

Candidate Profile
For Port Ludlow District Drainage Commissioner



My name is Allen Uyeda and I am running for election to the position of District Drainage Commissioner for Port Ludlow, WA. I have resided in Port Ludlow since my retirement from Civil Engineering duties with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway in 1999. My interest in this position began last year (2012) during a sizeable debate revolving around the feasibility of a proposed drainage improvement plan for an area called the Rainier Trail in Port Ludlow. As a result of extended discussion by citizens of Port Ludlow who were opposed to the project, the plan was discarded. One of the three commissioners at that time, then resigned and I was approached to fill in the remaining one year term of the resigning commissioner. After discussion with the remaining commission members, I was selected and have served out the last year.

My qualifications for working with drainage are as follows: I worked 20 of my years with the BNSF in the Engineering Dept. Duties centered on civil engineering field work, including surveying bridge and building locations as well as locations of and elevations for roadways, railroad tracks, sewer systems and bridges. We were also responsible for checking and confirming land surveys of property to include situational surveys for existing drainage conditions and proposed drainage solutions.

My remaining 13 years with BNSF were in the Real Estate and Land Department. Duties there included sale of land, preparation of deeds, reading and writing legal parcel descriptions. At retirement from the BNSF I was the manager of original acquisition land manuals and records.

I have never held a political office before but working with the Drainage Commission over the past year has shown me that there is reason to seek office if there is a way to use ones' expertise to provide a benefit to the public. I would be honored to be elected in order to continue serving on the Port Ludlow Drainage District.