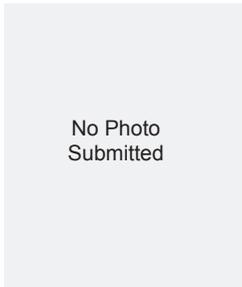
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City of Blaine | Ward 1 Position 1 | 4 Year Term

Steve A. Lawrenson



Elected Experience: Was appointed by the city council to fill a vacancy on the council. And was elected by the citizens to finish the term.

Other Professional Experience: Have been a business man in Blaine for over 40 years.

Education: Blaine high school graduate and numerous business and economic courses over the years.

Community Service: Have been active and Vice President of local chamber of commerce and served on the Blaine civil service board and blaine tourism committee.

Statement: Would like to continue representing my ward and working to keep blaine a wonderful place to live and work

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City of Blaine | Ward 2 Position 3 | 4 Year Term

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City of Blaine | Ward 3 Position 5 | Short and Full 4 Year Term

Mary Lou Steward



Elected Experience: Appointed to Blaine City Council to fill vacancy in Ward 3 position 5

Other Professional Experience: Anaesthesiologist and medical teacher in Canada and the US.

Education: University of British Columbia MSc, MD, FRCPC.

Community Service: Volunteer Host at Whistler/Blackcomb Ski Resort.

Statement: I have lived in several cities in the US and Canada. When I retired I chose to live in Blaine. I grew up in a small city and I enjoy the community and people that I have found here in Blaine. Our strengths are our wonderful location, schools, senior center, and library. I have joined the economic development committee as I feel that sound policies are essential for our future.

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City of Everson | Council Position 4 | 4 Year Term

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City of Everson | Council Position 5 | Short and Full 4 Year Term

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Jon Mutchler



Elected Experience: Elected to city council in 2009. Chaired Finance/Administration, Planning/Land, Safety/Neighborhood Services committees. Liaison: planning commission, Ferndale Downtown Association, Community Service Cooperative, Ferndale School Board. Whatcom Charter Review Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience: Founding pastor, Ferndale Alliance Church; professional pianist/teacher; motorcoach instructor (Holland America Westours); Ferndale Chamber of Commerce.

Education: Master’s degree (Regent College); Bachelor’s degree (WWU); Associate of Science degree (Olympic College); Certificate in Municipal Leadership.

Community Service: Serving Ferndale/Whatcom County for 35 years. Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic board; Blaine Music Festival faculty; Ferndale Schools Communication Advisory Committee and levy committee; Bellingham fire chaplain; Whatcom Old Settlers Association.

Statement: We need a mayor who’s intelligent, prepared to lead, and knows Ferndale—a dedicated public servant who’s earned our trust, with a long record of listening to and respecting citizens—even with those who disagree. That’s why current mayor Gary Jensen joins many in supporting Jon Mutchler.

Jon has skin in the game: He and Diane raised seven children who live and serve here. They’ve started a church, built two homes, and understand affordable housing and both sides of the permit counter. Jon hasn’t worked a lifetime for government, but with three times the political success and two decades more experience serving Ferndale families, he’s fit for the responsibility of representing you before City Hall.

Jon is supported by small business owners and has a smart economic development plan. He’ll support growth at our I-5 gateways while protecting our quality of life through rigorous attention to a comprehensive traffic plan. He supports the Thornton-to-I5 connector and will improve our roads. Jon is the “low tax” candidate in this race and the one who will protect your interests.

Jon’s F.E.R.N. vision is explained at www.VoteforJon.com, and we invite you to “Vote for Jon!”

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Cathy Watson



Elected Experience: City Council since January 2012; Mayor Pro Tempore since January 2014; Chair, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee; Public Works Committee; Liaison to Arts Commission and Service Cooperative.

Other Professional Experience: Veteran, Coast Guard (active/reserves) and Navy reserves; NASA scientist, Webmaster, and experiment manager; middle school math and science teacher.

Education: B.A. Journalism, M.S. Meteorology, Teaching Certificate, Certificate of Municipal Leadership.

Community Service: American Red Cross; Ferndale Auxiliary Communications Service, Boys & Girls Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Kiwanis Club; Friends of the Ferndale Library; FSD Graduation Advisory Committee; Vista Girls Robotics Club; and Whatcom Unified Emergency Management Team.

Statement: In the military, at NASA, as a teacher, and community volunteer, I have spent my life in public service. I’m also a former scientist, trained to be a problem solver, and an experienced

manager who knows how to get things done.

My performance on Council has earned me the endorsement of the majority of my fellow councilmembers. In 2014, they selected me to be Mayor Pro Tempore.

As Mayor, I will listen to and work with our residents, local businesses, City staff, and Council to build a thriving, prosperous community. To bring more family-wage jobs to Ferndale, I will create a marketing campaign targeted at entrepreneurs searching for a place to take root and businesses looking for a better location to create their products. I will also seek out State and Federal funding to complete the Thornton-Second Avenue Connector to alleviate congestion and jumpstart development in the Portal Way area. Finally, I will always encourage Council to exhaust every option before they ask you to raise your property taxes.

It’s our City, together we can make Ferndale an even better place to live, and I would be honored to have your vote and serve as your Mayor.

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Rebecca Xczar



Elected Experience: First time candidate

Other Professional Experience: Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser, owner of Five Points Appraisals

Education: BA in Business with a Marketing concentration, Western Washington University

Community Service: Ferndale Planning Commission 2013- Present. Ferndale Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board, 2010-2012, Chair 2011-2012

Statement: I have enjoyed serving my community on the Planning Commission and PRTAB and look forward to serving in a greater capacity on the City Council. I have many years of commission and board experience and a good understanding of City processes. As a real estate appraiser, I have a unique understanding of how City decisions impact property values within the area. As a wife and mother, I am passionate about parks and recreational opportunities for individuals and families.

I am grateful to raise my family in such a strong and vibrant community. I look forward to having the opportunity to help Ferndale grow responsibly while respecting the unique feel that we all value about this great City.

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City of Ferndale | Council Position 2 | 4 Year Term

Greg Hansen



Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: After nearly twenty years in the hospitality industry in a variety of management roles, Greg joined the Business Administration faculty at Whatcom Community College in 2006 as an adjunct professor and is currently the primary instructor and program coordinator of the Hospitality and Tourism Business Management program.

Education: Greg holds a Bachelors degree in Economic and Political Science from WWU, a teaching certificate in Social Studies, and is completing a Masters degree in History at WWU.

Community Service: Greg volunteers his time in elementary school classrooms, with the Ferndale Band, his church, and a variety of community events.

Statement: Ferndale has been my home for over forty five years. I was raised in Ferndale and have chosen to live and raise my children here as well. I love that Ferndale has maintained its small

town feel even as it has grown. I hope to help preserve and enhance Ferndale's community spirit as we wrestle with the challenges of growth that lie ahead.

City staff has repeatedly pointed out that Ferndale and the surrounding area has some of the last remaining tracks of large, developable land along the I-5 corridor. Growth is coming to Ferndale. I believe that by listening carefully to individuals, approaching issues with an open mind, and collaborating with fellow Council Members, the Mayor, and city staff, Ferndale can make the most of the opportunities that growth might bring. I can contribute to the smart and reasonable management of growth in Ferndale and the surrounding areas, balancing the interests of business and industry with the needs of our diverse and vibrant community.

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Keith M. Olson



Elected Experience: Ferndale City Council

Other Professional Experience: retired supervisory federal agent

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I have been elected to the Ferndale City council before by the voters. I have enjoyed representing the voters and take great responsibility in city tax dollars spent wisely. Wherever possible by law, I vote to send tax increases, levys, etc. to the voters so they can say they intend to raise their own taxes. That is the fairest way to do it. I make sure all development pays for itself, and developers do not get any taxpayer subsidies. Developers should pay their own way.

I am now retired having served 25 years as a supervisory federal agent. I am more keenly aware as a retiree of our citizens living on a fixed income and how tax increases are hard to budget into fixed

incomes. I take that perspective to the table every time someone wants to raise taxes. We cannot tax our citizens out of their homes.

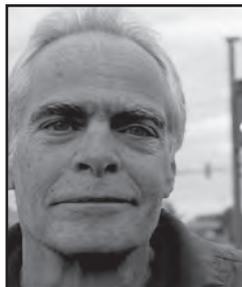
I would appreciate your vote to keep Ferndale on the right track. We are the second fastest growing city in Whatcom county and that is because Ferndale is a great place to live and work. I'd appreciate your help in continuing to make Ferndale the city we all love. Thank you!

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Glenn Stewart



Elected Experience: served as elected Chairman of San Juan County Democrats

Other Professional Experience: For the past 35 years I've been in management running both retail and commercial construction companies. Since 2010 I've served as a management consultant for various businesses and organizations. Most recently I taught a course in Management/Team building at Whatcom Community College. I currently serve on a community board advocating an aquatic/recreation center for Ferndale.

Education: attended Southwestern UNiversity, Georgetown, Texas

Community Service: currently serve on a private, non-profit Community Board regarding a state-of-the art aquatic/recreation center for Ferndale and the region.

Statement: As a 20-year resident of Ferndale, my primary concern is the profound disconnect between City Hall and Ferndale residents. The current mayor and Council majority have served collectively over 30 years running our city. I say it's time for change at City Hall. I believe far too much is done in the name of citizen-taxpayers without explicit, or even implicit consent from the voters (when were you last asked about anything?); both the new police station and the coming county jail & sheriff's complex are good examples of overreach by the mayor and a sometimes slim Council majority. One of my goals as a Councilman will be to open up City government to all interested citizens by way of proactive outreach by City officials. As Councilman for position 3 I will propose specific methods both for informing residents about City government plans & proposals, as well as methods for gaining input from residents before action is taken by City Hall.

I intend to run a positive campaign built around the themes of transparency and creating an environment where the Citizens of Ferndale are empowered to reconnect with the political process.

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Paul S. Ingram



Elected Experience: 7 1/2 years Ferndale City Council

Other Professional Experience: 30+ years Professional Chef

Education: Cal. Poly. San Luis Obispo, CA, 1959 - 1960 & 1965 - 1966; CIA Greystone Napa, CA, 1974 - 1976

Community Service: Past President, Ferndale Kiwanis Club, Commander, Kulshan Post #154 American Legion; Board Member/Executive Chef, Ferndale Community Meal; Board Member, Ferndale Dollars for Scholars; Volunteer Driver, Whatcom County Veterans Services; Ferndale Volunteer of the Year 2008 & 2012

Statement: Hi, I am Paul S. Ingram and I am running for re-election to the Ferndale City Council I am very proud of the things that we as a council have accomplished.

The improvements to our City that have been completed by this Council have made our city a better place to live and raise a family.

We have improved our streets, built a new Police Station, a new Library, new Community Center and a new Visitor Center. Our water is now rated as some of the best in the State.

I am seeking re-election that I may try to complete my "bucket list" for Ferndale, a new city wide Parks district that will greatly improve our City Park system, and the building of the Thornton Road over-crossing to connect our most densely populated residential area to the Portal Way Freeway interchange. I thank the citizens of Ferndale for placing their trust in me these last eight years, I look forward to serving you for another term to keep improving our great city.

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Teresa N. Taylor



Elected Experience: I serve as a community activist, master gardener, small business owner and the head of my household. Since I have no elected experience to political office, I can bring a fresh perspective to accomplishing Ferndale's goals.

Other Professional Experience: Successful career as businesswoman and entrepreneur. Small business owner, former Community Relations Manager, Alcoa Intalco Works, and currently as Project Manager, Economic Development, LIBC.

Education: Bellingham High School, Shoreline Community College, Whatcom Community College (AAS), Western Washington University (Accounting)

Community Service: Strong advocate for small business owners, military families, veterans, farmers, parks, students and families with special needs.

Statement: As a proud resident of Ferndale for the past three decades, I wish to run for office because I have a vested interest in our community and now have the time necessary to serve.

Both my mother and father are U.S. Army veterans, who were honorably discharged from the military. It was very important to them to establish permanent roots to raise their family. Those same values were instilled in me, raising my own family in Ferndale. Both my son and daughter attended Ferndale schools from kindergarten through high school graduation. Like any mother, I want to ensure that our city remains a great place to raise children.

I love our city and want to ensure that current and future families have the same opportunities that mine has enjoyed. Now that my youngest has graduated from Ferndale High School, I have the time to match my passion. If you want a partner that will work to improve the quality of life in our great city, I humbly ask for your support. When it comes time to vote, I ask that you think of Ferndale families. Think of Teresa N. Taylor.

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City of Lynden | Council Position 2 | 4 Year Term

Ronald DeValois

No Photo
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Elected Experience: Served on the Lynden City Council since 2003

Other Professional Experience: Taught at the elementary level in Monroe, Washington, for twenty years Presently employed at First Christian Reformed Church in Lynden

Education: Attended Lynden Christian School Received BA in English from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan Did a fifth year program at Western Washington University

Community Service: Served on church board at First Christian Reformed Church Was a member of the Lynden Futures Task Force which offered a vision for Lynden's growth Volunteered at Project Hope, the local food bank, and at the Lynden Pioneer museum

Statement: Growth is happening to Lynden. Several construction projects are underway or about to begin. It totals 138 million dollars. Therin lies the challenges and the opportunities. Growth creates a revenue source to address some of Lynden's needs: improved streets, more walking trails, park

development, public safety, and the list goes on. Yet the new monies must be spent wisely and some of it must be set aside for future needs. All of this takes planning and setting priorities. It also means listening to the people of Lynden. How you vote matters. And thoughtful comments are helpful to your elected leaders. I like to listen because I realize I do not have all the answers. My promise is to serve the people of Lynden as best I can.

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City of Lynden | Council Position 3 | 4 Year Term

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City of Lynden | Council Position 4 | 4 Year Term

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City of Nooksack | Council Position 4 | 4 Year Term

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City of Nooksack | Council Position 5 | 4 Year Term

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City of Sumas | Council Position 3 | 4 Year Term

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City of Sumas | Council Position 5 | 4 Year Term

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Camille Diaz Hackler



Elected Experience: Currently finishing my first term as a school board member; elected in November 2011.

Other Professional Experience: Currently work for a local small business - for almost 13 years.

Education: Attended and graduated from Bellingham High, Whatcom Community College and Western Washington University.

Community Service: I have been on the boards of Parkview PTA, the YWCA, and Whatcom Human Rights Task Force. As a student at WWU, I was president of MEChA and brought Cesar Chavez to speak to the community.

Statement: Married for 24 years - we have two children that have recently graduated from the Bellingham School District. They started attending in preschool, with one child in the Highly Capable Learner's Program and the other with an IEP. The experience with each child taught me to become

an advocate for students and families.

My husband served in the Navy during Operation Desert Storm and we currently attend the Church of the Assumption. I am physically active and like to bike to work and walk marathons and half marathons.

I've lived in Bellingham since my parents moved us here in 1980, with the exception of one year while my husband was stationed at PSNS in Bremerton. Between my sisters, my children and I, we have attended three different elementary, three middle and two high schools. I have been an active member of the community for many years and strive to use my experience to help me as a school board member. Thank you for your support.

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Quenby Peterson



Elected Experience: First time running for public office.

Other Professional Experience: Former Whatcom County Budget Analyst; Financial and Statistical Analyst in the medical insurance industry; U.S. Census Bureau Enumerator.

Education: Bachelor of Arts Degrees from Western Washington University in Sociology and Political Science.

Community Service: Bellingham School District Volunteer: Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent; Parents Matter - linking families, community agencies and schools; Farm-to-School Program; Elementary, Middle, and High School PTA/PTSA; field trip chaperone, math coach, classroom volunteer. Involved in efforts to save Lowell and Larrabee Schools. Volunteer with the Bellingham Food Bank, Whatcom Humane Society, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement, Bellingham Parks Department and Habitat for Humanity.

Statement: I was honored to receive so much support in the Primary Election and I

humbly ask for your vote again.

As a parent of two current Bellingham School District students I've been deeply involved in our schools for many years. I've seen tremendous progress made towards increasing equity for all students in our community. I'll work to continue this progress with an increased focus on excellence and accountability.

As an active PTA member and district volunteer I've supported our students and teachers in classrooms, at school functions, in planning meetings and I've collaboratively worked with staff and administrators. As a member of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee I understand concerns of families and students throughout our district. I'm very familiar with how our School District operates and strongly support the great work of our quality teachers.

I graduated from WWU with degrees in Political Science and Sociology and established Bellingham as my home 25 years ago. My education and experience give me a unique understanding of the funding and policy structure of the public sector. My volunteer experience and passion for quality education will guide my decision-making, and I'll always put the best interests of our children first.

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Jono Manion



Elected Experience: Democratic Precinct Committee Officer for downtown Bellingham since 2012.

Other Professional Experience: Marketing lead for Sole Graphics

Education: Studied Math Secondary Education at WWU

Community Service: Member of Greenways Advisory Committee from 2012-present.

Statement: As a 14-year Bellingham resident with firsthand experience in classrooms, I am motivated to support our teachers in providing exceptional and supportive education to our local children. Passionate teachers are key to creating well-rounded, lifelong learners, and if elected, I will work to ensure our educators are given the tools to teach our children best.

I offer ideas that reinforce the teacher-student relationship, with a stronger emphasis on student merit and achievement as opposed to excessive standardized testing. I also believe our education system needs to support both underperforming students and highly capable learners, creating a

holistic environment built on empathy and encouragement of one's fellow classmates.

Our communities are a vital function of the growth and development of our youth. I will listen to all parents, students, and teachers in the district and bring their ideas to the table. With your help, I believe we can create an even stronger community, one ready to face any challenge we may meet. I look forward to your support and ask for your vote.

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Bellingham School District 501 | Director Position 3 | 4 Year Term 69

Kelly M. Bashaw

No Photo Submitted

Elected Experience: Current school board member for the past eight years.

Other Professional Experience: Educational Planner, Whatcom Community College

Education: BA in Psychology, University of Tulsa

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: As your School Board member for the past eight years, I helped lead the passage of a \$160 million dollar bond to replace three of our existing schools and to upgrade the majority of our other buildings. During these past four years the Board has continued to align our work with the Bellingham Promise. The Promise reflects the boards direction, which are outcomes-based for current students and graduates. We meet regularly with our parents, staff, students and community partners to gather input for direction. I feel honored to be part of a great community that has an

excellent school district. I look forward to serving our children and families for the next four years.

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Bellingham School District 501 | Director Position 5 | 2 Year Unexpired Term

Douglas W. Benjamin



Elected Experience: Bellingham School Director Position 5 - Appointed 2014.

Other Professional Experience: Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Healthcare Administrator for over 30 years, currently in private practice.

Education: Seattle Pacific University, Bachelors in Psychology and Political Science. Western Washington University, Masters of Science in Clinical and Counseling Psychology.

Community Service: Chair, Whatcom County Public Health Advisory Board. Integration Task Force, Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access. Academic Advisory Board, Bellingham Technical College. Vice President, Washington Association of County Designated Mental Health Professionals. Vestryman, St. Paul's Episcopal Church. USYSF Licensed Youth Soccer Coach.

Statement: Doug was unanimously appointed to the Board from a field of candidates who all support our schools. His five children attended the Bellingham Public Schools - the youngest still does. He believes great public education is a fundamental solution to many of the challenges we face. He intends to hold the bar high for district performance on all levels, and feels Bellingham should have one of the highest performing districts in the State. This includes performing beyond just good test scores, it means developing children who are also critical thinkers, communicators, musicians, artists, historians and active citizens. He strongly supports the Board's blue print for these standards as outlined in the district's Bellingham Promise. Ensuring district administrators and teachers achieve these goals is the key responsibility of the Board. The Board must make sure staff are well supported and have the tools they need to do the job; for example, teachers need ample time to engage families and for professional development. For Doug, serving on the School Board is not a stepping-stone to another endeavor; it is an end point to exercise a passion for building an outstanding public education experience for every single child in our community.

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Kevin Erickson



Elected Experience: Ferndale School Board 2010 - Present

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: 1984 - Ferndale High School Graduate; 1988 - Washington State University - BA in Veterinary Science; 1990 - Washington State University - Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Community Service: Ferndale First Baptist Church; Ferndale High School Band Boosters; Ferndale FFA Supporter

Statement: Children are a precious resource that must not be squandered! Failure to provide them with a quality education is short-sighted and detrimental to the future of our community.

I'm Kevin Erickson and because of that conviction, I'm asking you to allow me to continue serving on the Ferndale School Board. Growing up in Ferndale, attending and graduating from Ferndale schools and having three sons that have, or are, attending Ferndale schools gives me a broad perspective of

the local educational process. Time spent volunteering at, and participating in, various school events, advocating for student needs, attending college and mentoring college students has further developed my educational perspective.

As a school board member, I represent the people who elected me and must be a good steward of their trust. I must diligently strive to ensure that all their children receive the best education possible and that our tax dollars are spent responsibly. I must listen intently to their concerns, answer their questions and research the issues to guarantee my ability to make wise decisions.

Our children deserve an education that prepares them for the future. I am committed to that responsibility. Thank you for your trust and vote.

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Ferndale School District 502 | Director District 2 | 4 Year Term

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Ferndale School District 502 | Director District 3 | 4 Year Term

Hugh Foulke



Elected Experience: 2011, Ferndale School Board, 2011 Saint Brendan's Vestry; 2010, GOP State Convention Delegate; 1970's, Sandy Point Fire Commissioner; 1970's, Ferndale Association president and negotiator. 1970's, FLAG Ferndale Library Advocates Group.

Other Professional Experience: Constitution Education Services; VP Secondary Education program. 25 years public high school teaching, 17 in Ferndale; 10 years in junior high school teaching experience in Christian and home school settings; 10 years self employed in sales and manufacturing; 3 years conducting education seminars for American Hearing Aid Associates; 2 years US Army.

Education: Two Bachelor's Degrees and Teacher and Vocational Certification.

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: If I am re-elected to the Ferndale School Board, I will continue to enjoy representing

Ferndale voters, taxpayers and students. I support the School Board's efforts to make certain that all students that enter the ninth grade make it to graduation.

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John Freal



Elected Experience: none

Other Professional Experience: Research scientist at the University of Washington 1975-1982;
Teacher at Blaine High School 1984-2013

Education: Stanford University BA 1969; University of Washington BS 1972, MS 1974; Western Washington University - teaching certificate 1984; National Board for Professional Teaching Standards 2001 to present

Community Service: Various projects with church and school

Statement: The education of the young people of the Blaine schools has been my commitment, and my calling, for 30 years. I hope to continue this commitment as a member of the Blaine School Board.

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Blaine School District 503 | Director District 2 | 4 Year Term

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Blaine School District 503 | Director District 3 2 Year Unexpired Term

Joan Lotze



Elected Experience: Appointed to vacant Blaine School Board Position #3 in June, 2014.

Other Professional Experience: Elementary Teacher in public and private schools in Washington and international schools in China, Pakistan and Nigeria- 18 years

Education: B.Sc. Elementary Education- Lewis and Clark College, University of London- School of Oriental and African Studies, Teaching Certification- Western Washington University, Huxley College.

Community Service: Coordinator of a financial management program with Love, Inc; Community meals- Blaine. Habitat for Humanity

Statement: As a member of the Blaine School Board I will continue to help facilitate high quality educational experiences that will enable all students, including those with special needs, to be ready to attend college, technical school or pursue a chosen career when they graduate from Blaine.

Teachers and administrators are also of vital importance. They need support as they strive to prepare students using new standards and learning methods. My experience on the school board has reinforced these priorities for me. As the high school is remodeled and new facilities are built we need to make sure that student needs and state requirements will be met. To help this happen, a review of the district's goals and procedures will be important. I also support pursuing the purchase of land in Birch Bay to be used for a school at the appropriate time.

I believe my experience in education, which includes teaching for many years and having four children who graduated from Blaine, gives me useful insights into the needs of our schools. My perspective as a woman and resident of Birch Bay for more than 30 years is a needed balance to the makeup of the School Board.

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Russ Schutt



Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: I have been a small business owner in the construction industry for 19 years.

Education: High School Graduate

Community Service: No information submitted.

Statement: As a dad of two school age children and a friend of multiple families with kids in the Blaine School District, I would welcome the opportunity to be involved in the direction of our schools.

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Charles Gibson

No Photo Submitted

Elected Experience: Appointed to Blaine School District 503 Board in 2006, elected in 2007 and re-elected in 2011.

Other Professional Experience: Twenty years administration at New Mexico Boys and Girls Ranch. As Executive Director I oversaw four statewide programs of residential child care, foster and adoptive care of children from troubled families. The last twenty years I have served as the pastor of Northwood Alliance Church in Blaine.

Education: BA Adams State University in Colorado, M.Div. Regent College, UBC, Vancouver BC, Canada

Community Service: I have been active in community services such as the Support Officers of Whatcom County and the Community Assistance Program serving Blaine and Birch Bay.

Statement: Public education is vital to the long health of any community. It gives every child an opening to develop and achieve their best regardless of family income or status. I consider serving on the Blaine school

board as both a privilege and an opportunity to keep a healthy focus on what is best for each one of the children in our schools.

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Lynden School District 504 | Director Position 1 | 4 Year Term

Dominic Shiu

No Photo Submitted

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: In the last 4 years, I have learnt a lot about the LSD and education as a whole, stumbled and made some mistakes along the way. But I am grateful for the experience. I truly hope that I have made a positive difference to the education and safety of the children in our school district. If the voters in the district approve of my endeavour, I would like to continue with my civic duty for another 4 years.

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Lynden School District 504 | Director Position 2 | 4 Year Term

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Lynden School District 504 | Director Position 3 | 4 Year Term

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Meridian School District 505 | Director District 1 | 4 Year Term

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Meridian School District 505 | Director District 4 | 4 Year Term

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Meridian School District 505 | Director District 5 | 4 Year Term

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Nooksack Valley School District 506 | Director District 3 | 4 Year Term

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Nooksack Valley School District 506 Director District 4 | 4 Year Term

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Nooksack Valley School District 506 Director District 5 | 4 Year Term

Mark Olson

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Mt Baker School District 507 | Director District 2 | 4 Year Term

Ellen Dodson



Elected Experience: Served on the Mt. Baker School Board since 1999.

Other Professional Experience: 30 years as a manager at Dodson's IGA

Education: MS in Human Resource Economics

Community Service: Board member of the Friends of the Deming Library, children's program volunteer, tutor with the Literacy Council

Statement: I am honored to have served our community and our students as a member of the Mt Baker School Board for the last 15 years. I am proud to be a part of a community with a long history of supporting our students as they gain academic, vocational and life skills needed to become contributing citizens to our community and the world. I am also proud of the Mt. Baker School District. Over the last 15 years it has maintained and improved our buildings & grounds, supported all the staff in holding to high standards, strengthened the kindergarten and primary programs,

and worked to meet the needs of all students while remaining fiscally sound in times of reduced funding. It would be my pleasure to continue to serve our District and our community.

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Mt Baker School District 507 | Director District 3 | 4 Year Term

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Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt



Elected Experience: Mount Baker School Board member for 16 years

Other Professional Experience: Business Owner - building trails and bridges

Education: Bachelor of Science, TESC

Community Service: Volunteer firefighter with District #16 (Acme) for 25 years

Statement: I am honored to serve on the Mount Baker School Board, working with dedicated board members and hard-working staff - all focused on preparing our students to be successful and good citizens. We work hard to continually improve academic success, beginning with a strong focus on reading in the primary grades. We are working with the parents of preschoolers to help them prepare their children for kindergarten. With solid academic and vocational programs, our graduates leave ready for their future.

Our board works to provide the resources so that teachers can work together to focus on individual students. We recognize that we must adapt teaching to different ways of learning - we won't give up on any child. I am pleased that most of our students participate in activities such as athletics, music, drama or FFA - all with strong community support.

A major personal focus for me is to ensure our district's financial stability, including making sure that we take good care of the facilities that our community has generously provided. I am determined to help continue the strong pride that our community has in our Mount Baker Schools.

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Concrete School District 11 | Director District 2 | 4 Year Term

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Concrete School District 11 Director District 5, At-Large | Short and Full 4 Year Term

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Fire Protection District 1 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term 77

Tim Wells

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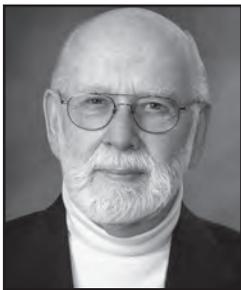
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Fire Protection District 4 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

Harry W. Andrews



Elected Experience: Served last 6 years as commissioner (currently chairman) for Fire District 4. Served 6 years on board of Fire District 6 (three years as chairman).

Other Professional Experience: Retired international Captain, 34 years with Delta Airlines.

Education: Bachelor of Business Administration degree, University of Miami.

Community Service: Served as president of South Region of Whatcom County Fire Commissioners Association. Served on Whatcom County's Emergency Medical Services Working Group, which developed plan for EMS system that was adopted by fire districts, cities and the county in 2005. Serve as board member of Whatcom County Support Officers. Married 47+ years to Susan Mitchell Andrews.

Statement: It would be an honor to serve the District 4 residents again as your re-elected fire commissioner. I offer 12 years of experience as a fire commissioner, including the last six years as a commissioner for Fire District 4. I've also served as a volunteer firefighter in Connecticut.

I have been involved with contracting with North Whatcom Fire and Rescue for services in District 4. This has allowed us to increase our staffing with full-time firefighters around the clock, reducing response times and increasing safety. We also have gained access to additional aid cars, a ladder truck, additional water tankers and additional office staff. We have instituted more contact with our residents with monthly CPR courses, pancake breakfasts, bicycle safety rodeos, a fire training house, firefighter presentations to schools, and smoke detector evaluation and checking in our neighborhoods. Moving down the road, I will encourage the recruiting and acquisition of more volunteer firefighters to augment our paid staff. The safety of our residents and firefighters, plus the efficient use of your tax dollars, are my top priorities. Please vote to re-elect me, Fire Commissioner Harry Andrews.

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Stan Riffle



Elected Experience: Fire commissioner since March, 2012, when appointed to fill a vacancy when a fire commissioner resigned, then elected November, 2013.

Other Professional Experience: Self-employed architect, general contractor, business consultant and served on advisory committees for several private businesses, for over 40 years in Santa Barbara, CA. Served 2.5 yrs as a captain in the Army Corp of Engineers.

Education: Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA, 1967.

Community Service: Served on several advisory committees for Santa Barbara, CA, city and county.

Statement: I have been a full-time resident of Point Roberts, WA, for nine years. I currently serve, and wish to continue, as one of Point Roberts' three fire commissioners. I have been involved with our all-volunteer fire department since late 2007. I have represented the department as architect for

the fire-hall remodel and addition of equipment bays. We commissioners, fire chief and assistant fire chief have worked together over the past three years to better organize administration, update operational protocols, refit volunteers with first-class safety equipment and bring vehicles up to reliable operation. Our fire chief is providing us with top-notch training for fire suppression as well as emergency medical training. Our volunteers are encouraged to get out into the community, meet our citizens and introduce creative community projects. A very stable day-to-day operation now exists.

I enjoy the challenges and excitement of working closely with our fire department. If re-elected as fire commissioner, I will provide continuity in overseeing stability and progress of Fire District 5.

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Judson Meraw



Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Having owned and operated a General Contractor Business, Point Roberts Real Estate Improvement Services, I am familiar with issues property maintenance and management including Contractor relations. Experienced at specifications, negotiations, working with teams, helping provide solutions to project challenges, defining objectives.

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Point Roberts Emergency Preparedness (PREP), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Point Roberts Auxiliary Communication Services (HAM Radio Group), Point Roberts Taxpayers Association, Economic Development Plan 2014, Point Roberts Event Sign, Lubzinski Center for Innovation, Fight the Towers, New Library Project, Community Garden, Sustainability Open Forum, Inventors Network.

Statement: Accountability - We all have to be accountable to Point Roberts and one another.

Emergency preparedness is a priority - To work with PREP, CERT, PRACS (Ham) and expand the community self help initiative while integrating the Fire Dept activities with emergency preparedness Initiatives. To help provide Water, Food, and Shelter in an emergency. As an Executive Director of Point Roberts Emergency Preparedness (PREP), I am connected to PREP, CERT, PRACS (Ham Radio Group).

Local economic development is a priority - To hire local, buy local, use local resources, encourage and support local suppliers and participation, to purchase local products and services wherever possible in all areas, and to clarify and develop guidelines for better relationships with local suppliers to exist. As a Director of the Point Roberts Taxpayers Association I have co-authored the Point Roberts Economic Development Plan 2014. We created a framework to analyze and shape initiatives to provide benefits back to community members.

Community benefits are a priority - To look through the lens of community benefits on all issues and projects, and actions, resulting in absolute value for local tax dollars spent. I want to help the fire Dept make the community better.

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Fire Protection District 7 Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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Fire Protection District 8 | Commissioner Position 3 | 6 Year Term

Robert Neher

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Fire Protection District 11 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

Ed Scott

No Photo
Submitted

Elected Experience: 6 years Lummi Island Fire Commishioner.

Other Professional Experience: Retired U.S. Coast Guard Officer

Education: Oklahoma State University

Community Service: Served 4 years as Lummi Island Fire Fighter/First Responder. Currently serving as Vice President, Whatcom County Fire Commissioners Association.

Statement: I would like to continue serving my community.

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Fire Protection District 14 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

Larry (Skip) Moore

No Photo
Submitted

Elected Experience: incumbant fire commissioner

Other Professional Experience: 35 years Bellingham Fire Department

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Fire Service 48+ years Paid and Volenteer

Statement: My name is Skip Moore and I am your incumbant Fire Commissioner for WCFPD #14. I am asking for your vote so that I can continue working with the Fire District and the remarkable volenteer Firefighters that provide both Fire and Emergency Medical Service to us all. Please Vote.

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Fire Protection District 16 Commissioner Position 1 | Short and Full 6 Year Term

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Fire Protection District 17 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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Fire Protection District 18 Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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Fire Protection District 21 Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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Dean Whitney



Elected Experience: Fire Commissioner District No. 3 and 21- 2004 to present.

Other Professional Experience: Volunteer firefighter 16 years. Fire Chief 15 years

Education: Meridian High School graduate. Bellingham Tech School. Numerous Fire Service courses

Community Service: Volunteered for various school and community committees and activities. Volunteered at Northwest Washington 4-H Camp

Statement: I have been a lifetime resident of North Whatcom County.

There are a lot of challenges to be faced in providing the community with good fire and medical protection services, while not raising taxes to our citizens. Keeping a balanced budget is not always a popular decision, but a necessary one. Listening to the public and answering their concerns is a part of the Commissioner's job. Educating the public on how a fire district works is also part of our duty. If re-elected I will continue to serve my community to the best of my ability.

Thanks for taking the time to considering me to Fire District 21 Board of Commissioners.

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John Crawford



Elected Experience: If elected my focus would be better fiscal management of district funds, retaining and stability of personnel, and a positive direction policy for firefighters of the district.

Other Professional Experience: Currently entering my 24th year of employment, with Port of Bellingham in the Aircraft Rescue and Fire fighting department.

Education: Meridian High School Laurel WA 98226

Community Service: Retired member of Marietta Fire Dept. 1991-2007

Statement: I have great concern with board members who take long-term sabbaticals, from scheduled meetings and call in attendance over the phone. If elected I will be a board member who will attend in person scheduled meetings and keep a finger on the pulse of the continuing challenges facing our emergency responders in today's world.

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Glacier Fire and Rescue | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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South Whatcom Fire Authority Commissioner District 1 | 6 Year Term

Tom Ekdahl

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Brian Martin



Elected Experience: Fire Commissioner, Whatcom County Fire District #6, Chuckanut, 11 years.

Other Professional Experience: 1998- present: Construction Project Specialist, Washington State Parks; 1993-98: held various positions with The Department of Natural Resources; Wild Land Firefighter, Engine Captain, and Forest Warden; 1988-93: Fire Chief for WCFD #6.

Education: Skagit Valley College, Natural Resource Technology. Continuing Education: Fire District Administration, Wild Land and Structural Firefighting, Incident Command, Haz-mat, and Emergency Response and EMT certification.

Community Service: 30 years of service, WCFD #6; Fire Fighter/EMT, Fire Captain, Fire Chief, and Commissioner. Past Red Cross volunteer Disaster Response Team member.

Statement: My interest in this position falls into three areas. First, I plan to support our fire fighters to ensure they have the tools, equipment, and training opportunities needed to perform their job safely and effectively. Second, I plan to be a steward of our community's resources and to operate in an efficient and frugal manner. Third, I am committed to ensuring that communication is open and transparent between the commission, the fire fighters and the community.

With my 18 years as a volunteer Firefighter and my 11 years as a Fire Commissioner, I have the background and insight to make projections for our district's future needs and to help plan for and implement any needed changes. I am proud to have been on the commission for so many years, especially during the creation of the SWFA, and would feel privileged to serve under the new configuration.

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South Whatcom Fire Authority Commissioner District 2 | 2 Year Unexpired Term

James Willson

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Stefen Paige



Elected Experience: First time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: (2003-2007) Volunteer Firefighter/EMT for Whatcom County Fire District 4, (2007-Present) Professional Firefighter/EMT for Whatcom County Fire District 4 and North Whatcom Fire and Rescue, (2010-2013) Instructor/Company Officer at the Whatcom Recruit Academy.

Education: Bainbridge High School (Graduated), Western Washington University (Degree not yet completed), Bellingham Technical College (Completed EMT-B Program)

Community Service: Former Volunteer Firefighter/EMT, organized several Bike Rodeos, and volunteered during District 4's annual Pancake Feeds and Santa Drives.

Statement: I'm happy for the opportunity to serve as a Fire Commissioner for South Whatcom Fire Authority. My experience as a Volunteer Firefighter for four years and as a Professional Firefighter

for the last eight has given me insight to the fire service and how we can serve the community in a progressive, efficient manner. I'll work cooperatively with the rest of the board while maintaining strong lines of communication with all of our Department's stakeholders including community members, volunteers, and employees. What I want most is to ensure that our community is receiving the best possible service, while maintaining a fiscally responsible Department. We owe it to our volunteers and employees to be treat them with respect, fairness, and to maintain a safe working environment given the inherent dangers of being a Firefighter.

I live in Sudden Valley with my wonderful wife Melanie and our two energetic boys. I have lived in Whatcom County for the last 15 years and am happy to call this place home. I love staying active and spending as much time outdoors as possible with my family enjoying this beautiful area. I would be honored to serve as one of your Fire Commissioners.

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John B. Parks



Elected Experience: Currently serving as South Whatcom Fire Authority Region Four Commissioner,

Other Professional Experience: 37 years service the medical profession in the field of Ortotics and Prosthetics.

Education: Graduated Bellingham High School 1973, course work in Education Northwest University, course work Anatomy, Physiology and Kinesiology Seattle Central.

Community Service: 25 years service scouting, Volunteer Fire Fighter EMT.

Statement: After 37 years in the medical profession as an Orthotist I have seen first hand the bennifit of a quality speedy EMS response as well as the tragic outcomes when it is not up to high standards. This has prompted me to become involved on the govermental level to assure that high standard of emergency medical response is present in my own community. The people of District

Four "predominantly Sudden Valley residents" know me and have seen the work that I have done to serve them, If they feel I have done a good job representing them they will re-elect me to the position of Fire Commissioner Position Four South Whatcom Fire Authority.

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Water District 2 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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Water District 7 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

Thomas Rhone

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Water District 13 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

Larry Davis



Elected Experience: Treasurer of Peaceful Valley Country Club

Other Professional Experience: Veteran of the US Army and Texas National Guard. Former owner of several small businesses.

Education: Currently a senior at Western Washington University pursuing dual Bachelor of Science degrees in both Physics and Mathematics.

Community Service: Prior community service: Volunteer laborer for the Maple Falls community garden. Volunteer book-keeper for Peaceful Valley Country Club.

Statement: I am running for office within Water District 13 to ensure that current property owners of the district are protected from drastic water and sewer rate increases in the coming years.

A careful reading of the District's comprehensive plan reveals intentions to saddle current property owners with millions of dollars of debt in order to expand water and sewer coverage to new housing

developments in the valley.

There is absolutely no reason that the current property owners within Peaceful Valley should have to be burdened with millions of dollars of debt for sewer plant upgrades so that a few special interests can profit at all of our expense. I intend to fight against the planned rate increases by ensuring that 100% of the costs to upgrade the sewer plant are born by developers, ensure complete transparency of the district, and stop the unnecessary and wasteful spending that has plagued the district for numerous years.

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Water District 13 Commissioner Position 3 | 4 Year Unexpired Term

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Jackque Fowler



Experience: Have served 20 years as an elected Water Commissioner

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: I have served 20 years as a Water District Commissiner and was recently appointed to a vacent position.

With your support I look forward to completing the term of Position 3 of which I was appointed

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Water District 13 | Commissioner Position 5 | 6 Year Term

Phil Cloward



Elected Experience: Complete term as an elected commissioner of Whatcom County Water District #13 Position 5. Also served 3 years as appointed commissioner prior to being elected

Other Professional Experience: Professional Forester 59 Years Owner/Operator P&C Logging. Partner in consulting firm. International Forest Fire Systems Experience at the General Manager level.

Education: BS Forest Management BS Logging Engineering

Community Service: Board of Directors Foothills Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors of East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Vice Chairman Foothills Sub-Area Plan Board of Directors/ Treasurer Black Mountain Forestry Center

Statement: I am asking for your vote to continue as a commissioner of Whatcom County Water District 13. During my last term we have worked as a team to inprove the financial position of the district, make needed improvents and repairs, meet water conservation goals and have received two citations

of excellence from the department of Egology for operational efficiency of our waste water treatment plant. We have worked diligently to network and learn from our outside contacts

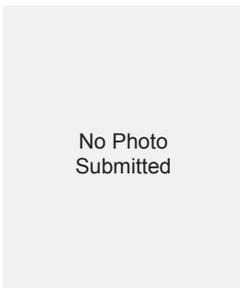
I believe I would be a valuable team member for an additional term and would work to protect our water and provide guidance to our waste water treatment plant operation. I would be honered to continue serving you for an additional term.

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Jeff Larsen



Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: I served as a volunteer firefighter for almost a decade. Nearly half of that was spent in our district. While in that role I learned many of the issues that we face in our community.

Statement: Our water district faces some challenges in the near future. I believe that we need a board that is committed to the best interests of the rate payers. I believe that our current system needs to be more transparent and to better communicate with us, the rate payers. I just want to ensure that we have an open and honest board that will ensure that we receive quality services at a reasonable cost.

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Birch Bay Water & Sewer District Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

Carl Reichhardt

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Columbia Valley Water District | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

Richard Banel



Elected Experience: 2007: Elected to remaining two years (2008-2009) of six-year term, Commissioner Position One, Columbia Valley Water District 2009: Elected to six-year term (2010-2016) Commissioner Position One, Columbia Valley Water District.

Other Professional Experience: Representative - Water Resource Inventory Area 1 Planning Unit, Bellingham Silver rating - Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts Commissioner Certification Program Member in good standing: Washington State Bar Association District of Columbia (Washington DC) Bar Association Managing Broker/General Counsel - Misty Mountains Realty LLC

Education: Bachelor of Arts degree - double major: Journalism, Sociology - University of Washington, Seattle; Juris Doctor degree - Seattle University School of Law

Community Service: Numerous Pro Bono clients.

Statement: I, Richard Banel, care about the Columbia Valley Water District (CVWD), and that's why I ask for your vote in this critical election. In the nine years that I've served you as Commissioner, we've accomplished a lot together. CVWD has a balanced budget, and we run a tight fiscal ship. CVWD's dollars are YOUR dollars. Metered Billing is in place, and everybody pays their fair share. You have more control; by conserving you keep your costs down. CVWD has successfully passed the last three audit cycles without any findings. Water loss due to leaking pipes has been reduced significantly. When customers come to us with problems, everybody is treated fairly and equally, and issues are resolved quickly. We continue to make progress recovering delinquent account funds. I work closely with the other two Commissioners, and we are always focused on YOU. The dialog is always civilized and respectful despite our occasional differences. And we never forget that our top priority is serving our customers.

And always remember: do not trust or believe anyone who says they will lower your water rates; it will only drive CVWD into bankruptcy.

Vote for Richard Banel.

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Gerry Zimmerman



Elected Experience: This is my first time running for office.

Other Professional Experience: I was a small business owner for over thirty years which I employed people, handled budgets and understand what customer service is all about.

Education: Attended Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, California.

Community Service: I have been in Paradise Lakes area for over 12 years which I have cleaned up several lots and maintain my block, my own version of block watch.

Statement: My name is Gerry Zimmerman and I am running for Commissioner Position 1. I have been attending our water district meetings for the last several years and speaking out against some questionable spending to be answered back with blank stares. I believe that everyone is to be held responsible for their actions. The Commissioner's time sheets should be held to the same standards as the other district employees. If I am elected that will be my first order of business....Accountability.

In the last eight years just what improvements have been made to our aging water system? We know that there are problems and yet that money went into a very expensive solar system along with claims that are not adding up. Listen I am all in favor of solar power but should that have taken priority over improvements on our aging water system? No! No more self-promoting projects will be approved. The needs of the district come first. I thank you for your time and hope to earn your vote.

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Glacier Water District 14 Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District Commissioner District 1 | 6 Year Term

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Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District Commissioner District 3 | 4 Year Unexpired Term

Bruce Ford

No Photo
Submitted

Elected Experience: I was chosen by the current board to fill a vacant position last year.

Other Professional Experience: I have worked professionally in the water - wastewater field for the past 40-years.

Education: Technical School and University education.

Community Service: About i year on LWW&SD board.

Statement: I believe I am doing some good for the LWW&SD.

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Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District Commissioner District 4 | 6 Year Term

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Point Roberts Water District 4 Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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Point Roberts Water District 4 Commissioner Position 3 | 4 Year Unexpired Term

Arthur S. Reber



Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Research and teaching in cognitive psychology at University of British Columbia, City University of New York, University of Wales at Bangor, Innsbruck University

Education: BA University of Pennsylvania, 1961; MA Brown University, 1965; PhD Brown University, 1967

Community Service: Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee (Chair), Point Roberts Taxpayers (Vice Pres.), Whatcom Citizens Transportation Group.

Statement: Now that I am no longer on the Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee I would like to focus on related local concerns. This position seems ideal.

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Samish Water District | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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Cemetery District 1 Commissioner Position 1 | Short and Full 6 Year Term

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Cemetery District 2 | Commissioner Position 3 | 4 Year Unexpired Term

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Cemetery District 3 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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Cemetery District 4 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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Cemetery District 6 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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Cemetery District 9 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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Cemetery District 10 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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**Cemetery District 10
Commissioner Position 2 | 2 Year Unexpired Term**

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Cemetery District 11 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6 Year Term

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**Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1
Commissioner Position 1 | 4 Year Term**

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**Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1
Commissioner Position 2 | Short and Full 4 Year Term**

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Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1 Commissioner Position 5 | 4 Year term

Linda Hughes

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Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2 Commissioner Position 1 | 4 Year term

Richard C. Sturgill



Elected Experience: I have voted to commit funds to help build and connect the communities of Birch Bay and Blaine with a safe bicycle/pedestrian route, a route which the District is still developing. I voted to help fund the Ship themed play structure at the Marine Park, Blaine, WA.

Other Professional Experience: I am currently a Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department Commissioner.

Education: BA in Social Science, teaching credential

Community Service: Former City of Blaine Park and Cemetery Board member. Founding Director of Drayton Harbor Maritime, a 501(c)3 non-profit tax-exempt Maritime Heritage Organization, that restored and operates the Historic Plover Passenger.

Statement: *If re-elected I will continue to serve the Blaine Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2 with integrity promoting safe bicycle/pedestrian routes, improved water access and recreation to all*

ages and geographical areas within the District.

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Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2 Commissioner Position 3 | 4 Year term

Jeffery Carrington



Elected Experience: One term as a Blaine Birch Bay District #2 Parks Commissioner, currently serving as Chair for the board.

Other Professional Experience: 35 years of business experience.

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Current President of the Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce. Economic Development committee for Birch Bay. School Committee for Birch Bay. Bury the Utilities Committee for Birch Bay. Library Committee for Birch Bay. Coaching Youth sports for eight years.

Statement: I believe that we all have a responsibility to our community and to the next generation. That the legacy we leave should be a reflection of who we are. Serving the community in the areas of wellbeing is a positive way to shape the future, to effect change. If reelected I will represent the community openly and honestly.

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Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2 Commissioner Position 5 | 4 Year Term

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Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3 Commissioner Position 2 | 4 Year Term

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Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3 Commissioner Position 3 | 4 Year Term

Robert (Bob) Bandarra



Elected Experience: Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District; Bothell Mayor & City Council Member; Appointment to State Public Works and Pipeline Safety Committee

Other Professional Experience: NW Senior Services Board (Whatcom Representative)

Education: MPA - Seattle University; BS - Environmental Engineering - Cal Poly; Pomona, CA

Community Service: Retired Public Employees Council; Bellingham/Lynden Chapter

Statement: Voter Pamphlet Statement for Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District – Position 3

I ask you, the voters, to reelect me to the Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District because I appreciate the outstanding quality of life parks and recreation activities afford the residents of Lynden and Whatcom County and I still have work to do. In the past four years, I've worked

on the creation of Patterson Park and other recreation activities with the City of Lynden and the YMCA. My greatest disappointment was not convincing you, the voters, of the necessary improvements needed at Bender Field.

Please help me to assure the life style we have all come to appreciate through parks and recreation activities as we complete and implement the District's Master Plan. Please continue your support of my efforts by casting your vote to return me to the District Board. Thank you for your consideration!

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Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3 Commissioner Position 5 | 4 Year Term

Barbara Daley

No Photo
Submitted

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: Hello and thank you for this opportunity to run for and help my community. I am an average, middle-aged wife and mom. But I have a passion for current events, especially on the local level (Bachelor's Degree in Political Science). I believe community involvement is great stewardship. I have served on other community based teams including: Clark County Animal Advisory Committee (humane laws in relation to exotic animals) and Daniels County Safe Routes to School (public safety and students' safe commute to schools).

In addition to playing with my daughter, I enjoy seeing the students at Lynden Middle School every day, as a noon supervisor and substitute para-educator. I have, also, volunteered in my church's "Blessing Place" (child care) for about two years. I know how important it is to have clean, safe and interesting spots for all of the kids to get outside and stay active. My interest in this regard includes parks, trails and swimming pools.

I am looking forward to learning and contributing with the Lynden Regional Parks & Recreation District.

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Chuckanut Community Forest Park District Commissioner Position 2 | 6 Year Term

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Andrew C. Hunter



Elected Experience: Appointed to United General Hospital District 304 Commissioner Position #1, May 2013. Elected to Position #1, November 2014.

Other Professional Experience: Appointed to United General Hospital District 304 Commissioner Position #1 in May 2013. Elected to Position #1, November 2014.

Education: Sedro Woolley High School Graduate 1973; University of Washington (BS, Economics) 1977; Penn State (MS, Ag Economics) 1980, Thesis focused on financial viability of public health care centers in rural PA; University of Texas Graduate School of Community Bank Management 1998.

Community Service: United General Hospital Commissioner; Past President/Island County Economic Development Council; Church leadership; Kiwanis International; Youth baseball/basketball Coach

Statement: It has been a sincere pleasure and learning experience to serve as a United General Hospital District 304 Commissioner during the past two years. I look forward to continuing to serve as a Commissioner, desiring to ensure that all residents of Hospital District 304 have easy access to health care, as well as providing quality education on preventive care and making positive health choices. United General District 304's mission is a commitment to improving the health and quality of life for the residents of the communities we serve. I wholeheartedly believe in and support that mission and am dedicated to contributing to the progressive development of United General District 304.

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Point Roberts Public Hospital District Commissioner Position 3 | Short and Full 6 Year Term

Kandace (Kandy) Harper



Elected Experience: No previous elected experience.

Other Professional Experience: Over 40 years in nursing and public health nursing, including patient care, clinics, field nursing, case management, administrative duties and management of public health programs. Deputy Director of Child Health Disability Prevention Program and nursing supervisor.

Education: Registered Nurse, BS, Public Health Nurse Certificate. California State University, Chico

Community Service: I have been active in PREP, Friends of the Point Roberts Library and the Garden Club.

Statement: My husband and I have been permanent full time residents of Point Roberts for 6 years and we have appreciated and valued the Point Roberts clinic. The clinic is a very important, viable and essential medical asset to our community. My education, diverse range of experience and

commitment will be a benefit to the hospital commission and clinic. I look forward to serving on the Point Roberts Hospital District Commission Board.

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City of Ferndale Proposition No. 2015-1 Creation of Ferndale Metropolitan Park District

The Ferndale City Council passed Resolution No. 15-02-17-A in order to allow voters to decide whether to create a Ferndale Metropolitan Park District with boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the City as now or hereafter established and to be governed by the Ferndale City Council as the ex officio board of commissioners to support the City's parks and recreation system. Shall the Ferndale Metropolitan Park District be so created and governed?

- [] For the formation of a metropolitan park district to be governed by the City Council of Ferndale as the ex officio Board of the metropolitan park district commissioners.
- [] Against the formation of a metropolitan park district.

Explanatory Statement:

State law allows municipalities to create Metropolitan Park Districts upon voter approval. Park Districts set property tax levies to pay for management, control, improvement, maintenance, and acquisition of parks, parkways, boulevards, and recreational facilities. The District's boundaries are the City limits. The Ferndale City Council will serve as the District's Board of Commissioners ex officio. The Council adopted Resolution No. 15-04-06-B setting the levy rate at 50 cents per \$1,000 assessed value upon voter approval. This would generate about \$581,000 annually to fund projects like the pool feasibility study, Star Park, and Pioneer Park main stage.

Statement For:

Parks and public spaces for recreation support local economies. One of Ferndale's greatest needs is parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. Many of the existing parks are underutilized, have old or damaged equipment, and have no restrooms available. There are limited options for all age groups of kids, adults, and pets. The lack of better parks impacts the quality of life as well as economic development. The lack of recreation impacts the local economy. Many Ferndale citizens choose to go to Bellingham or elsewhere for recreation. While there, they spend their money. They may go to lunch, have coffee, fill their gas tank, or pick up groceries. Many in the community have limited access to transportation. Going to Bellingham or elsewhere for recreation is not an easy option. These citizens are the most underserved. The Parks Master Plan includes a great list of park and recreation projects that the citizens have been asking for. The General Fund is limited. This specific tax to create the MPD allows citizens to choose a fund that can only be used for parks. In doing so, this Parks District will better the quality of life for all people of Ferndale and support the economy.

Statement For prepared by: Rebecca Xczar

Statement Against:

The City says that people desperately demand more parks and recreational services, but ironically citizens have *rejected* recent park levies. Failed levies do not mean the funding system is broken; they indicate it works. Under the current levy system, voters choose which park projects are worthwhile. Projects likely to get plenty of use are welcomed, appreciated and maintained. Voter feedback provides accountability and a reality check on unsustainable expansion. Weak proposals without community support *should* fail. Our City, which doesn't even have a Parks Department, wants a Metropolitan Park District that can tax us without bringing proposals to voters. Should citizen choice be replaced by the decisions of a board? This permanent *new layer of government* will *automatically* siphon cash from our pocketbooks. Unlike City levies, the MPD tax never expires. The District and its forever tax will escalate, not replace, current spending. It will shield the City from making tough decisions about prioritizing community needs. Furthermore, an MPD can incur debt, expand its boundaries and exercise powers of eminent domain. It can even spawn local improvement districts of its own. Government creating more government for its own convenience is *never* a good idea. Vote no on 2015-1! (www.noferndalempd.org.)

Statement Against prepared by: Peggy Uppiano and K. Yvonne Goldsmith

Rebuttal of Statement For:

A Metropolitan Park District is simply a bad idea. It disrespects your rights as a taxpayer and removes citizens from the financial decision making process for parks. It requires that you unquestioningly surrender a portion of your income and fund projects you didn't select. There's no guarantee that adding more government will end park shortcomings and maintenance problems. If the MPD forms, it can expand and incur debt. Don't give special interests a blank check.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Ferndale citizens have *not* rejected recent park levies. The MPD cannot be expanded or create LID's without voter approval. The MPD six-year plan was developed by the Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Board (citizen board), then discussed at a City Council meeting where public input was received. To bring every project to ballot is expensive, costing over \$45,000 for a special election. Allowing citizen elected officials to make decisions after receiving public input saves money.

Statements For, Statements Against, and Rebuttals are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any government agency.



**Whatcom County Fire Protection District 1
Proposition No. 2015-1
Restoring Regular Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 227 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2015 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes _____ No _____

Explanatory Statement:

This measure establishes the levy for Whatcom County Fire Protection District 1 at \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of \$0.64. This levy is the District's primary source of revenue. State limitations do not allow the District to keep up with increasing costs. Proposition No. 2015-1 will allow the District to set the levy rate at \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as otherwise authorized by law such that the District can continue to provide a consistent level of fire and emergency medical services to its residents.

Statement For:

Our fire department is the 2nd largest district in Whatcom County but has the 3rd lowest levy rate. District #1 can only increase revenues by 1% per year by state law, regardless of changes to property valuations. This 1% increase cannot keep up with the expenses of our district.

Our department was forced to hire 2 career firefighters as it is no longer feasible to staff the department with only volunteers. The last career firefighter hired is currently being paid out of reserve funds. This position will have to be terminated if this levy is not passed. Our career firefighters are crucial to ensure that someone is available to respond to daytime calls.

What the district is asking for is not unreasonable. For example, a home valued at \$200,000 would see an increase of \$10.67 per month. Without this additional revenue we, as residents of Fire District #1, could suffer longer response times during emergencies, equipment that will fail and a reduction in staffing. Protection costs money, lets continue to support our firefighters. When we call 911 and need their help, they are there for us. Now it's our turn, they need our help, let's be there for them.

Statement For prepared by: Sheila Gassman, Ron Bryland, and Bill Brouwer

**Rebuttal of
Statement For:**

No statement submitted

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

**Rebuttal of
Statement Against:**

No statement submitted



**Whatcom County Fire Protection District 11
Proposition No. 2015-1
Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy**

Will Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 be authorized to fund emergency medical services for its citizens by imposing a regular property tax levy of \$.39 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

Explanatory Statement:

If approved by the voters this measure will authorize a six year emergency medical services (EMS) property tax levy at a rate not to exceed \$0.39 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. Approval of the levy will allow the District to maintain and improve the level of emergency medical services provided to the citizens of the District. The District must use the revenue from this levy exclusively for emergency medical services. If approved, the EMS tax on a \$200,000 assessed valuation residence would not exceed \$78.00 each year or approximately \$6.50 per month for the emergency medical services.

Statement For:

This EMS levy is necessary and reasonable; ensuring operations, equipment, and resources are available to keep our community safe.

The Fire Levy (approved last year) funded the cost of fire operations as disclosed in multiple presentations. This EMS levy will ensure EMS (emergency medical services) operations in the community are fully funded as well. A supermajority is required to approve the levy so your yes vote is important.

This levy will ensure that 24/7 coverage for medical emergencies are available to the community, and meet state and federal standards. Being proactive and fiscally responsible means the district does not pay any interest on loans for new ambulances or other high cost equipment. The needs of the district mean EMS currently operates on a deficit, drawing down emergency reserves. This deficit needs addressed to continue with the current level of operations and services.

Voting yes allows a budget and levy rate that provides for the needs of our island both now and into the future. The services provided by our District EMS are vital. The 2015 EMS operational need of \$78,146 falls \$45,973 short of revenue (\$32,173). This levy is necessary and reasonable. Please vote yes and support the island EMS.

Statement For prepared by: Joan Moye, Taynin Kopanos, and Stephen Kopanos

**Rebuttal of
Statement For:**

No statement submitted

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

**Rebuttal of
Statement Against:**

No statement submitted



**Whatcom County Fire Protection District 14
Proposition No. 2015-1
Authorizing Increase of Previous Property Tax Levies**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 14, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2015-04 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.30 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2015 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes _____ No _____

Explanatory Statement:

This measure establishes the levy for Whatcom County Fire Protection District 14 at \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of \$.46. This levy is the District's only source of revenue. State limitations do not allow the District to keep up with increasing costs. Proposition No. 2015-1 will allow the District to set the levy rate at \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as otherwise authorized by law in order to improve fire station facilities, replace aging apparatus, fire and medical equipment and to provide a consistent level of fire and emergency medical services to its residents.

Statement For:

Fire District #14 has a current levy of .84/1000 valuation and has never asked for a general levy increase. The District is asking for an increase to \$1.30/ 1000 valuation. With calls more than doubling in the last 10 years and along with this Basic Life Support transports have become the responsibility of the District, increasing time requirements and work load on existing personnel. We must add part time staff to provide 24/7 coverage and free up the District Chief and Training Officer for required administrative duties rather than functioning as the primary BLS responders. To accommodate this addition a remodel of the station at Kendall is necessary for housing and administrative needs. The District has operated effectively in meeting our public safety requirements, but we must act now to meet expanding call volumes and avoid the loss of service we have been receiving. With an aging population and ever increasing call volumes the impact on service levels is acute. The need to act on an increase is now! Vote yes for a General Levy increase.

Statement For prepared by: Phil Cloward and Paul Vern Yadon

Statement Against:

We understand the district is trying to improve services and protect our citizens' lives and property. Our concern is whether this tax increase is the best alternative. In light of the fact that we are a poor district and this is a substantial increase, we need to be persuaded this proposal is the best and only option. Specifically, how do sleeping quarters relate to daytime staffing needs and does the district have a comprehensive long-range development plan? As one of the poorest districts in the county we are still feeling the impacts of the economic recession. The proposed levy increase not only affects property owners, but renters as well, as a rise in property taxes can directly correlate to increases in rent. An increase of this magnitude puts a negative burden on all citizens at a time when raising taxes may not be economically appropriate. We ask voters to reject this proposition to encourage district leadership to explore more options. Possible alternatives include; creative staffing solutions like a volunteer ambulance corps, innovative recruitment and retention policies which can incorporate a break on property taxes or health insurance discounts for volunteers, and inventive transportation options including transport specific volunteers.

Statement Against prepared by:

Committee Against Prop. #1 F.D. #14; Aaron Hostetler and Jeff Hambelton

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

A comprehensive plan completed in 2012 and revised in August 2015 provides the possibility of a residency plan establishing volunteer 24/7 availability. Specialization is not financially prudent, as the emergency medical function is limited to BLS transport. For a modest increase (average on 100,000 appraised value of \$46.00/year) a small price to pay for supporting a conservative and well run district.



Whatcom County Fire Protection District 17 Proposition No. 2015-1 Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 17, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 319 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2015 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes _____ No _____

Explanatory Statement:

This measure would increase the levy of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No.17 by \$0.42 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This levy is the District's only source of revenue. State limitations do not allow the District to keep up with increasing costs. Approval of Proposition No.1 will set the District's levy rate at \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to fund the replacement of aging vehicles, volunteer firefighter/EMT stipends, and general operations such that the District can continue to provide consistent levels of emergency fire and medical services and maintain its favorable insurance class rating.

Statement For:

Whatcom County Fire District #17 provides exceptional fire suppression and emergency medical services to all areas of the Sandy Point community including parts of the Lummi Indian reservation. The district has achieved one of *the best insurance ratings* (5) of any Fire District in Whatcom County, lowering home insurance rates, and has *one of the best response times*, despite a 60% increase in 911 calls in the past year.

90% of calls are for emergency medical services yet the department has fewer EMT's than ten years ago due to strenuous training requirements and national trends in volunteerism. There is significant strain on its volunteer responders. Increases in operating costs and limited revenue have prevented the district from establishing reserve funds to replace vehicles that are reaching the end of their service lives.

Passage of this levy would allow a small "per call" stipend for volunteer fire fighters/EMT's at a fraction of the cost of full time staffing, support recruitment and retention efforts, and allow for necessary replacement of aging vehicles. Voting "yes" ensures continued excellence in fire/emergency medical response and helps maintain the current favorable insurance class rating.

Statement For prepared by: Committee for WCFD #17 Proposition #1 Levy; Jeanne M. Carroll and Mary A. LaFond

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Proposition No. 2015-1
Jail Facilities Sales And Use Tax

RESOLUTION 2015- 024

PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE COUNTY A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX OF TWO TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FINANCING, DESIGNING, ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING, REMODELING, REPAIRING, RE-EQUIPPING, AND IMPROVEMENT OF JAIL FACILITIES AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES

WHEREAS, ensuring the protection and safety of the residents of Whatcom County is an essential priority; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council has determined that the present county-wide jail facilities on Prospect Street and an interim jail on Division Street in Bellingham, which are owned, operated and maintained by Whatcom County, do not meet existing and future County and cities' inmate incarceration needs; and

WHEREAS, the health, welfare and safety of the residents and businesses of Whatcom County necessitate that the County provide additional jail facilities; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of jail inmates and the safety of the County jail staff necessitate that the County provide consolidated new jail facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Jail Planning Task Force, the County Sheriff and the County Executive have collectively submitted a recommended plan for the building and operation of a new County jail located on LaBounty Road in Ferndale; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide funding for costs associated with financing, designing, acquiring, constructing, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, re-equipping and improvement of jail facilities, both new and limited inmate holding facilities at the county courthouse, it is deemed necessary and advisable for Whatcom County to impose an additional local sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.2% -- 20 cents for every \$100) as authorized by RCW 82.14.450; and

WHEREAS, following passage of a voter-approved proposition for a sales and use tax, the County intends to issue general obligation bonds for the construction costs of the new jail sized appropriately for the County and those participating cities who have reached long term agreements for cost sharing in the construction and operation of the new jail; and

WHEREAS, the life of the Bonds will be no more than 30 years and upon the full repayment of the Bonds the County intends that collection of one half of the two tenths of one percent of the sales and use tax shall expire;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a ballot proposition shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the County pursuant to RCW 82.14.450 to authorize the County Council to fix and impose a local sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.2% -- 20 cents for every \$100) to provide funding for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, re-equipping, and improvement of jail facilities, and other public safety purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized and requested to initiate the appropriate action necessary to ensure a proposition in substantially the following form, to be submitted to the voters of Whatcom County:

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION NUMBER _____

JAIL FACILITIES SALES AND USE TAX

The Whatcom County Council passed Resolution 2015-024 concerning a proposition to authorize a sales and use tax for jail facilities. This ballot proposition would authorize the imposition of a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (20 cents for every \$100) to be used solely for costs associated with constructing and operating jail facilities to house inmates held, charged, or convicted of misdemeanor and felony acts, and for other public safety purposes, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450. Half of this tax (10 cents for every \$100) would expire upon repayment of bonds issued to finance the jail facilities, in any event not later than 30 years after issuance. Should this proposition be:

_____ Approved

_____ Rejected

BE IT NOW FINALLY RESOLVED, that the County Auditor shall cause notice of the proposed proposition to be published in accordance with the state constitution and general law, and shall place the proposed proposition upon the ballot of the county wide general election held on November 3, 2015.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2015

Whatcom County Council: Carl Weimer, Council Chair. Attest: Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council.
Approved as to Form by Daniel L. Gibson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor

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Proposition No. 1 Method Of Electing Council Members

Text Amendment:

Section 2.13 Election ~~Countywide~~ by Council District.

The registered voters of ~~Whatcom County~~ each Council District shall vote upon each council member position to be filled from their district at the November general election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each position shall be elected.

Proposition No. 2 Limiting Power Of Council To Amend Charter

Text Amendment:

Section 8.23 Amendments by the County Council.

The County Council may propose amendments to the Charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters at the next November general election occurring at least ninety (90) days after enactment. A minimum of five (5) affirmative votes shall be required to enact such an ordinance, except that if a previous charter amendment was approved by a 2/3 majority of the voters, then no ordinance proposing to the voters further amendment of that matter shall be adopted except by a 7-0 affirmative vote of the Council. An ordinance proposing an amendment to the Charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the County Executive.

The County Council by unanimous vote of the entire Council may effect amendments to the language of the Charter where the passage of time has rendered language moot or obsolete. Such changes shall be made by ordinance, and have a public hearing.

Proposition No. 3 Limiting Power Of Council To Amend Charter's Election Provisions

Text Amendment:

Section 8.23 Amendments by the County Council.

The County Council may propose amendments to the Charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters at the next November general election occurring at least ninety (90) days after enactment. A minimum of five (5) affirmative votes shall be required to enact such an ordinance. No ordinance proposing amendment of any provision of Sections 2.12 or 2.13 of this Charter shall be adopted by the Council except by a 7-0 affirmative vote. An ordinance proposing an amendment to the Charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the County Executive.

The County Council by unanimous vote of the entire Council may effect amendments to the language of the Charter where the passage of time has rendered language moot or obsolete. Such changes shall be made by ordinance, and have a public hearing.

Proposition No. 4 Word Limit For Ballot Questions

Text Amendment:

Section 5.40 Initiative – Procedures.

Any legal voter or organization of legal voters of Whatcom County may file an initiative proposal with the County Auditor, who within five (5) days, excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays, shall confer with the petitioner to review the proposal as to form and style. The Auditor shall give the proposed initiative a number, which shall thereafter be the identifying number for the measure. The Auditor shall then transmit a copy of the proposal to the Prosecuting Attorney, who within ten (10) days after receipt thereof, in consultation with the petitioner shall formulate ~~a concise statement, posed as a positive question, not to exceed twenty (20) words, which shall express and give a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the measure~~ the ballot title which shall consist of: (a) a statement of the subject of the measure; (b) a concise description of the measure; and (c) a question: "Shall this be enacted into law?" The statement of the subject of the measure must be proposed as a positive statement, be sufficiently broad to reflect the subject, and be sufficiently precise to give notice of the measure's subject matter, and not exceed ten words. The concise description must contain no more than thirty words, be a true and impartial description of the measure's essential contents, clearly identify the proposition to be voted on, and not, to the extent reasonably possible, create prejudice either for or against the measure. Such concise statement will be the ballot title. The petitioner then has one hundred and twenty (120) days ...

Section 5.60 Referendum – Procedures.

Any legal voter, or organization of legal voters of Whatcom County may file a referendum proposal, against any enacted ordinance or portion thereof, with the County Auditor. The proposal shall be presented to the Auditor within forty-five (45) days after the ordinance is passed by the County Council.

Within five (5) days, excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays, the Auditor shall confer with the petitioner to review the proposal as to form and style. The Auditor shall give the referendum proposal a number, which shall thereafter be the identifying number for the measure. The Auditor shall then transmit a copy of the proposal to the County Prosecuting Attorney, who within ten (10) days after receipt thereof, shall formulate ~~a concise statement, posed as a question, not to exceed twenty (20) words, which shall express and give a true and impartial statement of the measure being referred~~ the ballot title which shall consist of: (a) a statement of the subject of the measure; (b) a concise description of the measure; and (c) a question: "Shall this be enacted into law?" The statement of the subject of the measure must be proposed as a positive statement, be sufficiently broad to reflect the subject, and be sufficiently precise to give notice of the measure's subject matter, and not exceed ten words. The concise description must contain no more than thirty words, be a true and impartial description of the measure's essential contents, clearly identify the proposition to be voted on, and not, to the extent reasonably possible, create prejudice either for or against the measure. Such concise statement will be the ballot title.

The petitioner then has one hundred and twenty (120) days...

Proposition No. 5 Lowering Threshold For Initiative And Referendum Signatures

Text Amendment:

Section 5.40 Initiative – Procedures.

“... The petitioner then has one hundred twenty (120) days to collect the signatures of the registered voters in the county equal in number to ~~not less than 15% of the vote cast in the county in the last general election or not less than 8% of the vote cast in the county in the last regular gubernatorial election.~~ ...”

Section 5.60 Referendum – Procedures.

“... The petitioner then has one hundred twenty (120) days to collect the signatures of registered voters in the county equal in number to ~~not less than 15% of the vote cast in the county in the last general election or not less than 8% of the vote cast in the county in the last regular gubernatorial election.~~ ...”

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Proposition No. 6

Lowering The Number Of Signatures Required For Citizen Initiatives To Amend Charter

Text Amendment:

Section 8.22 Amendments by the Public.

The public may propose amendments to the Charter by registering with the Auditor an initiative petition bearing the signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to, but not less than, ~~twenty (20)~~ fifteen (15) percent of the number of votes cast in the county in the last gubernatorial election. Signatures shall be registered not more than one hundred twenty (120) days following filing of the petition with the Auditor, who shall submit the amendments to the voters. The one hundred and twenty (120) day period shall begin upon receipt of official notification to petitioner(s) by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office either by certified mail or messenger. If the last day for collecting signatures falls on a weekend or legal holiday, then the one hundred and twenty (120) day period shall extend to the end of the next business day. (Amended by referendum 1986; Ord. 93-045; amended by referendum 1995; Ord. 2005-075 Exh. A)

Proposition No. 7

Term Limits For County Executive And Council Members

Text Amendment:

Section 2.14 Terms of Council Members.

The term of office of each elected councilmember shall be four (4) years commencing with the second Monday in January following election, and until a successor has been elected and has qualified. Elected councilmembers shall serve no more than three consecutive full terms in office. Terms are considered consecutive unless they are at least four years apart. The limit in terms shall be applied prospectively only, beginning with the elections in 2017 and 2019.

Section 3.21 Election and Term of Office.

The County Executive shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the county, and the term of office shall be four years and until the successor is elected and qualified. The County Executive shall serve no more than three consecutive full terms in office. Terms are considered consecutive unless they are at least four years apart. The limit in terms shall be applied prospectively only, beginning with the election in 2019.

Proposition No. 8

Altering Composition Of Districting Commission

Text Amendment:

Section 4.41 Districting Committee.

During the month of January, 1981, and by January 31 of each tenth year thereafter, a ~~five-member~~ Districting Committee shall be appointed. The County Council shall appoint ~~four persons~~ to the committee, ~~two~~ one representative from each major political party, defined as the stated party of any candidate receiving at least 15% of the vote in Whatcom County in the most recent gubernatorial primary or presidential election. Parties with a candidate receiving at least 33% of the vote in either of those elections will be provided a second representative on the Districting Committee. If the number of total representatives is even, the four to appoint appointees will select a fifth an additional member who shall be the Chairman. If the total number is odd, the Committee will vote for and appoint a Chair internally. The Districting Committee shall within thirty (30) days of its appointment meet and appoint a Districting Master who shall be qualified by education, training and experience to draw a districting plan. If the Districting Committee is unable to agree upon the appointment of a Districting Master within thirty (30) days, the County Council shall appoint a Districting Master by March 31 of that year.

**Proposition No. 9
Number Of Council Districts And At-Large Council Positions**

Text Amendment:

Section 2.11 ~~Five~~ Three Districts.

The County Council shall consist of seven (7) members, selected as follows: For purpose of nomination of members of the Council, the county shall divide into ~~five~~ three districts so that each district shall comprise as nearly as possible one-~~fifth~~ third of the population of the county.

Section 2.12 Nominations.

(a) Nominees by district.

There shall be ~~one~~ two Council positions in each of the ~~five~~ three districts, ~~designated position (A) and position (B), respectively.~~ At the primary election, the qualified electors of each district shall select two (2) candidates for each position to be filled from their district.

(b) Nominee at large.

There shall be ~~one~~ two Council positions designated councilmember at-large, which shall be nominated ~~in different years~~ without regard to district, designated position (A) and position (B), respectively. The two candidates receiving the largest number of votes county-wide at the primary election shall be certified as candidates for the position of councilmember at-large.

Transition language:

A Districting Committee shall be appointed by January 31 of 2016, as per Sections 4.40, 4.41, and 4.42 of the County Charter. The Committee shall draw a districting plan for five Council Districts. The approximate geographic areas covered by each district are anticipated to be:

District 1 – Central and South Bellingham

District 2 – North Bellingham

District 3 – Deming, Kendall, Acme, Sudden Valley, Lake Whatcom, Lake Samish and Chuckanut

District 4 – Lynden, Sumas, Everson and surrounding farmland

District 5 – Lummi Reservation, Lummi Island, Ferndale, Birch Bay, Blaine and Point Roberts.

Council positions 1A, 2A, 3A and the At-large Position shall become Council positions District 1, District 2, District 3 and At-large Position A, respectively. These positions will be elected commencing in 2017. Council position 1B, 2B and 3B shall become At-large Position B, District 4 and District 5, respectively. These positions shall be elected commencing in 2019.

**Proposition No. 10
Amendments By The Charter Review Commission And The County Council**

Text Amendment:

Section 8.21 Amendments by the Charter Review Commission.

The Commission may propose amendments to the Charter by filing such proposed amendments with the County Council who shall submit the amendment to the voters at the next November general election at least ninety (90) days after the filing and registration of the amendments. A supermajority (ten of fifteen) of affirmative votes of the entire membership shall be required to file a proposed amendment with the County Council.

Section 8.23 Amendments by the County Council.

The County Council may propose amendments to the Charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters at the next November general election occurring at least ninety (90) days after enactment. A minimum of five (5) affirmative votes shall be required supermajority (five of seven) of affirmative votes of the entire membership shall be required to enact such an ordinance. An ordinance proposing an amendment to the Charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the County Executive.

The County Council by unanimous vote of the entire Council may effect amendments to the language of the Charter where the passage of time has rendered language moot or obsolete. Such changes shall be made by ordinance, and have a public hearing. (Amended by referendum 1995)

Proposition No.2015-1
Creation of Ferndale Metropolitan Park District

RESOLUTION NO. 15-02-17-B

A RESOLUTION OF THE FERNDALE CITY COUNCIL PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO QUALIFIED VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 GENERAL ELECTION, FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION, PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO CREATE A METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 35.61 RCW TO BE GOVERNED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FERNDALE AS THE EX OFFICIO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SAID METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Ferndale is an Optional Municipal Code City, located in Whatcom County, Washington, duly organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 35.61 RCW authorizes a city to create a metropolitan park district wholly within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City have consistently asked for additional capital improvements to the parks and recreational facilities within Ferndale as well as having high expectations for the operations and maintenance of City parks and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City's General Fund budget does not have the capacity to fund additional capital improvements for the City's parks system nor provide additional support for the ongoing operations and maintenance of City parks facilities; and

WHEREAS, a metropolitan park district has additional and independent authority to tax property to raise funds restricted to parks and recreation purposes provided for in Chapter 35.61 RCW; and

WHEREAS, Ferndale's parks are an essential element to the livability, public health, safety and welfare of Ferndale residents; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide, maintain and provide for additional improvements such as new playgrounds and other amenities within Ferndale parks, an additional source of funding is necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Ferndale do resolve as follows:

Section 1. Election. Pursuant to RCW 35.61.020, the Ferndale City Council hereby calls for submission of a proposition to the qualified electors of the City asking whether the Ferndale Metropolitan Park District shall be created. The Whatcom County Auditor is hereby requested to call the election in the City of Ferndale on November 3, 2015 in conjunction with the general election to be held on that date.

Section 2. Ballot Proposition. The proposition to be submitted to the electorate of the City of Ferndale shall read substantially as follows:

CITY OF FERNDALE
PROPOSITION NO. 1
METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

The Ferndale City Council passed Resolution No. 15-02-17-A in order to allow voters to decide whether to create a Ferndale Metropolitan Park District with boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the City as now or hereafter established and to be governed by the Ferndale City Council as the ex officio board of commissioners to support the City's parks and recreation system. Shall the Ferndale Metropolitan Park District be so created and governed?

[] For the formation of a metropolitan park district to be governed by the City Council of Ferndale as the ex officio Board of the metropolitan park district commissioners.

[] Against the formation of a metropolitan park district.

Section 3. Boundaries of the Ferndale Metropolitan Park District. The boundaries of the Ferndale Metropolitan Park District shall encompass the City of Ferndale, as fully described in Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall be in full force and take effect immediately.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ferndale, Washington held on this 17th day of February, 2015.

Mayor Gary S. Jensen, Mayor. Attest: Sam Taylor, City Clerk. Approved as to Form: Dannon Traxler, City Attorney

ATTACHMENT A

Legal Description for the proposed Ferndale Metropolitan Park District, the boundaries of which are coterminous with the boundaries of the City of Ferndale.

Whatcom County Fire Protection District 1
Proposition No. 2015-1 Restoring Regular Property Tax Levy

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
RESOLUTION NO. 227

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 1 (the "District"), providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a general election to be held therein on November 3, 2015, in conjunction with the State's general election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000, which is an increase of \$0.64 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2015 and thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55 .050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations, all as more particularly set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 1 has determined that it appears certain money available for the Expense Fund for the calendar year 2015 would be insufficient to permit the District to meet the expenses of operation, services, and maintenance essential and necessary for the protection of the public health, life, and property of its residents during such calendar year, given the current levy rate of \$0.76 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; and that it is necessary for the regular property tax levy of the District be set at \$1.40 per \$1,000, such levy to be made in 2015 for collection in 2016, and in succeeding years, on all taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing 100% of the true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), in order for the Expense Fund of the District to be able to provide sufficient funds to meet those expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether such taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 1 as follows:
Section 1. The Auditor of Whatcom County, Washington is requested to call and conduct a general election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held herein on November 3, 2015 in conjunction with the State's general election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the District, for their approval or rejection, a proposition of whether the regular property tax levy of the District shall be set and maintained at \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; such levy to be made in 2015 for collection in 2016, and in succeeding years, on all the taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing 100% of the true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations; and for the dollar amount of such levies to be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050.

Section 2. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, as amended, the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PROPOSITION NO. 1
RESTORING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 227 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2015 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

YES..... []
NO..... []

Section 3. The Secretary of the District is directed (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 227 showing its adoption by the Board at least eighty-four (84) days prior to the date of such general election; and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the District at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether such excess tax levy shall be made.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 1, at an open public meeting thereof this 9th day of July, 2015, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.
Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 1, Tim Wells, Commissioner; Gary D. Almy, Commissioner.
ATTEST and CERTIFICATION: Jodi DeBeeld, District Secretary

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 11 Proposition No. 2015-1 Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A SIX YEAR EMS LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-230 (GENERAL ELECTION)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$.39 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, FOR A PERIOD OF SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2015 AND ENDING IN 2020 AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Background: This measure, if approved by the voters, would establish an EMS levy for six years beginning with a tax levy rate not to exceed \$.39 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation.

It is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax levy for collection over the next six years.

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11, Whatcom County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide emergency medical services, it is necessary that the District perform the following functions:

- 1.1 Obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical vehicles and facilities manned by properly trained emergency medical technicians, paramedics and other medically trained personnel.
- 1.2 Obtain consumable medical supplies and medical appliances to equip such vehicles and facilities.
- 1.3 Establish a level of service as deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District based on available revenues.

Section 2. In order to generate revenue sufficient to pay the costs of providing adequate emergency medical services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall levy each year for a period of six consecutive years beginning in 2015 and collect each year for a period of six consecutive years, beginning in 2016, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed \$.39 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of such property.

Section 3. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069 the funds raised by such levy shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, service contract costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the general election on November 3, 2015, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not such levy for emergency medical services, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation, shall be made each year for a period of six consecutive years, the first levy to be made in 2015 and to be collected in 2016. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Whatcom County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections to call such election and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION
Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11
Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy.

Will Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 be authorized to fund emergency medical services for its citizens by imposing a regular property tax levy of \$.39 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2016.

Yes
No

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11, Whatcom County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 14th day of July, 2015, the following commissioners being present and voting:

Commissioner; Wendell Terry, Commissioner Ed Scott; Commissioner Bill Lee; Secretary Lisa R. Lish

**Whatcom County Fire Protection District 14
Proposition No. 2015-1 Authorizing Increase of Previous Property Tax Levies**

Resolution No. 2015 -04
(Revision of Resolution 2015-03)

INCREASE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIREPROTECTION DISTRICT NO.14, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OFA PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.30 PER \$1,000 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICATION STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditures of revenues for station construction, maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$.84 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the one percent limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 will not be sufficient to provide for the expected cost increases required to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 14, as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical services vehicles and to construct and remodel station facilities to be staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with proper fire fighting and emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation in regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and levy beginning in 2015 and collect beginning in 2016, pursuant to RCW 52.76.130, RCW, 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. The amount levied in 2015 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on November 3, 2015, in conjunction with the state general election to be held in the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be increased to \$1.30 per \$1,000 of true and assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Auditor of Whatcom County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Proposition 1

Whatcom County Fire Protection District 14 - Board of Commissioners - Proposition Authorizing Increase of Previous Property Tax Levies.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 14, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2015-04 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.30 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2015 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050.

Should this proposal be approved?

YES []

NO..... []

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire District No. 14 at a special open public meeting of such board on July 30, 2015 with the following Commissioners being present and voting: Larry Moore, Commissioner Chair; Leonard Bjornstad, Commissioner; Rob Roy Graham, Commissioner; Jo Olson, District Administrator.

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**Whatcom County Fire Protection District 17
Proposition No. 2015-1 Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy**

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 17
RESOLUTION NO. 319**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 17 (the "District"), providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a general election to be held therein on November 3, 2015, in conjunction with the State's general election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000, which is an increase of \$0.42 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2015 and thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations, all as more particularly set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 17 has determined that it appears certain money available for the Expense Fund for the calendar year 2015 would be insufficient to permit the District to meet the expenses of operation, services, and maintenance essential and necessary for the protection of the public health, life, and property of its residents during such calendar year, given the current levy rate of \$1.03 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; and that it is necessary for the regular property tax levy of the District be set at \$1.45 per \$1,000, such levy to be made in 2015 for collection in 2016, and in succeeding years, on all taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing 100% of the true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), in order for the Expense Fund of the District to be able to provide sufficient funds to meet those expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether such taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 17 as follows:

Section 1. The Auditor of Whatcom County, Washington is requested to call and conduct a general election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held herein on November 3, 2015 in conjunction with the State's general election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the District, for their approval or rejection, a proposition of whether the regular property tax levy of the District shall be set and maintained at \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; such levy to be made in 2015 for collection in 2016, and in succeeding years, on all the taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing 100% of the true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations; and for the dollar amount of such levies to be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050 .

Section 2. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36 .071, as amended, the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 17
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION NO. 1
AUTHORIZING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 17, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 319 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2015 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

YES []
NO..... []

Section 3. The Secretary of the District is directed (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 319 showing its adoption by the Board at least eighty-four (84) days prior to the date of such general election; and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the District at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether such excess tax levy shall be made.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 17, at an open public meeting thereof this 14th day of July, 2015, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting: Michael Burnett, William Carroll, Anthony Cannizzaro. Attest and Certification by Sharon Peterson, District Secretary.



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Language in double parentheses with a line through it is existing state law; it will be taken out of the law if this measure is approved by voters.

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Underlined language does not appear in current state law but will be added to the law if this measure is approved by voters.

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Complete Text

Initiative Measure No. 1366

AN ACT Relating to taxes and fees imposed by state government; amending RCW 82.08.020, 43.135.031, and 43.135.041; adding new sections to chapter 43.135 RCW; creating new sections; and providing a contingent expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

INTENT

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Over the past twenty years, the taxpayers have been required to pay increasing taxes and fees to the state, hampering economic growth and limiting opportunities for the citizens of Washington.

The people declare and establish that the state needs to exercise fiscal restraint by either reducing tax burdens or limiting tax increases to only those considered necessary by more than a bare majority of legislators.

Since 1993, the voters have repeatedly passed initiatives requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes and majority legislative approval for fee increases. However, the people have not been allowed to vote on a constitutional amendment requiring these protections even though the people have approved them on numerous occasions.

This measure provides a reduction in the burden of state taxes by reducing the sales tax, enabling the citizens to keep more of their own money to pay for increases in other state taxes and fees due to the lack of a constitutional amendment protecting them, unless the legislature refers to the ballot for a vote a constitutional amendment requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes and majority

legislative approval for fee increases. The people want to ensure that tax and fee increases are consistently a last resort.

REDUCE THE SALES TAX UNLESS...

Sec. 2. RCW 82.08.020 (Tax imposed--Retail sales--Retail car rental) and 2014 c 140 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There is levied and collected a tax equal to ~~((six))~~ five and five-tenths percent of the selling price on each retail sale in this state of:

(a) Tangible personal property, unless the sale is specifically excluded from the RCW 82.04.050 definition of retail sale;

(b) Digital goods, digital codes, and digital automated services, if the sale is included within the RCW 82.04.050 definition of retail sale;

(c) Services, other than digital automated services, included within the RCW 82.04.050 definition of retail sale;

(d) Extended warranties to consumers; and

(e) Anything else, the sale of which is included within the RCW 82.04.050 definition of retail sale.

(2) There is levied and collected an additional tax on each retail car rental, regardless of whether the vehicle is licensed in this state, equal to five and nine-tenths percent of the selling price. The revenue collected under this subsection must be deposited in the multimodal transportation account created in RCW 47.66.070.

(3) Beginning July 1, 2003, there is levied and collected an additional tax of three-tenths of one percent of the selling price on each retail sale of a motor vehicle in this state, other than retail car rentals taxed under subsection (2) of this section. The revenue collected under this subsection must be deposited in the multimodal transportation account created in RCW 47.66.070.

(4) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, "motor vehicle" has the meaning provided in RCW 46.04.320, but does not include:

(a) Farm tractors or farm vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.180 and 46.04.181, unless the farm tractor or farm vehicle is for use in the production of marijuana;

(b) Off-road vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.365;

(c) Nonhighway vehicles as defined in RCW 46.09.310; and

(d) Snowmobiles as defined in RCW 46.04.546.

(5) Beginning on December 8, 2005, 0.16 percent of the taxes collected under subsection (1) of this section must be dedicated to funding comprehensive performance audits required under RCW 43.09.470. The revenue identified in this subsection must be deposited in the performance audits of government account created in RCW 43.09.475.

(6) The taxes imposed under this chapter apply to

successive retail sales of the same property.

(7) The rates provided in this section apply to taxes imposed under chapter 82.12 RCW as provided in RCW 82.12.020.

...UNLESS THE LEGISLATURE REFERS TO THE BALLOT FOR A VOTE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OR VOTER APPROVAL TO RAISE TAXES AND MAJORITY LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR FEE INCREASES

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) Section 2 of this act takes effect April 15, 2016, unless the contingency in subsection (2) of this section occurs.

(2) If the legislature, prior to April 15, 2016, refers to the ballot for a vote a constitutional amendment requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes as defined by voter-approved Initiatives 960, 1053, and 1185 and section 6 of this act and majority legislative approval for fee increases as required by voter-approved Initiatives 960, 1053, and 1185 and codified in RCW 43.135.055 and further defined by subsection (a) of this section, section 2 of this act expires on April 14, 2016.

(a) "Majority legislative approval for fee increases" means only the legislature may set a fee increase's amount and must list it in a bill so it can be subject to the ten-year cost projection and other accountability procedures required by RCW 43.135.031.

STATUTORY REFERENCE UPDATES

Sec. 4. RCW 43.135.031 (Bills raising taxes or fees — Cost analysis — Press release — Notice of hearings — Updated analyses) and 2013 c 1 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) For any bill introduced in either the house of representatives or the senate that raises taxes as defined by ~~((RCW 43.135.034))~~ section 6 of this act or increases fees, the office of financial management must expeditiously determine its cost to the taxpayers in its first ten years of imposition, must promptly and without delay report the results of its analysis by public press release via e-mail to each member of the house of representatives, each member of the senate, the news media, and the public, and must post and maintain these releases on its web site. Any ten-year cost projection must include a year-by-year breakdown. For any bill containing more than one revenue source, a ten-year cost projection for each revenue source will be included along with the bill's total ten-year cost projection. The press release shall include the names of the legislators, and their contact information, who are sponsors and cosponsors of the bill so they can provide information to, and answer questions from, the public.

(2) Any time any legislative committee schedules

a public hearing on a bill that raises taxes as defined by ~~((RCW 43.135.034))~~ section 6 of this act or increases fees, the office of financial management must promptly and without delay report the results of its most up-to-date analysis of the bill required by subsection (1) of this section and the date, time, and location of the hearing by public press release via e-mail to each member of the house of representatives, each member of the senate, the news media, and the public, and must post and maintain these releases on its web site. The press release required by this subsection must include all the information required by subsection (1) of this section and the names of the legislators, and their contact information, who are members of the legislative committee conducting the hearing so they can provide information to, and answer questions from, the public.

(3) Each time a bill that raises taxes as defined by ~~((RCW 43.135.034))~~ section 6 of this act or increases fees is approved by any legislative committee or by at least a simple majority in either the house of representatives or the senate, the office of financial management must expeditiously reexamine and redetermine its ten-year cost projection due to amendment or other changes during the legislative process, must promptly and without delay report the results of its most up-to-date analysis by public press release via e-mail to each member of the house of representatives, each member of the senate, the news media, and the public, and must post and maintain these releases on its web site. Any ten-year cost projection must include a year-by-year breakdown. For any bill containing more than one revenue source, a ten-year cost projection for each revenue source will be included along with the bill's total ten-year cost projection. The press release shall include the names of the legislators, and their contact information, and how they voted on the bill so they can provide information to, and answer questions from, the public.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "names of legislators, and their contact information" includes each legislator's position (senator or representative), first name, last name, party affiliation (for example, Democrat or Republican), city or town they live in, office phone number, and office e-mail address.

(5) For the purposes of this section, "news media" means any member of the press or media organization, including newspapers, radio, and television, that signs up with the office of financial management to receive the public press releases by e-mail.

(6) For the purposes of this section, "the public" means any person, group, or organization that signs up with the office of financial management to receive the public press releases by e-mail.

Sec. 5. RCW 43.135.041 (Tax legislation — Advisory

vote — Duties of the attorney general and secretary of state — Exemption) and 2013 c 1 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

(1)(a) After July 1, 2011, if legislative action raising taxes as defined by ((RCW 43.135.034)) section 6 of this act is blocked from a public vote or is not referred to the people by a referendum petition found to be sufficient under RCW 29A.72.250, a measure for an advisory vote of the people is required and shall be placed on the next general election ballot under this chapter.

(b) If legislative action raising taxes enacted after July 1, 2011, involves more than one revenue source, each tax being increased shall be subject to a separate measure for an advisory vote of the people under the requirements of this chapter.

(2) No later than the first of August, the attorney general will send written notice to the secretary of state of any tax increase that is subject to an advisory vote of the people, under the provisions and exceptions provided by this chapter. Within five days of receiving such written notice from the attorney general, the secretary of state will assign a serial number for a measure for an advisory vote of the people and transmit one copy of the measure bearing its serial number to the attorney general as required by RCW 29A.72.040, for any tax increase identified by the attorney general as needing an advisory vote of the people for that year's general election ballot. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays are not counted in calculating the time limits in this subsection.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "blocked from a public vote" includes adding an emergency clause to a bill increasing taxes, bonding or contractually obligating taxes, or otherwise preventing a referendum on a bill increasing taxes.

(4) If legislative action raising taxes is referred to the people by the legislature or is included in an initiative to the people found to be sufficient under RCW 29A.72.250, then the tax increase is exempt from an advisory vote of the people under this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 43.135 RCW and reads as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, "raises taxes" means any action or combination of actions by the state legislature that increases state tax revenue deposited in any fund, budget, or account, regardless of whether the revenues are deposited into the general fund.

CONSTRUCTION CLAUSE

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the intent, policies, and purposes of this act.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

TITLE OF THE ACT

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. This act is known and may be cited as the "Taxpayer Protection Act."

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Initiative Measure No. 1401

AN ACT Relating to the trafficking of animal species threatened with extinction; amending RCW 77.15.085, 77.15.100, and 77.15.425; reenacting and amending RCW 77.08.010; adding a new section to chapter 77.15 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is broad consensus that the trafficking of animals threatened with extinction continues to grow at an alarming pace, threatening an increasing variety of animal species including elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, lions, leopards, cheetahs, pangolins, marine turtles, sharks, and rays, among others. These species are threatened with extinction in large part due to the trafficking of their parts and products. The national strategy for combating wildlife trafficking, released in February 2014, recognized the important role that states have in protecting species that are subject to illegal wildlife trade. Federal law regulates the transfer or importation of parts or products made from endangered animal species, but due to the increasing demand for these products around the world, state authority needs to be expanded to appropriately regulate these markets on a local level.

The most effective way to discourage illegal trafficking in animal species threatened with extinction is to eliminate markets and profits. The people find that it is in the public interest to protect animal species threatened with extinction by prohibiting within the state of Washington, with certain limited exceptions, the sale, offer for sale, purchase, trade, barter for, and distribution of any part or product of any species of elephant, rhinoceros, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, pangolin, marine turtle, shark, or ray identified as threatened with extinction by specified international conservation organizations. These animals represent some of the most trafficked species threatened with extinction according to illegal wildlife product seizure data gathered by the world wildlife fund-TRAFFIC, international union for conservation of nature, and other international conservation organizations.

Sec. 2. RCW 77.08.010 and 2014 c 202 s 301 and 2014 c 48 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this title or rules adopted under this title unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Anadromous game fish buyer" means a person who purchases or sells steelhead trout and other anadromous game fish harvested by Indian fishers lawfully exercising fishing rights reserved by federal statute, treaty, or executive order, under conditions prescribed

by rule of the director.

(2) "Angling gear" means a line attached to a rod and reel capable of being held in hand while landing the fish or a hand-held line operated without rod or reel.

(3) "Bag limit" means the maximum number of game animals, game birds, or game fish which may be taken, caught, killed, or possessed by a person, as specified by rule of the commission for a particular period of time, or as to size, sex, or species.

(4) "Building" means a private domicile, garage, barn, or public or commercial building.

(5) "Closed area" means a place where the hunting of some or all species of wild animals or wild birds is prohibited.

(6) "Closed season" means all times, manners of taking, and places or waters other than those established by rule of the commission as an open season. "Closed season" also means all hunting, fishing, taking, or possession of game animals, game birds, game fish, food fish, or shellfish that do not conform to the special restrictions or physical descriptions established by rule of the commission as an open season or that have not otherwise been deemed legal to hunt, fish, take, harvest, or possess by rule of the commission as an open season.

(7) "Closed waters" means all or part of a lake, river, stream, or other body of water, where fishing or harvesting is prohibited.

(8) "Commercial" means related to or connected with buying, selling, or bartering.

(9) "Commission" means the state fish and wildlife commission.

(10) "Concurrent waters of the Columbia river" means those waters of the Columbia river that coincide with the Washington-Oregon state boundary.

(11) "Contraband" means any property that is unlawful to produce or possess.

(12) "Deleterious exotic wildlife" means species of the animal kingdom not native to Washington and designated as dangerous to the environment or wildlife of the state.

(13) "Department" means the department of fish and wildlife.

(14) "Director" means the director of fish and wildlife.

(15) "Endangered species" means wildlife designated by the commission as seriously threatened with extinction.

(16) "Ex officio fish and wildlife officer" means:

(a) A commissioned officer of a municipal, county, or state agency having as its primary function the enforcement of criminal laws in general, while the officer is acting in the respective jurisdiction of that agency;

(b) An officer or special agent commissioned by one

of the following: The national marine fisheries service; the Washington state parks and recreation commission; the United States fish and wildlife service; the Washington state department of natural resources; the United States forest service; or the United States parks service, if the agent or officer is in the respective jurisdiction of the primary commissioning agency and is acting under a mutual law enforcement assistance agreement between the department and the primary commissioning agency;

(c) A commissioned fish and wildlife peace officer from another state who meets the training standards set by the Washington state criminal justice training commission pursuant to RCW 10.93.090, 43.101.080, and 43.101.200, and who is acting under a mutual law enforcement assistance agreement between the department and the primary commissioning agency; or

(d) A Washington state tribal police officer who successfully completes the requirements set forth under RCW 43.101.157, is employed by a tribal nation that has complied with RCW 10.92.020(2)(a) and (b), and is acting under a mutual law enforcement assistance agreement between the department and the tribal government.

(17) "Fish" includes all species classified as game fish or food fish by statute or rule, as well as all fin fish not currently classified as food fish or game fish if such species exist in state waters. The term "fish" includes all stages of development and the bodily parts of fish species.

(18) "Fish and wildlife officer" means a person appointed and commissioned by the director, with authority to enforce this title and rules adopted pursuant to this title, and other statutes as prescribed by the legislature. Fish and wildlife officer includes a person commissioned before June 11, 1998, as a wildlife agent or a fisheries patrol officer.

(19) "Fish broker" means a person whose business it is to bring a seller of fish and shellfish and a purchaser of those fish and shellfish together.

(20) "Fish buyer" means:

(a) A wholesale fish dealer or a retail seller who directly receives fish or shellfish from a commercial fisher or receives fish or shellfish in interstate or foreign commerce; or

(b) A person engaged by a wholesale fish dealer who receives fish or shellfish from a commercial fisher.

(21) "Fishery" means the taking of one or more particular species of fish or shellfish with particular gear in a particular geographical area.

(22) "Food, food waste, or other substance" includes human and pet food or other waste or garbage that could attract large wild carnivores.

(23) "Freshwater" means all waters not defined as saltwater including, but not limited to, rivers upstream

of the river mouth, lakes, ponds, and reservoirs.

(24) "Fur-bearing animals" means game animals that shall not be trapped except as authorized by the commission.

(25) "Fur dealer" means a person who purchases, receives, or resells raw furs for commercial purposes.

(26) "Game animals" means wild animals that shall not be hunted except as authorized by the commission.

(27) "Game birds" means wild birds that shall not be hunted except as authorized by the commission.

(28) "Game farm" means property on which wildlife is held, confined, propagated, hatched, fed, or otherwise raised for commercial purposes, trade, or gift. The term "game farm" does not include publicly owned facilities.

(29) "Game reserve" means a closed area where hunting for all wild animals and wild birds is prohibited.

(30) "Illegal items" means those items unlawful to be possessed.

(31)(a) "Intentionally feed, attempt to feed, or attract" means to purposefully or knowingly provide, leave, or place in, on, or about any land or building any food, food waste, or other substance that attracts or could attract large wild carnivores to that land or building.

(b) "Intentionally feed, attempt to feed, or attract" does not include keeping food, food waste, or other substance in an enclosed garbage receptacle or other enclosed container unless specifically directed by a fish and wildlife officer or animal control authority to secure the receptacle or container in another manner.

(32) "Large wild carnivore" includes wild bear, cougar, and wolf.

(33) "License year" means the period of time for which a recreational license is valid. The license year begins April 1st, and ends March 31st.

(34) "Limited-entry license" means a license subject to a license limitation program established in chapter 77.70 RCW.

(35) "Money" means all currency, script, personal checks, money orders, or other negotiable instruments.

(36) "Natural person" means a human being.

(37)(a) "Negligently feed, attempt to feed, or attract" means to provide, leave, or place in, on, or about any land or building any food, food waste, or other substance that attracts or could attract large wild carnivores to that land or building, without the awareness that a reasonable person in the same situation would have with regard to the likelihood that the food, food waste, or other substance could attract large wild carnivores to the land or building.

(b) "Negligently feed, attempt to feed, or attract" does not include keeping food, food waste, or other substance in an enclosed garbage receptacle or other enclosed container unless specifically directed by a fish and wildlife officer or animal control authority to secure the receptacle or container in another manner.

(38) "Nonresident" means a person who has not fulfilled the qualifications of a resident.

(39) "Offshore waters" means marine waters of the Pacific Ocean outside the territorial boundaries of the state, including the marine waters of other states and countries.

(40) "Open season" means those times, manners of taking, and places or waters established by rule of the commission for the lawful hunting, fishing, taking, or possession of game animals, game birds, game fish, food fish, or shellfish that conform to the special restrictions or physical descriptions established by rule of the commission or that have otherwise been deemed legal to hunt, fish, take, or possess by rule of the commission. "Open season" includes the first and last days of the established time.

(41) "Owner" means the person in whom is vested the ownership dominion, or title of the property.

(42) "Person" means and includes an individual; a corporation; a public or private entity or organization; a local, state, or federal agency; all business organizations, including corporations and partnerships; or a group of two or more individuals acting with a common purpose whether acting in an individual, representative, or official capacity.

(43) "Personal property" or "property" includes both corporeal and incorporeal personal property and includes, among other property, contraband and money.

(44) "Personal use" means for the private use of the individual taking the fish or shellfish and not for sale or barter.

(45) "Predatory birds" means wild birds that may be hunted throughout the year as authorized by the commission.

(46) "Protected wildlife" means wildlife designated by the commission that shall not be hunted or fished.

(47) "Raffle" means an activity in which tickets bearing an individual number are sold for not more than twenty-five dollars each and in which a permit or permits are awarded to hunt or for access to hunt big game animals or wild turkeys on the basis of a drawing from the tickets by the person or persons conducting the raffle.

(48) "Resident" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 77.08.075.

(49) "Retail-eligible species" means commercially harvested salmon, crab, and sturgeon.

(50) "Saltwater" means those marine waters seaward of river mouths.

(51) "Seaweed" means marine aquatic plant species that are dependent upon the marine aquatic or tidal environment, and exist in either an attached or free floating form, and includes but is not limited to marine aquatic plants in the classes Chlorophyta, Phaeophyta, and Rhodophyta.

(52) "Senior" means a person seventy years old or older.

(53) "Shark fin" means a raw, dried, or otherwise processed detached fin or tail of a shark.

(54)(a) "Shark fin derivative product" means any product intended for use by humans or animals that is derived in whole or in part from shark fins or shark fin cartilage.

(b) "Shark fin derivative product" does not include a drug approved by the United States food and drug administration and available by prescription only or medical device or vaccine approved by the United States food and drug administration.

(55) "Shellfish" means those species of marine and freshwater invertebrates that have been classified and that shall not be taken or possessed except as authorized by rule of the commission. The term "shellfish" includes all stages of development and the bodily parts of shellfish species.

(56) "State waters" means all marine waters and fresh waters within ordinary high water lines and within the territorial boundaries of the state.

(57) "Taxidermist" means a person who, for commercial purposes, creates lifelike representations of fish and wildlife using fish and wildlife parts and various supporting structures.

(58) "To fish" and its derivatives means an effort to kill, injure, harass, harvest, or capture a fish or shellfish.

(59) "To hunt" and its derivatives means an effort to kill, injure, harass, harvest, or capture a wild animal or wild bird.

(60) "To process" and its derivatives mean preparing or preserving fish, wildlife, or shellfish.

(61) "To take" and its derivatives means to kill, injure, harvest, or capture a fish, shellfish, wild animal, bird, or seaweed.

(62) "To trap" and its derivatives means a method of hunting using devices to capture wild animals or wild birds.

(63) "To waste" or "to be wasted" means to allow any edible portion of any game bird, food fish, game fish, shellfish, or big game animal other than cougar to be rendered unfit for human consumption, or to fail to retrieve edible portions of such a game bird, food fish, game fish, shellfish, or big game animal other than cougar from the field. For purposes of this chapter, edible portions of game birds must include, at a minimum, the breast meat of those birds. Entrails, including the heart and liver, of any wildlife species are not considered edible.

(64) "Trafficking" means offering, attempting to engage, or engaging in sale, barter, or purchase of fish, shellfish, wildlife, or deleterious exotic wildlife.

(65) "Unclaimed" means that no owner of the property has been identified or has requested, in writing, the release of the property to themselves nor has the

owner of the property designated an individual to receive the property or paid the required postage to effect delivery of the property.

(66) "Unclassified wildlife" means wildlife existing in Washington in a wild state that have not been classified as big game, game animals, game birds, predatory birds, protected wildlife, endangered wildlife, or deleterious exotic wildlife.

(67) "Wholesale fish dealer" means a person who, acting for commercial purposes, takes possession or ownership of fish or shellfish and sells, barter, or exchanges or attempts to sell, barter, or exchange fish or shellfish that have been landed into the state of Washington or entered the state of Washington in interstate or foreign commerce.

(68) "Wild animals" means those species of the class Mammalia whose members exist in Washington in a wild state. The term "wild animal" does not include feral domestic mammals or old world rats and mice of the family Muridae of the order Rodentia.

(69) "Wild birds" means those species of the class Aves whose members exist in Washington in a wild state.

(70) "Wildlife" means all species of the animal kingdom whose members exist in Washington in a wild state. This includes but is not limited to mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and invertebrates. The term "wildlife" does not include feral domestic mammals, old world rats and mice of the family Muridae of the order Rodentia, or those fish, shellfish, and marine invertebrates classified as food fish or shellfish by the director. The term "wildlife" includes all stages of development and the bodily parts of wildlife members.

(71) "Wildlife meat cutter" means a person who packs, cuts, processes, or stores wildlife for consumption for another for commercial purposes.

(72) "Youth" means a person fifteen years old for fishing and under sixteen years old for hunting.

(73) "Covered animal species" means any species of elephant, rhinoceros, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, pangolin, marine turtle, shark, or ray either: (a) Listed in appendix I or appendix II of the convention on international trade in endangered species of wild flora and fauna; or (b) listed as critically endangered, endangered, or vulnerable on the international union for conservation of nature and natural resources red list of threatened species.

(74) "Covered animal species part or product" means any item that contains, or is wholly or partially made from, any covered animal species.

(75) "Distribute" or "distribution" means either a change in possession for consideration or a change in legal ownership.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 77.15 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Except as authorized in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, it is unlawful for a person to sell, offer to sell, purchase, trade, barter for, or distribute any covered animal species part or product.

(2) The prohibitions set forth in subsection (1) of this section do not apply if any of the following conditions is satisfied:

(a) The covered animal species part or product is part of a bona fide antique, provided the antique status of such an antique is established by the owner or seller thereof with historical documentation evidencing provenance and showing the antique to be not less than one hundred years old, and the covered animal species part or product is less than fifteen percent by volume of such an antique;

(b) The distribution of the covered animal species part or product is for a bona fide educational or scientific purpose, or to or from a museum;

(c) The distribution of the covered animal species part or product is to a legal beneficiary of an estate, trust, or other inheritance, upon the death of the owner of the covered animal species part or product;

(d) The covered animal species part or product is less than fifteen percent by volume of a musical instrument, including, without limitation, string instruments and bows, wind and percussion instruments, and pianos; or

(e) The intrastate sale, offer for sale, purchase, trade, barter for, or distribution of the covered animal species part or product is expressly authorized by federal law or permit.

(3) The prohibitions set forth in subsection (1) of this section do not apply to an employee or agent of a federal, state, or local government undertaking any law enforcement activity pursuant to federal, state, or local law or any mandatory duty required by federal, state, or local law.

(4)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person is guilty of unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the second degree if the person commits the act described in subsection (1) of this section and the violation involves covered animal species parts or products with a total market value of less than two hundred fifty dollars.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person is guilty of unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the first degree if the person commits the act described by subsection (1) of this section and the violation:

(i) Involves covered animal species parts or products with a total market value of two hundred fifty dollars or more;

(ii) Occurs after entry of a prior conviction under this section; or

(iii) Occurs within five years of entry of a prior conviction for any other gross misdemeanor or felony under

this chapter.

(c) Unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the second degree is a gross misdemeanor.

(d) Unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the first degree is a class C felony.

(e) If a person commits the act described by subsection (1) of this section and such an act also would be a violation of any other criminal provision of this title, the prosecuting authority has discretion as to which crime or crimes the person is charged as long as the charges are consistent with any limitations in the state and federal Constitutions.

(5) In addition to the penalties set forth in subsection (4) of this section, if a person is convicted of violating this section, the court shall require payment of a criminal wildlife penalty assessment in the amount of two thousand dollars that must be paid to the clerk of the court and distributed each month to the state treasurer for deposit in the fish and wildlife enforcement reward account created in RCW 77.15.425.

(6) If two or more people are convicted under subsection (1) of this section, the criminal wildlife penalty assessment under this section must be imposed against each person jointly and severally.

(7) The criminal wildlife penalty assessment provided in this section must be doubled if the person is convicted of unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the first degree.

(8) By January 1, 2017, and thereafter annually, the director shall provide a comprehensive report outlining current and future enforcement activities and strategies related to this act, including recommendations regarding any necessary changes, to the relevant policy and fiscal committees of the senate and house of representatives.

(9) The commission may adopt rules necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this act.

Sec. 4. RCW 77.15.085 and 2000 c 107 s 232 are each amended to read as follows:

Fish and wildlife officers and ex officio fish and wildlife officers may seize without a warrant wildlife, fish, ~~(and)~~ shellfish, and covered animal species parts and products they have probable cause to believe have been taken, transported, or possessed in violation of this title or rule of the commission or director.

Sec. 5. RCW 77.15.100 and 2014 c 48 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Fish, shellfish, and wildlife are property of the state under RCW 77.04.012. Fish and wildlife officers may sell seized, commercially taken or possessed fish and shellfish to a wholesale buyer and deposit the proceeds into the fish and wildlife enforcement reward account under RCW 77.15.425. Seized, recreationally taken or possessed fish, shellfish, and wildlife may be donated to nonprofit charitable organizations. The charitable organization must qualify for tax-exempt

status under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code.

(2) Fish and wildlife officers may dispose of any covered animal species part or product seized through the enforcement of section 3 of this act through a donation to a bona fide educational or scientific institution, solely for the purposes of raising awareness of the trafficking and threatened nature of endangered animals, as allowed under state, federal, and international law.

(3) Unless otherwise provided in this title, fish, shellfish, ~~((or))~~ wildlife, or any covered animal species part or product taken or possessed in violation of this title or department rule shall be forfeited to the state upon conviction or any outcome in criminal court whereby a person voluntarily enters into a disposition that continues or defers the case for dismissal upon the successful completion of specific terms or conditions. For criminal cases resulting in other types of dispositions, the fish, shellfish, ~~((or))~~ wildlife, or covered animal species part or product may be returned, or its equivalent value paid, if the fish, shellfish, ~~((or))~~ wildlife, or covered animal species part or product have already been donated or sold.

Sec. 6. RCW 77.15.425 and 2014 c 48 s 17 are each amended to read as follows:

The fish and wildlife enforcement reward account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. Deposits to the account include: Receipts from fish and shellfish overages as a result of a department enforcement action; fees for hunter education deferral applications; fees for master hunter applications and master hunter certification renewals; all receipts from criminal wildlife penalty assessments under ~~((RCW 77.15.370, 77.15.400, and 77.15.420))~~ this chapter; all receipts of court-ordered restitution or donations associated with any fish, shellfish, or wildlife enforcement action; and proceeds from forfeitures and evidence pursuant to RCW 77.15.070 and 77.15.100. The department may accept money or personal property from persons under conditions requiring the property or money to be used consistent with the intent of expenditures from the fish and wildlife enforcement reward account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for investigation and prosecution of fish and wildlife offenses, to provide rewards to persons informing the department about violations of this title and rules adopted under this title, to offset department-approved costs incurred to administer the hunter education deferral program and the master hunter permit program, and for other valid enforcement uses as determined by the commission. Only the director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

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