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## A Letter from the Auditor

Dear Clallam County Voters,

Welcome to the 2015 General Election Local Voters' Pamphlet. This pamphlet is the first of its kind in our county. Inside, you will find information about local candidates and measures that we hope will assist you in casting your ballot.

Ballots will be mailed to Clallam County voters on October 14. Please keep in mind that the Post Office does not forward ballots. If your name, address, or signature has changed since you last voted, please update your information by contacting us at (360) 417-2221 or [jmaxion@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:jmaxion@co.clallam.wa.us).

Our Elections Department, located within the Auditor's Office in the Clallam County Courthouse in Port Angeles, will remain open until 8 p.m. on Election Day to assist voters and answer questions. As with every election, the public is welcome to gather in the Courthouse lobby that evening to await election results. Those results will also be posted to our website at [www.clallam.net/elections](http://www.clallam.net/elections) as soon as possible after voting closes.

If you have any elections-related questions or concerns, please call us at (360) 417-2217, email [khugoniot@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:khugoniot@co.clallam.wa.us), or drop by our office in the Courthouse.

Our goal in producing this pamphlet is to provide a secure, accurate and efficient electoral process that encourages your participation. Please exercise your right to vote!

Thank you,



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Clallam County Auditor

## Register to Vote

- Online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)
- In person at the Auditor's Office in the Clallam County Courthouse, 223 E. 4th St., Suite 1, Port Angeles, WA
- Complete a mail-in registration form, available at public libraries, city halls, post offices, school district offices, and the Auditor's Office
- When you renew your driver's license

## Registration Deadlines

- *October 5* - Last day for address changes and other voter registration updates
- *October 26* - Last day for new Washington state voters to register (must register in person at the Auditor's Office)

## Voter Registration Questions?

Contact Clallam County Elections

**Phone:** (360) 417-2221

**Email:** [jmaxion@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:jmaxion@co.clallam.wa.us)

## Need a Replacement Ballot?

Contact Clallam County Elections if your ballot is damaged, lost, or you never received it. A replacement ballot may be mailed to you, or you may pick one up in person at the Auditor's Office any time until voting closes at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, November 3, 2015).

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## Contact Clallam County Elections

**Phone:** (360) 417-2217

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**Online:** [www.clallam.net/elections](http://www.clallam.net/elections)

[www.facebook.com/ClallamCountyAuditor](https://www.facebook.com/ClallamCountyAuditor)

### Location and Mailing Address:

223 E. 4th St., Suite 1, Port Angeles, WA 98362

**Office Hours:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday



# Clallam County Ballot Drop Boxes

- Ballot drop boxes are available 24 hours a day to return voted ballots, beginning 20 days prior to the election
- Ballot drop boxes **close promptly at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day**
- Ballot drop boxes ***require no postage***

## Drop Box Locations

- **Port Angeles:** County Courthouse, 223 E. 4th St.
  - Courthouse circular drive
  - Courthouse sidewalk, across from disabled parking
  - Inside the Auditor's Office
- **Sequim:** Sequim Village Shopping Center in the JCPenney's parking lot (Look for the banner, located above the drop box)
- **Forks:** District Court II lobby, 502 E. Division St.

## Drop Box Questions or Concerns?

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# Ballot Instructions

The instructions at left are also found on your ballot.

## Instructions

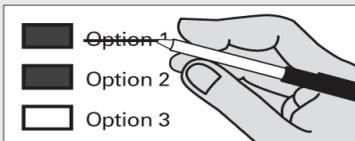
### How to vote



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

Vote for one in each race. If you vote for more than one, no votes will be counted for that race.

### If you make a mistake



Draw a line through the entire measure response or candidate's name.

Then you may make another choice.

### Optional write-in



To vote for a candidate not listed for that race, fill in the box to the left of "write-in" and print the name on the line.

- Tear off and discard the ballot stub.
- Use a black or blue pen to mark your ballot.
- If you do not want to vote a particular contest, you may leave it blank - **your ballot will still count.**
- Place your voted ballot in the secrecy sleeve and put it in the return envelope before sealing the envelope.
- Sign and date the declaration on the return envelope. If you are unable to sign, make your mark and have it witnessed by TWO people and make sure they both sign the envelope.
- Your ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day. Ballots postmarked after Election Day will not be counted.
- If you use a ballot drop box, no postage is required. Drop boxes will be available 24 hours a day until 8:00 p.m. Election Day.
- View our Online Voters' Guide or download a PDF version of this printed Voters' Pamphlet at [www.clallam.net/elections](http://www.clallam.net/elections).

## Clallam County Home Rule Charter Amendment No. 1

### ELECTIONS FOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning elections of Commissioners to the Board of County Commissioners. This amendment would require each Commissioner to be nominated and elected solely by the voters of his or her represented district, replacing the provision that allows each Commissioner to be elected at large, *i.e.* by a countywide majority, during the general election. Should this amendment be:

- [ ] Approved  
[ ] Rejected

The Clallam County Auditor is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).

### Explanatory Statement

The Clallam County Home Rule Charter provides that the Board of County Commissioners should consist of three (3) members, each of whom shall be nominated by the voters of his or her respective district during the primary election, and elected by a majority of voters across Clallam County (at large voting) during the general election. See Home Rule Charter, art. II, section 2.20. The amendment, if adopted, would restrict voting for a Clallam County Commissioner, for both the primary and the general, to those voters registered in the district the candidate is seeking to represent. In other words, countywide, at large voting, during the general election would not continue.

**Statement prepared by:** Brian Wendt, Clallam County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

### Argument For Amendment 1

**Fairness dictates that voters in a district should be able to choose their own Commissioner.**

Each district has a commissioner to represent it. Each district nominates its candidates for County Commissioner, but then voters outside the district, by a 2:1 margin, choose the candidate to represent the district.

Electing county commissioners by district in the general election offers government closest to the people. Fairness dictates that the voters in a district should be able to choose their own Commissioner. State and federal governments elect representatives by district, yet they represent their entire state and/or national government.

Please vote *Yes* on Charter Amendment 1.

**Argument prepared by:** Sue Forde, Ted Miller, and Maggie Roth, members of the Charter Review Commission

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### Argument Against Amendment 1

**Electing a county commissioner countywide is based on the principle that what unites us is stronger than our differences.**

The County is divided into three districts. Currently in the primary election, only voters in a particular district vote for the County Commissioner candidates. The top two candidates then advance to the general election where the entire county votes for these candidates.

The concept of election by districts is based upon an assumption that citizen needs for basic services are different. It produces the politics of pitting one district against another. Whereas, actually all citizens need to have good basic county services, such as law enforcement, good roads, and strong public health protections, which is provided and administered by a central county government.

The current election process should continue because County Commissioners should have a countywide perspective, and run the county based upon those policies that are best for the entire county, not just advance the provincial interest of their district.

**This part of the current Home Rule Charter is not broken and does not need to be fixed.**

The voters have already voted twice to reject the idea of election by districts only.

On electing by district in the general election - Vote *No*.

**Argument prepared by:** Norma Turner, Ron Bell, and Nola Judd, members of the Charter Review Commission

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## Clallam County Home Rule Charter Amendment No. 2

### FREQUENCY OF CHARTER REVIEW

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the frequency the County reviews its Home Rule Charter. This amendment would require Clallam County to review its Home Rule Charter, by electing commissioners to serve on a Charter Review Commission, every five (5) years instead of every eight (8) years. Should this amendment be:

- Approved  
 Rejected

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### Explanatory Statement

The Clallam County Charter requires the County to review its Home Rule Charter by electing commissioners to serve on a Charter Review Commission every eight (8) years. See Home Rule Charter, art. XI, section 11.10.10. The amendment, if adopted, would require elections for Charter Review Commissioners to occur every five (5) years, which would increase the frequency the County reviews the Home Rule Charter.

**Statement prepared by:** Brian Wendt, Clallam County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

### Argument For Amendment 2

#### Frequent Charter Reviews Reduces Quantity of Ballot Issues

The rate of change in the world is increasing very rapidly; there is a need for our county political structure to be re-evaluated at more frequent intervals.

When a defect becomes apparent, we shouldn't have to wait 8 years to propose a remedy to the voters.

Reviewing the Charter every 5 years will also help reduce the number of issues the public must consider at each election and will help keep citizens familiar with the Charter.

Please vote "Yes" to return to a 5-year review.

**Argument prepared by:** Sue Forde, Maggie Roth, and Nola Judd, members of the Charter Review Commission

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### Argument Against Amendment 2

#### Of the seven charter counties in our state, six hold a charter review every 10 years.

The charter is the constitution of our county. We do not elect a constitutional committee every five years to change either the U.S. Constitution or the Washington State constitution.

Some argue that the world is changing fast so there is a need to review the charter more frequently.

We do not need to convene an expensive charter review commission to make changes. Changes can be made at anytime by petitioning the county commissioners to put something on the ballot, or citizens can file an initiative. Both have been done successfully in the past.

#### The voters rejected this idea before.

In 2007 Clallam County voters were asked, for the sixth time, how often the Clallam County charter should be reviewed. You, the voters, responded by an overwhelming majority of 67% to a review every eight years. Current 8 year review is more often than all other charter counties.

Eight is great! On Issue #2 - a review every five years -Vote No.

**Argument prepared by:** Norma Turner, Ron Bell, and Mike Doherty, members of the Charter Review Commission

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## Clallam County Home Rule Charter Amendment No. 3

### TRANSMISSION OF INITIATIVES TO VOTERS

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the Board of Commissioners' participation in transmitting citizen initiatives. This amendment would require qualified initiatives to be proposed directly to the voters without prior consideration, adoption, or rejection by the Board of County Commissioners. Should this amendment be:

- Approved  
 Rejected

The Clallam County Auditor is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).

### Explanatory Statement

The Clallam County Charter requires citizen petitions for initiatives to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners before they are submitted to the voters. See Home Rule Charter, art. VIII, sections 8.40, 8.50. The amendment, if adopted, would require qualified petitions for initiatives to be proposed directly to the voters without prior consideration, adoption, or rejection by the Board of County Commissioners.

**Statement prepared by:** Brian Wendt, Clallam County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

### Argument For Amendment 3

#### Initiatives should go directly to the people for a vote

An initiative should go directly to the people for a vote once signatures are gathered and confirmed. There should be no obstacles between the people and the ballot box.

Initiatives have specific reviews for validation, but going to the County Commissioners is an unnecessary, time-consuming extra step. They should go

directly to the voters once the task of gathering the required signatures is accomplished.

Initiatives allow government closest to the people and allow the people to weigh in on the initiative issue. The reason to support this change is to provide transparency in the operation of county government and to bring important issues that meet the rigid requirements for an initiative, when deemed necessary, directly to the people.

A "mini-initiative" already exists in the Charter, which requires action from the county commissioners.

Please Vote "Yes" to let the people decide.

**Argument prepared by:** Sue Forde, Maggie Roth, and Nola Judd, members of the Charter Review Commission

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### Argument Against Amendment 3

The proposal to remove the County Commissioners from the citizen-based initiative process should not be adopted. As currently established, any citizen-based initiative is required, upon certification of the petition, to be considered by the County Commissioners. The Commissioners may adopt the proposed initiative, or send it to the voters. This step allows our elected officials to react to the interests and concerns of the petitioners by actually adopting the change recommended by the citizens faster than going through an election process.

Giving the Commissioners the option to respond to a citizen based initiative petition has the potential of saving the County money by avoiding placing such issues before the voters. In addition, the process of placing the initiative before the Commissioners for review allows for additional public education and engagement prior to the election. If the proposed Charter amendment were to be adopted, items that could be handled by the Commissioners will go straight to the ballot at considerable costs to the County. The existing Charter language has served County residents well for over thirty-five years. Managing the County by ballot is something we are not set up for; nor is it an efficient use of our limited resources. Please Vote No on Proposed Charter Amendments 3.

**Argument prepared by:** Rod Fleck and Mike Doherty, members of the Charter Review Commission

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## Clallam County Home Rule Charter Amendment No. 4

### TRANSMISSION OF REFERENDA TO VOTERS

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the Board of Commissioners' participation in transmitting citizen referenda. This amendment would require qualified referenda to be proposed directly to the voters without prior consideration, adoption, or rejection by the Board of County Commissioners. Should this amendment be:

- Approved  
 Rejected

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### Explanatory Statement

The Clallam County Charter requires citizen petitions for referendum to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners before they are submitted to the voters. See Home Rule Charter, art. VIII, section 8.70. The amendment, if adopted, would require qualified petitions for referenda to be proposed directly to the voters without prior consideration, adoption, or rejection by the Board of County Commissioners.

**Statement prepared by:** Brian Wendt, Clallam County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

### Argument For Amendment 4

**A referendum should go directly to the people for a vote once signatures are gathered and confirmed.**

There should be no obstacles between the people and the ballot box. Referendums have specific reviews for validation, but going to the County Commissioners is an unnecessary, time-consuming extra step. They should go directly to the voters once the

task of gathering the required signatures is accomplished.

Referendums allow government closest to the people and let the people weigh in on the issue. The reason to support this change is to provide transparency in the operation of county government and to bring important issues that meet the rigid requirements for a referendum, when deemed necessary, directly to the people.

Please Vote "Yes" on Charter Amendment 4.

**Argument prepared by:** Sue Forde, Maggie Roth, and Nola Judd, members of the Charter Review Commission

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www.sueforde.com/charter

### Argument Against Amendment 4

The proposal to remove the County Commissioners from the citizen-based referenda process should not be adopted. As currently established, the voters may petition for the reconsideration of an ordinance adopted by the Commissioners. Any citizen-based referendum, upon certification of the petition, has the opportunity to be considered by the County Commissioners. The Commissioners may reconsider the adopted ordinance, or send the matter to the voters to decide. This step allows our elected officials to react to the interests and concerns of the petitioners by actually adopting the change recommended by the citizens faster than through an election process.

Giving the Commissioners the option to address the concerns raised in the referendum petition has the potential of saving the County money by avoiding placing such issues before the voters. In addition, the process of placing the referendum before the Commissioners for their review allows for additional public education and engagement prior to the election. If the proposed Charter amendment were to be adopted, items that could be handled by the Commissioners will go straight to the ballot at considerable costs to the County. The existing Charter language has served County residents well for over thirty-five years. Managing the County by ballot is something we are not set up for; nor is it an efficient use of our limited resources. Please Vote No on Proposed Charter Amendments 4.

**Argument prepared by:** Rod Fleck and Mike Doherty, members of the Charter Review Commission

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## Clallam County Home Rule Charter Amendment No. 5

### SIGNATURE GATHERING FOR INITIATIVES

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the time period to gather signatures for citizen initiatives. This amendment would increase the time for gathering signatures for initiatives from ninety (90) days to one hundred and twenty (120) days. Should this amendment be:

- Approved  
 Rejected

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### Explanatory Statement

The Clallam County Charter requires that a citizen initiative petition be supported by no less than ten (10) percent of the number of voters who voted in the last gubernatorial election. See Home Rule Charter, art. VIII, section 8.40. At present, the Charter affords petition sponsors ninety (90) days to gather the requisite number of signatures for an initiative. See Home Rule Charter, art. VIII, section 8.40. The amendment, if adopted, would increase the applicable period for signature gathering to one hundred and twenty (120) days.

**Statement prepared by:** Brian Wendt, Clallam County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

### Argument For Amendment 5

#### 120 Days Allows More Time To Ensure Adequate Voter Response

This is proposed to remove an unnecessary constraint on the petitioner.

Obtaining sufficient signatures can be problematic in a 90-day period due to employment, family priorities and needing to canvass the community at various times of the day to catch them at home.

This change will offer greater flexibility and will also bring Clallam County into accord with other Home Rule Charter counties.

Please vote *Yes* to allow 120 days to collect signatures on initiatives.

**Argument prepared by:** Sue Forde, Nola Judd, and Steve Burke, members of the Charter Review Commission

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www.sueforde.com/charter

### Argument Against Amendment 5

Similar to the Washington State and U.S. Constitutions, *the Clallam County Home Rule Charter* should only be amended with good reason. Initiatives allow citizens to place proposed legislation on the ballot.

The ninety (90) day period to gather signatures has been a reasonable standard for over thirty-five (35) years and has worked well. Initiatives should reflect strong sentiment about a serious and legitimate concern. When this condition exists, 90-days is sufficient. This standard was established by the Freeholders, who thoughtfully constructed the original County *Charter*, and it was adopted by Clallam County voters.

There is no evidence that a longer period is necessary or that the *Charter* should be amended to accomplish this.

Please *Vote No* on proposed amendment five (5).

**Argument prepared by:** Mike Doherty, member of the Charter Review Commission

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## Clallam County Home Rule Charter Amendment No. 6

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the Director of the Department of Community Development (DCD). This amendment would require the DCD Director to become an office appointed by the Board of County Commissioners instead of an office elected by the voting public at large. Should this amendment be:

- [ ] Approved  
[ ] Rejected

The Clallam County Auditor is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).

## Explanatory Statement

The Clallam County Charter provides that the Director of the Department of Community Development (DCD) be an elected, non-partisan office, and that the individual elected have the administrative rights and responsibilities common to other elected officers. See Home Rule Charter, art. IV, sections 4.10, 4.25. The amendment, if adopted, would make the DCD Director an officer appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, instead of an office elected at large by the voters; and he or she would only have the administrative rights and responsibilities common to other appointed officers.

**Statement prepared by:** Brian Wendt, Clallam County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

## Argument For Amendment 6

### Consistent rules make good economic sense

For most citizens their investment in land and home is the biggest one they ever make. Consistent land use rules assures you this investment will be protected. Changing the head of Department of Community development every four years undermines such consistency.

Land use decisions should not be politicized. Public interest overall should be the goal not what an elected official "owes" a campaign donor or supporter. Forcing this position to be elected mandates a political spin every decision made and

transparency and appearance of fairness in decision making is significantly comprised. Having an elected DCD has led to actions being filed against the County incurring thousands of dollars in costs to county taxpayers.

Clallam County deserves the most qualified Director of Community Development possible. One chosen based on qualifications based on education, experience and job knowledge and abilities. Just as in your daily life you use qualifications to help chose medical, legal, contractors and others for help and services. We should do the same for our DCD Director.

### Every jurisdiction in the nation appoints this position

For decades our county had an appointed Director of DCD like every jurisdiction in the U.S. The position is purposefully non-political everywhere but here. We should join with the thousands of other governmental bodies and return this position to one of appointment.

You deserve the best possible Director of Community Development and not be required to settle for a "good enough" politician. Vote Yes on Amendment #6.

**Argument prepared by:** Norma Turner, Don Corson, and Barb Christensen, members of the Charter Review Commission

**Contact:** crc@co.clallam.wa.us

## Argument Against Amendment 6

### Government closest to the people is usually most responsive to their needs.

Clallam County is the only county in the nation to have seen the wisdom of electing the Director of the Department of Community Development (DCD), subject to recall.

### Twice, you the voters have chosen:

To make the DCD Director an elected position - directly accountable to you. Knowing what that meant in 2002 and again in 2007, we trust you still know the importance of having that position elected and accountable to you. You chose to decide who would be in charge of the County's land use policies, plans and related activities – things that affect your home, business, or job. Every four years, that person must account to you for their actions, and await your decision on election night.

The proponents (wanting this position to be appointed and controlled by the County Commissioners) have failed to: (1) Explain what "is broken" with the change you made to the Charter, which you reaffirmed by 58% in 2007; (2) Identify how an appointed Director would be accountable to you; (3) Explain how the Director is any different from other elected officials needing very technical expertise such as the Sheriff, Auditor, Treasurer and Assessor; and, (4) Explain what more than a majority of the voters "got wrong" twice at the polls.

For a third and final time, please ensure that the DCD Director is accountable to you the voter. Please vote *No* on Charter Amendment 6.

**Argument prepared by:** Sue Forde, Nola Judd, and Rod Fleck, members of the Charter Review Commission

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www.sueforde.com/charter

Clallam County Home Rule Charter  
Amendment No. 7

## HOME RULE CHARTER INTERPRETATION

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the interpretation of the Clallam County Home Rule Charter. This amendment would require charter interpretations to afford Clallam County those powers conferred to charter counties under state law and this home rule charter. Should this amendment be:

- Approved  
 Rejected

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## Explanatory Statement

The Clallam County Charter reads, in part, as follows: "The powers of the county shall be limited to those specifically granted in this charter and also limited to the same powers as provide by state law to counties not operating under the charter form of government." See Home Rule Charter, art. I, section 1.30. The amendment, if adopted, would replace the previously quoted language with the following: "When interpreting the Charter and its application, the county and its officials will ensure that any interpretation, unless prohibited by law, affords the County those powers granted to charter counties by the State of Washington."

**Statement prepared by:** Brian Wendt, Clallam County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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## Argument For Amendment 7

### Amendment to correct interpretation of the Charter concerning powers of the Voters.

The Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney has noted inconsistencies or ambiguities in Section 1.30 of our county charter. On the one hand it appears to confer the general powers of charter counties on us; but on the other it appears to limit us to those of non-charter counties. (If we limited the voters to the powers of non-charter counties, there would be no reason to be a Charter county.) This proposed Amendment is a *necessary* correction to our Charter that will ensure that the voters of Clallam County will have maximum powers, limited only by the state constitution and state law.

Please vote **Yes** to correct the county Charter.

**Argument prepared by:** Ted Miller, Ron Bell, and Rod Fleck, members of the Charter Review Commission

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## Argument Against Amendment 7

### Amending Section 1.30 may be costly to County taxpayers, so vote **No!**

The proposed amendment of Section 1.30 adds an affirmative duty for county officials (to "ensure that any interpretation...") where it does not currently exist. It is unclear what that duty entails or what repercussions may befall county officials who fail to affirmatively carry out such duty, whether knowingly or unknowingly, and what the liability, including cost, may be to County taxpayers. Vote **No** on this proposed amendment.

**Argument prepared by:** Selinda Barkhuis and Mike Doherty, members of the Charter Review Commission

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Clallam County Home Rule Charter  
Amendment No. 8

## CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSIONERS' ELECTED TERM

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the Charter Review Commission Members' one-year term of office. This amendment would cause the commissioners' one-year term to begin on the first day of January, instead of beginning on the day of their election. Should this amendment be:

- [ ] Approved  
[ ] Rejected

The Clallam County Auditor is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).

## Explanatory Statement

The Clallam County Charter provides that Charter Review Commissioners be elected to a one (1) year term, beginning on the date of their election. See Home Rule Charter, art. XI, section 11.10.10. The amendment, if adopted, would establish that the one-year term commence on January 1 and expire on December 31.

**Statement prepared by:** Brian Wendt, Clallam County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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## Argument For Amendment 8

The Charter currently starts the Charter Review Commissioners' term of office thirty days after the election, which could be interpreted to be early December, or even later if the date of certification of the election is used or an election is subject to recount.

The resulting uncertainty about when the Commissioners' term of office begins and when the Commission can get organized and start its work is resolved with this proposed amendment. It makes it clear and simple that the term for Charter Review Commissioners will begin on January 1st following the election in November.

We ask you to vote to approve this clarification by voting yes on Charter Amendment No. 8.

**Argument prepared by:** Norma Turner, Rod Fleck, and Nola Judd, members of the Charter Review Commission.

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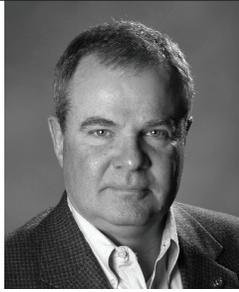
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## Argument Against Amendment 8

No information submitted

## Jim McEntire

*(Prefers Republican Party)*



**Elected Experience:** Commissioner, Port of Port Angeles, 2008 - 2011; Commissioner, Clallam County, 2012 - present.

**Other Professional Experience:** 32 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, retiring in 2000 in the grade of Captain. 6 years as a senior Federal Civil Servant in the Department's of Transportation, Labor, and Homeland Security; retiring in 2006 from the Senior Executive Service.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science, U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Master of Public Administration, the George Washington University. Fellow, Secretary of Defense Strategic Studies Group.

**Community Service:** Past Board Member, Boys and Girls Club of the Olympic Peninsula. Past President, Olympic Peninsula Chapter, Military Officers Association of America.

**Statement:** *Proven, positive leadership* -- Voters have the opportunity to re-elect a thoughtful, fair-minded, sensible, and experienced leader who will continue to focus on improving our County's economy. As your commissioner, I've done my utmost to find ways to turn the economic problems facing our County into opportunities, and those opportunities into more jobs. I have kept taxes low, and expenditures in line with revenues.

*Governing effectively* -- For the last four years, I have done what I said I would do: to serve as a constructive, collegial, common-sense conservative; to operate with openness, good humor, and dedication to good governance; and to put people and the economy first.

*Working with differing perspectives* -- I've found problems and garnered support from my fellow Commissioners to put common-sense solutions into place.

Balancing property rights, environmental protection and economic growth takes wisdom, common sense, listening to the public, and a steady hand. I have an excellent record of proven experience, common sense and passion to do the job well. I will continue to put you first. I ask for your vote.

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## Mark Ozias

*(Prefers Democrat Party)*



**Elected Experience:** This is the first time Mark has sought elective office.

**Other Professional Experience:** Director, Sequim Food Bank; Owner, Red Rooster Grocery; Owner, A New Leaf Plants and Produce; Director, Sequim Open Aire Market; Vice-Chair, Sequim Planning Commission; Director of Planned Giving, Virginia Mason Health System

**Education:** BA, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA

**Community Service:** Mark has served as board President, board member, advisor and volunteer to numerous non-profit organizations. This year Mark has been instrumental in envisioning and establishing two vital community-wide collaborative efforts including the Clallam County Food Bank Coalition and the Healthy Community Coalition in Sequim.

**Statement:** Mark is running for County Commissioner because he believes it is time for Clallam County to work together! His first priority is our economy and he will focus on coordinating efforts to better support business recruitment, retention and expansion. He will actively work to engage all stakeholders to solicit ideas and implement solutions for the county's challenges and opportunities. Mark will broaden the traditional definition of economic development to find creative ways to foster growth and innovation among the hundreds of small business owners who create family wage jobs across our county each and every day.

One of the best ways to accomplish this is to proactively build connections and partnerships across multiple segments of the county's economy – and that is Mark's greatest strength. His broad experience in business and deep involvement in non-profit work, coupled with a drive to bring people together to build community, provides the right combination of skills to move our county forward.

Most importantly, Mark believes that informed and engaged citizens create the most productive government. He will foster a culture of public engagement in the county, advocating for active participation from all stakeholders to implement solutions to move us forward.

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## Connie Beauvais

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** 2015 Clallam County Charter Review Commission, Crescent Water Association Board of Trustees.

**Other Professional Experience:** Connie has worked for private business, in the public and federal government arenas, and owned 3 of her own businesses. Currently owns and operates Alpacas of Cedar Wind and is Manager/Operator of Crescent Water Association.

**Education:** Associate of Business Arts Degree, Heald Business College, Sacramento CA. WA certified Water Distribution Manager and Water Treatment Plant Operator.

**Community Service:** Vice Chair Clallam County Planning Commission, Crescent Advisory Committee, Port Angeles Business Association Government Affairs Committee, Clallam Economic Development Council Agriculture Representative, Coast Guard Auxiliary (Adak AK)

**Statement:** The Port of Port Angeles is the most important economic driver in Clallam County. I want to put Clallam County firmly on the road to economic prosperity. That requires a board with vision, courage and creativity. I will bring these qualities and more to the future of our Port and our county. How? I will work to create job opportunities by building the composite recycling technology center to diversify business lines, demand DNR and Forest Service establish a reliable public timber supply, solve the Lincoln Park tree obstruction at the Airport, and aggressively market for marine trades businesses. I will work for environmental stewardship by completing the cleanup on the PenPly site and stormwater improvements on the Port's waterfront. I will work for more community engagement by publishing a quarterly "report card" for the public about the status and future of their public assets at the Port, and collaborating with other government bodies to complete projects such as asking the Port Angeles City Council to take action to solve the tree issue at Lincoln Park to restore full use of the Airport runway. I will work to operate within a balanced budget during this time of decreased timber revenues.

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## Michael Breidenbach

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** Forks City Council, Position #5, 7 years

**Other Professional Experience:** Senior Manager Rayonier NorthWest Forest Resources; Senior Manager Rayonier NorthWest Forest Operations; Sales Manager Interfor Pacific (Port Angeles Division); Alaska and Olympic Fishing Guide

**Education:** +/- 1 year Peninsula College; Finance/Export Classes: WSU, USC

**Community Service:** Five years Walk for Life participate, team organizer; Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization Executive Committee; Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee; Clallam County Transit Board Alternate City of Forks

**Statement:** The past 36 years I have been fortunate to have raised a family and worked in Clallam County, a great place to live. Over the last 7 years it has been my honor to serve on the Forks City Council. Volunteering in our county is a strong value which makes our home a better place to live and work.

My experience in the private sector has allowed me the opportunity to work in and around other ports in the State of Washington: Olympia, Tacoma, Grays Harbor, Seattle, Anacortes and Port Angeles. This will be a valuable skill as commissioner.

The Port of Port Angeles is a diverse government business enterprise working to develop new ideas to create job partnerships, improve operations, limit spending and develop long term goals. I agree with these ideas in principle and would work to improve the port through collaboration and increased public input. This position as a non-partisan office is a great place for teamwork and impartial decision making.

My goals with your vote: Positive revenue, balanced budgets and reduced dependence on property tax revenues. It would be my honor to represent you as Clallam County Port Commissioner for District #3.

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**Donald Lawley**

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted  
**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted  
**Education:** No information submitted  
**Community Service:** No information submitted

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**Statement:** No information submitted

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**J. Thomas Oblak**

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted  
**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted  
**Education:** No information submitted  
**Community Service:** No information submitted

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**Statement:** No information submitted

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**Jim Cammack***(Nonpartisan)*No photo  
submitted

**Elected Experience:** I have served 12 plus years on Olympic Medical Center's Board of Commissioners. I find it is a way of giving back to the community... As a Pharmacist I feel I can help in these changes in the future

**Other Professional Experience:** As a Pharmacist since 1967 I have worked for the chain pharmacies, and in 1983 I opened Jim's Pharmacy, which my Son, Joe now owns. With some 30 Plus employees

**Education:** Attended Clark College Transferred to University of Washington, College of Pharmacy. Finished in 1967

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Unopposed**

**Statement:** I want to continue with the Olympic medical Center Board. The Hospital has a very large new Medical Office Building in the Near Future. I want to be part of the steps involved in getting it built. It will serve the Olympic Peninsula to have 30 Plus Doctors working together close to the Hospital. The present Board is working on Safety and doing Rounding of Dept to talk with staff and look for safety issues. Each member of the Board serves on other committees to insure the community that Olympic Medical Center provides the best health care to our Hospital District

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## Hospital District 2 | Commissioner At Large | 6-year term

**Jim Leskinovitch***(Nonpartisan)*

**Elected Experience:** It has been a privilege to be your OMC Commissioner for 17+ years.

**Other Professional Experience:** I was a deck officer on a Coast Guard Cutter and a SAR pilot/ aviation Engineer for a career of 24 years. I ran an International Airport in Freeport, Grand Bahama Island. I am an Arbitrator for FINRA.

**Education:** BS of Science in Engineering. Three MBA courses completed successfully. Naval War College which gives a Masters Equivalent Degree. Numerous continuing education credits while in the Service.

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Unopposed**

**Statement:** During my tenure, Olympic Memorial Hospital has grown substantially to be able to provide the health services that our community needs. OMC now provides primary care, orthopedic surgery, general surgery, urology, neurology, sleep lab, cardiology, home health, cancer center, our flagship, Olympic Memorial Hospital. This has been done while maintaining financial viability and modernization in all areas so that we can provide safe and needed services for our community.

I look forward to continuing to serve as your Commissioner.

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**Juanita Weissenfels**

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

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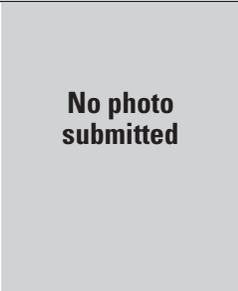
**Statement:** No information submitted

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**Kevin Hinch**

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

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**Statement:** No information submitted

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## Christina (Stina) Kohout

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Elected Experience:** Parent Ambassador. OlyCap Policy Council member. Forks Elementary PTO Vice-President.

**Other Professional Experience:** United States Air Force RADAR & Power Production Technician. Wildland FireFighter experience. OLYCAP Policy Council Chairman for ECEAP/Headstart. Washington State Association Representative for Clallam County. Parent Ambassador for State of Washington

**Education:** Currently enrolled at Peninsula College for AA in Teaching. Civil Air Patrol Aeronautical Knowledge. Henly High school. Oregon Institute of Technology

**Community Service:** Habitat for Humanity. Early Childhood Education Advocate. Member of Forks Elks Lodge #2524. Civil Air Patrol. Forks Elementary Parent/Teacher Organization.

**Statement:** My name is Christina (Stina) Kohout. I want to take the next step in my community involvement by running for Forks City Council position 5. We have a small tightly knit community and my mission is to support the improvement of our city in every way possible. I'm very excited to run for local government and offer my enthusiasm experience and new outlook on the future of Forks. I hope my being a newer community member can bring new perspectives and innovations.

Over the years I have had many roles in my community. I've served on the Olympic Community Action Program for early education as policy council member and voted in as chairman. For the past two years I've been one of two Washington State Association representatives for ECEAP/Head Start for Clallam County. I enjoy serving my community and knowing that I have helped people in need.

I'm a service connected disabled veteran with a strong work ethic and an unending desire to improve the community who embraced me since moving here. I would greatly appreciate your vote for me, Christina (Stina) Kohout for Forks City Council Position 5.

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## Jon Preston

*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo  
submitted

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** No information submitted

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## Michael Merideth

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Self loading log truck operator. Past partnership in local contractor and construction business. Employer safety committee member and bargaining board representative.

**Education:** Graduate of Port Angeles High School. Graduate of Peninsula College with an AA degree and an AAS in Fisheries Technology

**Community Service:** Kiwanis firewood loads; Sequim logging show; active Port Angeles Swim Club parent; touch a truck for kids.

**Statement:** Port Angeles has been my home for most of my life and I want to see our city move forward with smart growth and diverse industries through partnerships with local businesses and government entities. We need to be inviting to new businesses and facilitate favorable conditions for the expansion of current businesses.

Fiscal responsibility should be the priority of our city from the top to the bottom. A balanced budget with priorities and future goals in mind. Preparations for shortfalls or unforeseen expenses must be anticipated to limit the passing of financial increases on to local citizens.

Maintaining our current infrastructure and not putting off the inevitable, just to be able to stamp our name on a new project is unacceptable. Using local talent, resources and businesses to maintain or replace infrastructure keeps wages and tax dollars in our community to help support local businesses and our schools.

By working together I know our city won't just maintain the status quo, but prosper through growth and responsible spending. Port Angeles needs to be a place that people stop and visit, not just pass through. Together we can all make this the "Best Town Ever".

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## Marolee Smith

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** worked as first responder; in corporate world at management-level. Struggled with a recession. Self-employed, entrepreneur, researcher, ghost-writer, and author (30+ years). Owned downtown business. Have worked around computer industry since 1979.

**Education:** High school/business school graduate. Attended Peralta Colleges with credits towards Administration of Justice (AA) degree. Rest of education is in general life experience. Insatiable reader.

**Community Service:** Created Port Angeles Community Market (ran for 2 years). Have volunteered in homeless outreach, battered women's shelters, suicide prevention, and, for women's health services. Lobbied for passage of various consumer protection laws at state level.

**Statement:** I have lived in Port Angeles since 1993. In that time I've watched poverty increase, services erode, cost of city utilities climb, and dubious projects pushed to completion. The citizens of Port Angeles deserve adequate representation. I have no political aspirations or dreams to "head up" to Olympia. My goal is to make Port Angeles a better place to live.

We are facing big-city problems (there is no doubt about that). We have crime, poverty, and drug abuse that plague us. These problems cannot be overlooked, or segments of the population ignored. We must come together, as a community, and work together. The city council is crucial to connect the people and city hall. The city council should represent you.

Port Angeles needs realistic, obtainable goals -- *focused on the future*. We need city council members who ask questions, demand answers, do their research, to really think problems and solutions through. Short term fixes have gotten us in the financial straits we are in today. This mindset must end.

Creative, forward thinking is what I offer. Community is my focus. I believe that all people, working together, can do amazing things. I will represent you on the city council.

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## Sissi Bruch

*(Nonpartisan)*



## Unopposed

**Elected Experience:** City of Port Angeles Council Member, 2011

**Other Professional Experience:** Project Manager - Daft, McCune, & Walker (land planners/ engineers), GIS data analyst - Data Chromatics, Assistant Professor - Michigan State University, Grant Manager and Senior Planner - Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in Psychology from North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1982), Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture from Louisiana State (1988), and PhD in Urban Planning/Geography (2006) from Michigan State.

**Community Service:** Planning Board for the City of Lansing, MI (2000-2009). Port Angeles, Planning Commission 2010-2011. Sequim parks master planning (2013-2014). Senior Games volunteer in 2012 and 2013. Rotary member.

**Statement:** During these past four years, it has been an honor to serve the City of Port Angeles. The City has struggled both financially and with multiple complex projects involving environmental and infrastructure issues. We are now coming out leaner and more focused on the future.

Being central to the County, Port Angeles needs to continue to build partnerships with Forks, Sequim, the Port of Port Angeles, the County, the Tribes, the School districts, and all other governmental bodies. Our success will come from working together in regional cooperation, celebrating our diversity, and ensuring that we recognize that our environment is our economy.

Based on my planning background, I know that a forward looking vision with very purposeful and guided budgeting and updated comprehensive plan, leads to a healthy city. Citizen involvement and government transparency are crucial in achieving these objectives.

My goal for my final term in office is to leave a clear vision, created by all of us, of how the City of Port Angeles should evolve and grow with goals and accountability in place to ensure that we reach our full potential as a healthy, innovative and vibrant community.

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## Dan Bateham

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Board of Directors for Voices for Veterans, Veteran's Housing Specialist and Program Coordinator at Serenity House of Clallam County, Surveillance Observer at Seven Cedars Casino; 20 year veteran, retired, U.S. Army.

**Education:** Graduated Endicott High School, Endicott, WA; Attended Waxahachie Junior College, Waxahachie, TX; Military leadership courses, U.S. Army.

**Community Service:** NW Veterans Resource Center, volunteer housing specialist; Veterans Community Partnership, volunteer; Caregivers Coalition, volunteer; Olympic Community Action Programs, volunteer.

**Statement:** Dan Bateham believes we need accessibility, accountability, and real solutions to bring effective leadership back to Port Angeles. Our citizens are facing real issues. These include a need for sustainable family-wage jobs, an environment in which business can thrive, opportunities for our young people; and Port Angeles needs to be a safe and healthy place to live. Solutions will include: Public access television, affordable utility rates, improvements to schools, and less out-sourcing of city contracts.

Dan has always considered the Northwest home, and after 20 years of military service, came "home" to Port Angeles to stay. Dan now serves as a Veterans Housing Specialist, working with local agencies, enabling families to maintain stable housing. Dan is also actively involved in the community as a volunteer.

Dan served in many leadership positions in the military including in the first Gulf War. During one overseas tour he worked in Civil-Military Operations resolving problems between the local civilians and the military. His impact directly improved relations. Upon retirement from the military he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

Dan's experiences have taught him to be open to all people and to believe that *failure is not an option*.

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## Cherie Kidd

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** Two four year terms on Port Angeles City Council; Served as Mayor of Port Angeles 2012 - 2014

**Other Professional Experience:** Owner of AAA Affordable Storage and U-Haul. I have owned three successful businesses as well as worked at the corporate level in Fortune 500 companies.

**Education:** Port Angeles High School graduate. Attended Peninsula College

**Community Service:** Chair of the Port Angeles Planning Commission. Commissioner for the Wm Shore Pool Commission. Past President of the Noon Kiwanis Club. President-Elect for the noon Soroptimist Club. Plan the annual Community Service Awards. Chamber Ambassadors. Campaigned to save our pool. Led the effort to open Hurricane Ridge all year.

**Statement:** It has been an honor to serve you as a council member and as your Mayor. As a native of Port Angeles and third generation resident, I am invested in our community and love to work to make it a better place for all of us to enjoy living here and working here. We have greater transparency at city hall as well as increased customer service. We have our new waterfront project and our new Civic Historic District. I am fighting to keep taxes and fees low. As a business owner, my experience helps me fight the impact government has on our growing businesses. As Mayor, I told the Dept. of Ecology that they were demanding too many of our financial resources, and for the first time, we received grants in the amounts of \$4,000,000 and \$400,000. I have been a positive ambassador for Port Angeles. It has been my honor to serve you. Good things are happening and together we will continue to work to bring prosperity and jobs to our town. I listen to you. I love working with you and fighting for you. Thank you for your support and I ask for your vote.

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## Brandon Janisse

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** No elected experience

**Other Professional Experience:** Electronics Associate, Walmart; Military Police, 101st Airborne Division

**Education:** Graduate Sequim High School, Sequim WA. Associates, Peninsula College, Port Angeles; Bachelors degree in Political Science, Kaplan University, Ft Lauderdale, FL.

**Community Service:** At-Large Member of Clallam County Sheriff's Advisory Committee

**Statement:** With a consistent track record of success in achieving a broad range of goals throughout my life, I believe I offer the leadership, and skills, that would benefit the city of Sequim, and the people that live here.

I offer over 6 years of experience in leadership type roles within complex operations, working with diverse teams, and completing challenging programs/assignments within the U.S. and international locals. The strong relationships I build with team members, upper management, organizations, and the community, often results in win-win situations, and a foundation for future success.

I am certain that my team focused, positive attitude, and emphasis on quantifiable results would be a welcome addition to the city of Sequim. If elected as a Councilman for the city of Sequim, I would use my leadership experience and expertise to initiate an exploration, within available revenues, of the ways Sequim may best meet the needs of its citizens. I will also recognize the contributions of individuals, and business, which provide the goods and services this city wants.

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## Pam Leonard-Ray

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Sales associate; specialty store and department store manager; tutor, substitute teacher, and classroom teacher; community college instructor, department head and dean; community theater business manager; non-profit executive director

**Education:** Mead High School, Spokane, WA; BA Elementary Education, Washington State University, Pullman, WA; M. Ed. Clinical Counseling, The Citadel, Charleston, SC; doctoral-level coursework, Clemson University, Clemson, SC

**Community Service:** ESL tutor, volunteer crisis counselor, Charleston Mayor's Literacy Initiative team, SC Commission on Higher Education Transition to Higher Education Committee, Clemente Project participant mentor, Sequim Volunteer Coordinator; Community Organic Garden organizational committee member and June Robinson organic garden coordinator, Sequim Sunrise Rotary

**Statement:** Although a relative newcomer to Sequim, Pam Leonard-Ray has become an active member of the local community, both as a volunteer and as a non-profit employee. She has come to appreciate Sequim and the surrounding area for its past and present, and she believes it is critical to listen to citizens concerning Sequim's future.

Pam has spent much of her professional life in middle-management positions, in which she was required to balance the needs of customers, students, and team members against the demands of higher-level institutional and corporate management. As an academic dean of a division that served students struggling to make the transition to college, she learned to be an advocate for the underserved and to ask tough questions. She has the ability to see potential challenges to institutional decisions and to solve problems before they occur.

Pam has been described as considerate, fair and honest in her dealings with others. She values fiscal responsibility while understanding the need to be forward-thinking. She would appreciate the opportunity to put her experience, skills and knowledge to work in a higher level of service, and she looks forward to continued involvement in the community.

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## John Miller

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Elected Experience:** None at this time

**Other Professional Experience:** I worked and retired from Safeway Stores inc. 34.5 years 20 years in management

**Education:** High school and SRJC.

**Community Service:** Sequim Speaks. Coach youth in Sequim

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**Statement:** Do you want Sequim to be the most people friendly and business friendly city in America? Do you want Sequim and the council to live within its means just like the people that live here do? Do you want to live in a city where the council spends your hard earned money like it was coming out of there own pocket? Do you want to live in a city that allows people to decide how the home looks like, where the streets are keep up, the water and sewer systems are well managed and maintained and police force is well funded? Do you want Sequim to be a safe place to raise our kids and retire? So do !!! I believe we need new city leadership to make these hard decisions. I'm willing to step up and fight for the citizens that have Inog been gone unheard. If you feel the same way please vote for me John Miller for Sequim City Council. With you help we will bring our great town of Sequim back to its past glory.

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## Susan Lorenzen

*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo submitted

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

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**Statement:** No information submitted

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## Ken Hays

*(Nonpartisan)*



## Unopposed

**Elected Experience:** Sequim City Council 8 years, four years Mayor, Sequim Planning Commission and Clallam County EDC, Board 1st Vice President and President. Have earned an Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership from AWC.

**Other Professional Experience:** Licensed architect for 30 years, private practice for 25 years. Owned and operated other small businesses including a wine retail shop and art studio.

**Education:** Royal Academy of Art and Architecture, Antwerp Belgium U of W Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Environmental Design.

**Community Service:** American Red Cross certified CPR/First Aid and sailing instructor, Sunshine Rotary Club, First Teachers, Boy Scouts Troop 90, and Boys & Girls Club.

**Statement:** I am running for a third term to provide continuity on the Council during a time of professional leadership transition, to see through a number of significant projects including the Civic Center, the Guy Cole rehabilitation project and the Comprehensive Plan update, to continue to work on enhancing and developing our parks and recreation opportunities, and to continue to provide responsible policy level fiscal leadership for the city.

I have truly enjoyed working with the professional staff and my fellow councilors and take pride in our accomplishments. I believe the support of the community for the priorities and programs we've set for ourselves these past 8 years acknowledges our ability to get things done that matter in a civil and cooperative manner.

I hope to earn your trust for another four years.

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## James Russell

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** 20 years WSF, currently Coast Guard licensed Deck Officer for Washington State Ferries; 20 years King County Metro Transit; 20 years Russell Arts.

**Education:** City University, BS, Business Administration Major; Edmonds CC, ATA, Professional Management; ECC, Certificate, Counseling and Casework; Lake Washington Technical College, Certificate, Security and Loss Prevention; STI, Certificate, Commercial Sales.

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** Hundreds of crimes occur in Sequim annually and some occur in your neighborhood. We need regular communication from Police about these crimes and how to improve neighborhood safety. We also need more police patrols in our neighborhoods, strengthened with affordable Security Officer patrols at night.

Sequim Planners insist the houses we like best are “unfriendly” looking. They call garages facing the street “unfriendly,” too, and label garages in alleys “friendly.” They plan increased apartment building, thereby increasing congestion and crime. While small businesses struggle or bankrupt and neighborhoods deteriorate, City bosses recklessly spent millions on an impersonal, unfriendly City Hall building.

We need City Officials focused on bringing more jobs to town, more full-time jobs, more good paying blue-collar jobs. We need to improve the lives of people living in Sequim today before engineering visionary schemes to accommodate people in the future.

Governments are financially suffocating people with ever higher local, state, and national taxes and fees, while many people can barely afford food. For families struggling to lift themselves up in the face of low income, to build just the smallest starter home, government beats them down by devouring over \$32,000 in taxes and fees.

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## Candace Pratt

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Elected Experience:** Sequim City Council, 2012-15

**Other Professional Experience:** Taught elementary school; owner-operator of a bookkeeping service.

**Education:** Tufts University, BA; Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Certificate of Municipal Leadership, 2013.

**Community Service:** Volunteer for many years in many capacities for my children’s schools, their extracurricular activities, our church and the League of Women Voters. Locally, I have participated in the annual Clean Up Sequim, Boys and Girls Club annual dinner auction, Walk for Alzheimers; supported Scouts and Rainbow Girls; long-time recycler; member of League of Women Voters, St Luke’s Episcopal Church, and Shipley Center.

**Statement:** For four years as Council member I have contributed to Sequim’s leadership, vitality and vision. I am proud of the direction Sequim is taking, and I want to continue this work for another four years. Transparency and accountability are essential to me and I am pleased they are the qualities of the governance of Sequim.

Some of the achievements of the past 4 years include passage of the Downtown Plan and the 5 year plans. The 20 year Comprehensive Plan is currently being presented to the public. Rate schedules have been restructured to promote fairness for our stakeholders. We are all proud of the design and completion of our new Civic Center which finally allows all of our employees to work efficiently under one roof. I personally promoted the implementation of an Arts Advisory Commission.

We have challenges! Most important is finding additional resources to rehabilitate our roads. We want to attract businesses offering good jobs. We want our young people prepared to take these jobs. Our teens are asking for a fun, safe place to go to. I will be honored to be a part of the teamwork necessary to make these a reality.

Let’s continue to move forward!

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## Joshua Jones

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Physician and Medical Director of Peninsula Behavioral Health

**Education:** Graduate of Kelso High School, Kelso, WA 1994. Graduate of the University of Puget Sound 1998. Graduate of the University of Washington School of Medicine 2002.

**Community Service:** Volunteer youth basketball and soccer coach. Board member, Port Angeles Marathon Association. Former US Army Reserve officer and veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**Statement:** My wife and I have two kids in the Port Angeles elementary schools. I am running for the Port Angeles school board to help ensure we provide all children with an excellent education, and because strong schools are the backbone for a strong community. I believe that educating our children well is the key to a better future for Port Angeles. I believe the national standards have some merit, but are showing that they may not be as flexible in adapting to rapidly changing educational needs as Port Angeles wants. I believe that the P.A. school district must have a facility replacement strategy that is sensible and sustainable. I believe that teaching—not testing—is the core mission of a school. I believe that every P.A. student who wants to go to college or technical school must be prepared with the tools to succeed at the next level, while every student who wishes to enter the workforce after graduation must have the skills to be competitive in the local and global marketplace.

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## Gene Erickson

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Plywood worker, Movie theater manager, hospital employee, Western Washington University employee, Shop Steward AFSME, Certified Teacher Bellingham, Mt. Baker, Crescent, and Port Angeles School Districts.

**Education:** Port Angeles Public Schools, Peninsula College 1969, Western Washington University 1971, BA History, Western Washington University graduate school 1973-75, Western Washington University teaching certificate 1993, endorsements: K-8 Elementary, 4-12 History, background in Special Education.

**Community Service:** Coach for Port Angeles Little League; certified umpire Port Angeles Cal Ripkin Baseball; certified umpire girls' softball.

**Statement:** My mother's family came to Port Angeles in the late 1800's and my dad arrived in 1934, later to work for Del Guzzi Brothers Construction for 40 years. My mother, brother, and I attended Port Angeles Schools. I went on to attend Peninsula College and Western Washington University. My parents wanted the higher education for us that they did not have. And so I became the first college graduate in my family followed by my two children. Inspired by my parents love for knowledge, I have dedicated my professional life to the education of children.

Since returning from Bellingham to Port Angeles in 2002 to care for my dad, I've worked for the Port Angeles Schools and have seen what the students, teachers, and school buildings need. I know that early childhood education and parent support results in successful students and I have concerns about relevant testing, class sizes, and safe school buildings.

Having worked in four school districts for my teaching career and in Port Angeles for the last 13 years, I believe myself qualified to serve our students, our teachers and staff, and the parents.

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**Lonnie Linn**

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Elected Experience:** No information submitted  
**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted  
**Education:** No information submitted  
**Community Service:** No information submitted  


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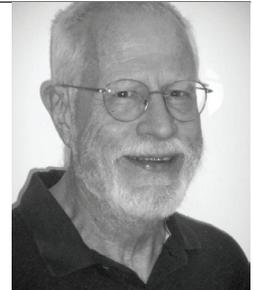
**Statement:** No information submitted  


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**Rick Marti**

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Elected Experience:** This is my first bid for public office.  
**Other Professional Experience:** 17 years teaching experience, 3 years school bus driver, 2 years para educator.  
**Education:** Bachelor of Music, Major in Education, Colorado State University, 1966  
**Community Service:** 3 years volunteer teacher, Holy Name School, Ketchikan, AK

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**Statement:** We can be proud of our schools here in Port Angeles. I would like to see us go from better to best. Finding funding is important. More important is to see that our money and our human resources are spent wisely. I believe that my years of experience have given me some helpful insight. My only agenda is to advocate for the children. Please feel to call or email if you would like to discuss issues.

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## Jerusha Henson

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Home Care Facilitator for adults with developmental disabilities. Financial accounting for the National Park Service.

**Education:** Studied Psychology at Western State Colorado University. Peninsula College Addiction Studies Program

**Community Service:** Girl Scout troop leader. Voluntary companion to developmentally disabled adult.

**Statement:** I have two young children. One who is currently enrolled in elementary school and one who will be in a few years. I have a vested interest in their education. I am also an avid supporter of drug education for the community, for parents, and for the educational system. I would like to be part of the solution that enhances our educational system. I would also like to be a part of the team that works together to find solutions for the current structural difficulties the schools are facing at this time, and to continue keeping the schools running smoothly and efficiently.

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## Susan Shotthafer

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Taught English, Spanish, and ESL in California and Oregon, 10 years. Substitute teacher for Sequim and Port Angeles Districts, past 10 years.

**Education:** B. A. Political Science/Social Science; Certificate, International Relations; M. A. Education; Teaching Credentials: Social Science, English, ESL, Spanish.

**Community Service:** Participated in initiative campaigns to protect individual freedoms, property rights; Helped political candidates promoting individual freedom, property rights, and free market economics; Initiated placement of an issues section on our county's online voters' guide and voters' pamphlet arguments to assist informed local voting; Organized and led local initiative process for local government transparency and restoration of freedom of association.

**Statement:** If elected, I will promote increased expectations with three policies to improve students' behavior, focus, academic performance, and future employment potential without additional spending.

First, I will work towards implementing a district-wide dress code requiring students to dress neatly and wear modest clothing. Clothing, hairstyle, and grooming habits influence our behavior and how we are judged by others. Consistently applied expectations will produce a more serious attitude resulting in increased student attention upon classroom instruction leading to improved learning-ultimately better preparing students for future employment.

Secondly, I will advocate for restrictions on electronic devices. Teachers are unnecessarily competing with electronic devices for students' attention. I will work to ban cell phones and computer games inside the classrooms. Removal of distractions will improve classroom productivity resulting in better learning.

Lastly, I will emphasize reducing our district dropout rate and stimulating student interest by exploring more options for students considering vocations after graduation. My twenty years of teaching experience provide a unique perspective to understand how consistent, yet simple policy changes can have enormous impacts on student's quality of education. I hope to establish policies that would produce immediate, positive impacts on our students. I request your vote.

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**Trisha Haggerty**

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted  
**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted  
**Education:** No information submitted  
**Community Service:** No information submitted  

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**Statement:** No information submitted  

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**Susan Hopper**

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted  
**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted  
**Education:** No information submitted  
**Community Service:** No information submitted  

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**Statement:** No information submitted  

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## Robin Henrikson

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Professor of Education, Seattle Pacific University, Chair of MEd in Teacher Leadership Program (2013-present); Mathematics Professional Development Specialist Olympic Educational Service District 114 (2008-2013); Middle School Mathematics Teacher (2003-2008); Middle School Special Education Teacher (2001-2003).

**Education:** Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Education emphasizing teacher collaborative learning (2012), MEd in Education, Educational Leadership/Principal Certification (2006), BA in Education, Professional Teaching Certification, K-12 Special Education, General Ed (2000).

**Community Service:** Church preschool teacher/coordinator, family camp director, church leadership board chair, Greywolf ES classroom volunteer, Camp Counselor for Inspire Youth Project, rescuer of stray kittens.

**Statement:** With increasing demands on students, teachers and district leadership, we need a cohesive school board that works together to improve learning for all students. I bring experience in education at all levels, and the skills and knowledge to contribute to a strong school board that supports programs in Sequim Schools. I am running for Sequim School Board because we should engage our students, educators, parents and community in setting a high standard for education in Sequim that we can all be proud of.

Effective school boards include members with diverse opinions, backgrounds, philosophies and skills to help our kids succeed. Sequim's students and educators rely on a school board that moves the district forward. My background in adult collaborative learning and school improvement has instilled in me the expertise and insight needed improve our schools in a unified way.

As a mother of three school-age children who attend or will attend Greywolf Elementary School, I also have a personal interest in making our schools the very best. We can build strong students, strong teachers and a strong administrative team through a strong board.

I would be honored to serve our community if elected to the Sequim School Board.

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## Heather Jeffers

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** Appointed Vice President, Board of Directors: August 2014

**Other Professional Experience:** Licensed Administrator with proven success in leadership and management of a large healthcare facility. Experienced in forecasting and following budgets, strategic planning, development and execution of policies and procedures, and evaluating outcomes. Social Worker with background working with incarcerated, homeless, and at-risk youth; along with medical practice in Oncology, NICU, Emergency, Rehab, and Skilled Nursing settings.

**Education:** Graduate of University of Washington with Master's Degree in Social Work and Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare.

**Community Service:** Sequim Sunrise Rotary, Peninsula Young Professionals Network, Chamber of Commerce, Olympic Peninsula Health Fair.

**Statement:** The school board is the link between the schools and the community. It needs to display strong and effective leadership at the helm of the District. Collaboration is needed between the District, city government, agencies, and businesses to make this the best community to live, work, and raise our children.

This is a very important year for our district, with many priorities. We need to develop a strong board-superintendent relationship who work together as an effective, collaborative team. From there we need to develop a strategic plan based on the District's vision with clear, measurable goals that incorporate the broadest representation of the community, parents, students, and staff. This year brings the added responsibility of hiring and evaluating a new superintendent, along with the challenge of passing a bond for the necessary improvement of our facilities. Professional development needs to be a priority for this new board in order to be effective and maintain personal standards.

My community involvement, leadership experience, and social work background make me the most effective candidate to accomplish these tasks, as they are the foundation necessary to maintain the Personal Standards for effective Board members: Ethical behavior, Leadership, Communication, Professional Development, and Accountability.

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## Jim Stoffer

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** President, Citizens for Sequim Schools. Co-Chair Sequim School District Facilities Committee. Retired, USCG, 31 Years active duty in afloat and shore-based units. Former Commanding Officer, USCG Cutters Cuttyhunk, Port Angeles, WA and Mustang, Seward, AK. Served with Patrol Forces Southwest Asia; Kingdom of Bahrain, Persian Gulf. USCG Liaison Officer, Afloat Training Group, Pacific Northwest.

**Education:** Graduate, Columbia College, Columbia, MO.

**Community Service:** Recipient, Certificate of Merit for Community Leadership and Service to Education, Washington Association of School Administrators. SHS Choir Boosters President, SHS Operetta Club Production Team, Sequim Irrigation Festival Board. USCG Partnership in Education Coordinator. Trinity United Methodist Church Lay Leader.

**Statement:** Mr. Stoffer has served as a volunteer and advocate for the Sequim School District since 2002. He has demonstrated an ability to make difficult decisions and a talent for working through complicated projects with multiple deadlines. His career as a Coast Guard commanding officer has taught him the leadership skills required to build teamwork, to encourage progress, and to overlook partisan politics in order to meet shared goals.

Mr. Stoffer brings a broad perspective that includes detailed knowledge of the school district, an ability to be objective and fair, and an appreciation of the diverse needs of our schools and community. He has listened to the community's input and has worked diligently to understand the values and concerns of voters, parents, teachers, and students.

Sequim School District must prudently manage and administer our tax dollars allocated to education. Mr. Stoffer has worked to understand the complicated financial structure of education in Washington State. He believes that the School Board must partner with the District, the Legislature, and the community to envision and to create the learning atmosphere needed by our 21st century students.

Mr. Stoffer's primary constituents are the students; please support Our Schools, Our Community, and Our Future.

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## Charla Wright

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** Grade Level Chair in Fallbrook School District, Vice President, Peninsula Chapter of Washington State Activities Professionals.

**Other Professional Experience:** Co-chaired the Gifted and Talented Education program, Fallbrook, served on English Language Learner and Technology Committees, collaborated within Professional Learning Communities, currently Director of Social Services, Avamere Olympic Rehabilitation, Sequim.

**Education:** Masters in Education Curriculum Design and Instruction, BA in Liberal Studies from California State University, Mental Health certificate from State of Washington.

**Community Service:** Boy Scouts of America Mom, historical member of Parent Teacher Association, Court Appointed Special Mentor, facilitate alliances between classroom and community business owners, volunteer with Alzheimer's Association.

**Statement:** I am a mother of five, wife of a Sequim Police Officer who has served Sequim for over 20 years, educator, and professional. I have demonstrated dedication, endurance, and perseverance while putting myself through college as a single mother.

As a parent and Board Member, my vision will be moving Sequim School District forward in science and technology, preparing students to be successful after graduation, holding the district to the highest equitable standard, while preparing children to be college and career ready.

Over the last five years, I have observed a polarity between parents, teachers and administration over district agenda items. The Board needs increased communication with the community, a strong strategic plan, clear goals, and a system for evaluation and accountability. My views are simple: work towards a common goal, keep the focus on the greater good for our children, the community, and district - regardless of outside pressures.

I advocate for our children as well as our elderly, two vulnerable populations in Sequim. Two groups directly related to each other as one is our past with life experience and the other just beginning who need the guidance of those with a life full of experience.

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## Heather Short

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** Veterinarian and owner of Sequim Animal Hospital; Graduate assistant at Murray State University Veterinary Technology Program teaching classes and laboratories 2001-2002; Veterinary assistant 1998 – 2002.

**Education:** Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine earned from Auburn University, Auburn, AL, 2006. Masters of Science degree earned from Murray State University, Murray, KY, 2002. Bachelors of Science degree earned from Murray State University, Murray, KY, 2001.

**Community Service:** Clallam County Humane Society low cost spay/neuter program; Peninsula Friends of Animals monthly low cost spay/neuter "Spay Days" and feral cat "Trap and Release" spay/neuters; Sequim Dog Park Board 2006 – 2008; Sequim Chamber of Commerce Member since 2009; PTA member.

**Statement:** I am an educator's daughter, a mother, a small business owner, and a Sequim resident, and I worry about the future of our school district. As the daughter of a teacher, I know how committed and challenged so many of our teachers are in helping overcrowded classes in under-resourced classrooms. As a mother I'm concerned about the quality of our children's education and the condition of the school facilities. As a business owner I'm invested in continued economic growth of our community, driven by an educated workforce. And as a resident, I care deeply about our community providing job opportunities and adequate funding for our necessary services.

Education is key to growing our economy, to lowering our crime rates, to attracting professionals and families, and to ensuring our community remains prosperous.

Our school system is in desperate need of safe buildings with modern technology and the finances to hire and retain great teachers. I'm running for Sequim School Board to create options and opportunity to accomplish these goals.

It would be an honor to serve our children, our district educators, and the community in this role, and I ask for your support of my candidacy for Sequim School Board.

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## William Payne

(Nonpartisan)

No photo submitted

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** No information submitted

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## Sequim School District 323, Proposition No. 1

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS GENERAL  
OBLIGATION BONDS - \$49,300,000**

The Board of Sequim School District No. 323 adopted Resolution No. 06-2014/2015 concerning capital improvements to District facilities. This proposition authorizes the District to renovate Greywolf Elementary School to increase its capacity, repurpose Haller Elementary, construct a new elementary school, expand the capacity of Sequim High School, improve school safety and security, and make other capital improvements, and authorizes the District to issue \$49,300,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 06-2014/2015. Should this proposition be:

- [ ] Approved  
[ ] Rejected

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**Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 will authorize Sequim School District No. 323 to borrow \$49,300,000 by issuing general obligation bonds. In accordance with Resolution No. 06-2014/2015 approving this proposition, the bonds will pay for the construction, modernization, and remodeling of District facilities, build a new elementary school, repurpose Haller Elementary, renovations and additions to increase student capacity of Greywolf Elementary, adding six science classrooms, band room, and choir room to Sequim High School, renovating the Sequim High School "B" building, demolishing the Sequim Community School, and upgrading and renovating the District Base Kitchen and Maintenance Facility, all to support current and future educational programs for its students. The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of 20 years. The levy rate is estimated to be \$0.61/\$1,000 of assessed valuation, costing the typical homeowner (\$250,000 home) \$12.67 per month or \$152 per year.

**Statement prepared by:** David O. Thompson, K&L Gates LLP

**Argument For Proposition No. 1****Strong Schools Make Strong Communities**

Excellent schools benefit the community in diverse ways. They prepare our youth for their future roles as voters and leaders. They attract businesses, professionals, and families. They are an important factor in strong wages and property values.

Sequim Schools face challenges that cannot be resolved with state monies. The current conditions and lack of *real* classrooms is a reality that we cannot continue to ignore. Some buildings have exceeded their intended lifespan and haven't kept pace with mandated and real-world instructional requirements. The shortage of appropriate classrooms has forced the district to utilize 29 full time "*portable*" structures. The base kitchen is antiquated and inefficient in meeting the 1800 meals served daily.

Developed with broad community input, this bond addresses the most urgent problems. It provides *permanent* classroom space (particularly for our youngest students), getting children out of 27 of the portables. It delivers 6 new science classrooms appropriate to 21st Century learners at the high school, along with additional classrooms integrated back onto the campus. It provides viable classroom space for the district's alternative school and upgrades the base kitchen to benefit all of the students who rely on it each school day.

Further, this bond makes good economic sense. Permanent classrooms cost less to heat and maintain than temporaries. A base kitchen with energy-efficient equipment will afford ongoing operational savings.

This bond proposal is well-considered and affordable. Please vote "yes" and support our children, our community, and our future.

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**Argument Against Proposition No. 1**

No information submitted

**Gregory Colfax***(Nonpartisan)*No photo  
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## Cape Flattery School District 401 | Director District No. 4 | 4-year term

**Donald R. Baker***(Nonpartisan)*No photo  
submitted**Unopposed****Elected Experience:** No information submitted**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted**Education:** No information submitted**Community Service:** No information submitted**Statement:** No information submitted**Contact:** (360) 775-5011; rhodes360@yahoo.com

## Cape Flattery School District 401 | Director District No. 5 | 4-year term

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**Val James Giles**

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No photo submitted

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted  
**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted  
**Education:** No information submitted  
**Community Service:** No information submitted  
**Statement:** No information submitted  
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Quillayute Valley School District 402

Director District No. 3

4-year term

**Bill Rohde**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo submitted

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted  
**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted  
**Education:** No information submitted  
**Community Service:** No information submitted  
**Statement:** No information submitted  
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Quillayute Valley School District 402

Director District No. 5

4-year term

**Mike Reaves**

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**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted  
**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted  
**Education:** No information submitted  
**Community Service:** No information submitted  
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**James Lew McGill***(Nonpartisan)*No photo  
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**Statement:** No information submitted

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submitted**Unopposed****Elected Experience:** No information submitted**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted**Education:** No information submitted**Community Service:** No information submitted

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**Statement:** No information submitted

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### Fire District No. 1, Proposition No. 1

#### Proposition Authorizing Property Tax Levy

The Board of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 1 adopted Resolution No. 2015-051, concerning a proposition to fund District operations.

This proposition authorizes the District to establish a regular property tax levy of \$.75 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2016 and authorizes annual increases of up to 3% for each of the five succeeding years to fund a paid fire chief position and to maintain or increase staffing and service levels. The maximum allowable levy in 2020 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided in Chapter 84.55 RCW. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Approved

Rejected

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#### Explanatory Statement

Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 1 provides emergency fire protection and rescue services to its citizens. This proposition will authorize the District to establish its regular real property tax levy rate at \$.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and will establish an annual growth rate of three percent for the following five years. The District currently levies taxes at the rate of \$.41 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Approval of this measure will allow the District to cover operating expenses and to hire a full time paid fire chief, which the Board of Commissioners has determined is necessary not only to prevent a reduction in services but to maintain and improve the level of fire protection services.

If the levy is approved, the maximum tax per \$100,000 assessed valuation would not exceed \$75.00 per year in 2015 or approximately \$6.25 per month for fire protection and emergency medical services.

**Statement prepared by:** Brian K. Snure, Attorney for District

#### Argument For Proposition No. 1

What's the value of your home and your life? What do we get for our fire protection tax money? The proposed increase is not much when you consider these questions and consider the level of fire protection we have.

Fire District 1 which includes both Forks and Beaver has a Protection Class rating of 6 which is one of the highest ratings for a volunteer fire department. Many residents have been told to check with their homeowner insurance carriers because that high a rating often allows for lower rates and that's one value added service.

The tough thing is maintaining a high rating when the number of volunteers is dwindling. There are many duties performed by the volunteers including; fire responses, assistance with motor vehicle accidents, assistance at the hospital with additional medically trained personnel when required, and assistance by providing portable power and lighting when and where needed just to name part of what they do. And the number of responses has been increasing and has been averaging around 30 per month.

Most qualified people have jobs that take them out of the area each day during the daytime which currently leaves only 3 people on call and now makes it necessary to hire one full time person that will be available constantly. That person will be responsible to handle a majority of the maintenance and jobs that are currently spread between the volunteers when they are available.

**Argument prepared by:** Joe Wright, adwjoe@centurylink.net

#### Argument Against Proposition No. 1

No information submitted

### Fire District 2 | Commissioner No. 2 | 6-year term

**David R. Whitney**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo submitted

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** No information submitted

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## G. Michael Gawley

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** I have not run for office in Clallam County. I was appointed Fire Commissioner in February, 2014, after the resignation of a Board member, and I continue to serve today.

**Other Professional Experience:** I retired from the Federal Aviation Administration after 32 years as Air Traffic Controller and Management Support Specialist.

**Education:** Graduated from High School in 1962 and attended college at Penn State University, Oklahoma City University, University of Hawaii, Windward Community College, Honolulu Community College, and Pacific University. Plus, multiple fire service certifications completed locally.

**Community Service:** Volunteer Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, and Fire Commissioner with Clallam County District 3.

**Statement:** Being actively involved in many aspects of the Department for the past several years, I have come to understand and appreciate the complexity of our mission, and the requirements that must be met to properly serve the community at the level it deserves. We are a service organization, funded by, and directly responsible to, the taxpayers of Clallam County. As such, a Commissioner's job is to balance the needs of the people with the funds it requires to perform our services. I am very aware of where our funding comes from and strive to use those funds carefully to provide the utmost citizen protection available. My goal is to help guide the Department into the future by continuing to ensure quality service to the community through the use of dedicated, talented, and courageous individuals, top-notch training, and reliable equipment; all within the confines of a reasonable budget. Our Firefighters/EMTs/Medics are out there saving lives and property, and I am proud to be a part of this. With your support, I will be able to continue serving the Department and the citizens of Clallam County District 3.

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## Sean Ryan

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** I am Sean Ryan and I am running for Clallam County Fire District 3 commissioner. I am a husband and father of 3 and a resident of Clallam County for 20 years. I have owned and operated successful businesses for over 25 years. We moved here in 1995 to help my retired parents and to offer my family a lifestyle that only a community such as Clallam County can offer; beauty, safety, and a good education. I became a volunteer firefighter with Fire District 3 in 2007. I believe we have the best fire department on the peninsula.

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** Sean Ryan is a committed businessman that understands the demands of running a business while offering the best services to customers. Mr. Ryan believes there are similarities between running a business and a fire district. He believes that the number 1 priority is the community's service and 2 is making sure the public's investment is worth it. He wants to help the public be informed where their money goes and how it's spent.

The District has grown the past 25 years and with this increased they have expanded their fulltime coverage and vehicles. Sean believes the public needs to be informed of the purchases and the taxes they are asking as well as the administrative structure that these taxes pay for.

He saw changes within the district that cost money that should have more control. He believes the district's expenditures are outgrowing the service size and taxing income. Sean understands that there are wants and needs and the needs serve priority when providing service to the public and spending their money. District 3 needs better money management and Sean Ryan says he is the candidate that will be a true advocate for the people and a good team player.

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## Donna Kay Buck

*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo  
submitted

## Unopposed

**Elected Experience:** Past eight years as commissioner for Joyce-area Fire Protection District No. 4.

**Other Professional Experience:** Experienced in programming, budget, finance and data-base management; Retired after 41 years of teaching math and problem solving techniques.

**Education:** M.S. degree in Mathematics (1971); Western Washington State University, Bellingham; B.A.Ed. degree with mathematics major, science minor, WSU, Pullman

**Community Service:** Eight years as Commissioner for the Joyce Fire District No. 4; Former EMT (Emergency Medical Technician); Former member of Kitsap Search and Rescue.

**Statement:** I'm running for this office to help our volunteers and continue work that I have accomplished over the past eight years as commissioner. I want to use my skills to help with the most important parts of a Fire Commissioner's job: to oversee management and funding of the fire district. I have a financial and management background and some experience in Search and Rescue. My challenge will be in combining that experience with the activities of the fire district to help ensure the Joyce Fire Department continues its fine tradition of providing the best service possible for our community.

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**Glen McDaniel***(Nonpartisan)*No photo  
submitted**Unopposed****Elected Experience:** No information submitted**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted**Education:** No information submitted**Community Service:** No information submitted**Statement:** No information submitted**Contact:** (360) 963-2542

## Fire District 6 | Commissioner No. 1 | 2-year unexpired term

**Scott Horton***(Nonpartisan)*No photo  
submitted**Unopposed****Elected Experience:** No information submitted**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted**Education:** No information submitted**Community Service:** No information submitted**Statement:** No information submitted**Contact:** (360) 374-3215; scotthorton51@gmail.com

## Fire District 6 | Commissioner No. 3 | 6-year short and full term

**Tom Rosmond***(Nonpartisan)*No photo  
submitted**Unopposed****Elected Experience:** No information submitted**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted**Education:** No information submitted**Community Service:** No information submitted**Statement:** No information submitted**Contact:** (360) 374-7694; tomrosmond@3riversfire.org

## Melinda Griffith

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Elected Experience:** I was a member of this Board when the present SARC facility was conceived and built. I have held no other elected positions.

**Other Professional Experience:** I am a retired physical therapist and worked for the Olympic Medical Center for 31 years.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in History from San Francisco State College; Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from University of California Medical School in San Francisco; Certificate in Physical Therapy from University of California Medical School in San Francisco.

**Community Service:** Clallam County Park & Recreation District #1 (SARC) Board member.

**Statement:** I am running for re-election to the SARC Board because I am committed to seeing that this very valuable community asset is finally able to count on a secure source of funding to be able to continue serving the citizens in the areas of health, fitness and recreation. I favor the formation of the Metropolitan District proposal which will be on the ballot in August. SARC is one of the most significant features of life here in Sequim and one of the reasons many people have chosen to live here. SARC serves the entire spectrum of the community and with an exciting new partnership with the hospital in the planning stages, even more local citizens will benefit from the role SARC will play in community health and well being. Everyone benefits from the presence of SARC in the community whether we use it or not.

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## Unopposed

## Bill Jeffers

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Elected Experience:** Past Treasurer & Board Member, DGOA Home Owners Association

**Other Professional Experience:** Professional career included over 13 years with Bank of America (in branch management, loans, investments, and financial planning). In 2003, received promotion to "Daddy" of the sweetest girl in the world and "house husband" to my successful wife.

**Education:** EMT from North Seattle Community College (2001). Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and Human Resource Management from Central Washington University (1991).

**Community Service:** Maintenance & Architectural Committee for Homeowners Association, Habitat for Humanity volunteer in Seattle, Search & Rescue Team for Bank of America, Snohomish County Boys & Girls Club volunteer.

**Statement:** My family moved to Sequim in 1979. I grew up using every park and recreation facility in this area. I remember when SARC was built, then expanded. Having a love for this area, I moved back to Sequim with my wife to raise our own family.

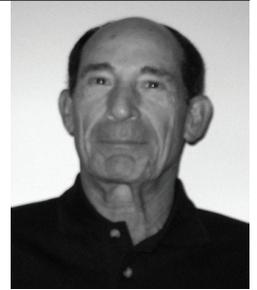
I have been a member of SARC on & off since it opened. I watched it evolve into the community center that it is today. In order for our community to thrive, it is vital that the SARC remains open and accessible, not just to members but to schools and other community organizations. This is part of the attraction and draw of living in Sequim.

Regardless if SARC becomes part of a Metro Park District or not, this will be an interesting year. If an MPD does not pass, then I plan bring fresh ideas and new energy to the Board. Not only does my professional experience lend the expertise for a much needed full review of the historical financial data, along with current income, expenses and budget forecasting, but I have the vision and desire to achieve the best possible outcome for this community in a way that is transparent and honest.

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## Gill R. Goodman

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Elected Experience:** Commissioner, Clallam County Parks & Recreation District: 2010 - present.

**Other Professional Experience:** Graduate, Coast Guard Academy; whose career consisted of shipboard duty and as an electronics engineer designing/managing/maintaining Loran electronic navigational stations from the Far East to Europe. Commanding Officer of two major Coast Guard units. Retired as a Captain in 1986. After retirement, project manager on a contract to repair/maintain all electronics equipment on Coast Guard stations/boats in California. Relocated to Sequim in 1997.

**Education:** BS In Engineering; US Coast Guard Academy; MS In Electrical Engineering; US Naval Postgraduate School

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** I believe the Sequim Aquatic Recreation Center (SARC) is a very valuable asset to Sequim and the surrounding area. Its continuing viability thru a long term financial solution should be the community's #1 recreational issue. As a Commissioner for the past 5 years, I believe SARC's mission is "to provide aquatic and recreational services for the public in the most efficient, safe, clean, and cost effective manner possible". I believe SARC has met/exceeded all its mission goals. As an avid gym user, I have been continually impressed with SARC when compared to other athletic/fitness facilities (both military and civilian) I have utilized during the past 60+ years. Well Done SARC!! If elected, I will do all I can to ensure SARC continues to be a wonderful community asset.

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**Jan L. Richardson**

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted  
**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted  
**Education:** No information submitted  
**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** My name is Jan Richardson, 75 years old, I'm, currently Commissioner #5 on Clallam County Park and Recreation Dist. #1's, (SARC) board of Commissioners. I'm asking to represent you for another 4 years.

Over the past 10 years, while a member of SARC and serving on its Board for the past three and a half years, I've written dozens of published articles, pro/con on SARC's management's responsibility to the community, to keep you informed!

As a property owner, a publicly elected official, my agenda has always been: to promote the best value for our tax dollar as practical! My preference in politics: tell the taxpayers the truth, it our dollars!

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**Quillayute Valley Park and Recreation Dist.** |

**Commissioner Pos. No. 3** |

4-year short and full term

**David Gedlund**

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted  
**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted  
**Education:** No information submitted  
**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** No information submitted

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## Nedra Reed

*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo  
submitted

## Unopposed

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

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**Statement:** No information submitted

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## Gordon Gibbs

*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo  
submitted

## Unopposed

**Elected Experience:** 5 years Park and Rec. District Commissioner Position #5

**Other Professional Experience:** Retired Professional Forester and Administrator for Dept. of Natural Resources managing a variety of programs and staff. Teach management classes through Gibbs Consulting.

**Education:** Washington State University, BS Forest Management degree. Washington Management System curriculum.

**Community Service:** Leadership positions; St. Ann's Church, Westend Business and Profession Association, Chamber of Commerce, Relay for Life, etc.

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**Statement:** I wish to continue to assist the Park and Rec. Board providing services for all ages in health, fitness, recreation, and education for our area with District facilities.

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**Sarah Martinez**

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted  
**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted  
**Education:** No information submitted  
**Community Service:** No information submitted

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**Statement:** No information submitted

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**Albert Friess**

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** Commissioner Sunland Water District. 2 terms Corning School Board. 2 terms City Councilman, City of Corning, NY. 2 terms as Mayor of Corning, NY.

**Other Professional Experience:** 35 years Corning Incorporated. Consumer Products Division. Worldwide, management positions, Sales/marketing and business development.

**Education:** Attended Public Schools Bronx NY. Graduate of Evander Childs HS . Attended, Manhattan College.

**Community Service:** US Navy Vet. Community Service Award 2001 Corning Chamber, 2012,2013 from Sequim-Dungeness Chamber Commerce. Member, Sequim Sunrise Rotary Club. Scholarship Chairman, Sequim Education Foundation. Volunteer, Greywolf Elementary School. Performer /Volunteer, Reader's Theatre. Former Board member,volunteer Olympic Theatre Arts. KSQM/FM. Annual participant, VBS @ Faith Lutheran Church.

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**Statement:** My "motto"  
 I shall pass this way but once.....therefore any good that I can do..... any kindness I can share let me do it now....for I shall not pass this way again

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