

# General Election

## November 5, 2019

Edition 1 - Tacoma and West Pierce County



Pierce County  
Official Local  
Voters' Pamphlet

Look for  
your ballot  
October 18 - 21.



2020 CENSUS  
*you count*

# 10 MINUTES 10 QUESTIONS 10 YEARS OF IMPACT

The 2020 Census is a once in a decade opportunity to influence decisions that directly affect your daily life. Census numbers are used to understand the local population and determine funding for everyday resources like preschool programs, health care, transportation and affordable housing. Visit [www.PierceCountyCensus.org](http://www.PierceCountyCensus.org) to learn more.

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# What's Inside

This pamphlet contains all races and issues that are on the ballot for this election in Tacoma and West Pierce County. Your ballot will contain only the races and issues that you are eligible to vote on based on where you live.

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Open 24-hours from Oct. 18 through Nov. 5. Drop boxes close at 8 PM on Nov. 5.

## **Anderson Island**

Anderson Island  
Park & Ride  
Yoman Rd (near Villa Beach Rd)  
Anderson Island 98303

## **Ashford**

Ashford County Park  
29801 SR 706  
Ashford 98304

## **Bonney Lake**

Bonney Lake  
Park & Ride  
Sky Island Dr E & 184th Ave E  
Bonney Lake 98391

## **Browns Point/ Northeast Tacoma**

NE Police Substation  
4731 Norpoint Way NE  
Tacoma 98422

## **Buckley**

Buckley Library  
123 S River Rd  
Buckley 98321

## **DuPont**

DuPont Ross Plaza  
1500 Wilmington Dr  
DuPont 98327

## **Eatonville**

Barney's Corner  
40512 Meridian E  
Eatonville 98328

Eatonville Town Hall  
201 Center St W  
Eatonville 98328

## **Edgewood**

Edgewood City Hall  
2224 104th Ave E  
Edgewood 98372

## **Fife**

Fife City Hall  
5411 23rd St E  
Fife 98424

## **Fircrest**

Fircrest City Hall  
115 Ramsdell St  
Fircrest 98466

## **Fox Island**

Fox Island Fire Station 53  
906 Kamus Dr  
Fox Island 98333

## **Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula**

Gig Harbor Fire Station  
6711 Kimball Dr  
Gig Harbor 98335

Gig Harbor Library   
4424 Point Fosdick Dr NW  
Gig Harbor 98335

Home Park   
17220 8th Ave NW  
Lakebay 98349

Key Center Food Market  
9021 Key Peninsula Hwy NW  
Lakebay 98349

Lake Kathryn Food Market  
14220 92nd Ave NW  
Gig Harbor 98329

Purdy Fire Station  
5210 144th St NW  
Gig Harbor 98332

## **Graham**

Graham Fire & Rescue  
Station 91  
10012 187th St E  
Puyallup 98375

## **Lakewood**

Lakewood City Hall  
6000 Main St SW  
Lakewood 98499

Lakewood (SR 512)  
Park & Ride  
10417 South Tacoma Way  
Lakewood 98499

## **Milton**

Milton City Hall  
1000 Laurel St  
Milton 98354

## **Orting**

Orting Public Safety Building  
401 Washington Ave SE  
Orting 98360

## **Parkland/Spanaway**

Parkland/Spanaway Library  
13718 Pacific Ave S  
Tacoma 98444

Roy Y Park & Ride  
SR 507 and Pacific Ave S  
Spanaway 98387

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## Puyallup/South Hill

Puyallup Library  
324 South Meridian  
Puyallup 98371

Skookum Archers  
11209 Shaw Rd E  
Puyallup 98374

South Hill Library  
15420 Meridian E  
Puyallup 98375

## Roy

Roy City Hall  
216 McNaught Rd S  
Roy 98580

## South Prairie

South Prairie Fire Department  
350 Highway 162  
South Prairie 98385

## Steilacoom

Steilacoom Library  
2950 Steilacoom Blvd  
Steilacoom 98388

## Summit

Summit Library  
5107 112th St E  
Tacoma 98446

## Sumner

Sumner Library  
1116 Fryer Ave  
Sumner 98390

## Tacoma

72nd St Transit Center  
1319 E 72nd St  
Tacoma 98404

Central District  
902 S L St  
Tacoma 98405

Community Health Care  
at Salishan  
1708 E 44th St  
Tacoma 98404

Kandle Park Police Substation  
(parking lot)  
5140 N 26th St  
Tacoma 98407

Pierce County Annex  
2401 S 35th St  
Tacoma 98409

Puyallup Tribal Administration **New!**  
3009 Portland Ave  
Tacoma 98404

Tacoma Area Coalition of  
Individuals with Disabilities  
6315 S 19th St  
Tacoma 98466

Wapato Park  
S 72nd St & S Ainsworth Ave  
Tacoma 98408

Wheelock Library **New!**  
3722 N 26th St  
Tacoma 98407

## Tillicum

Tillicum Community Center  
14916 Washington Ave SW  
Lakewood 98498

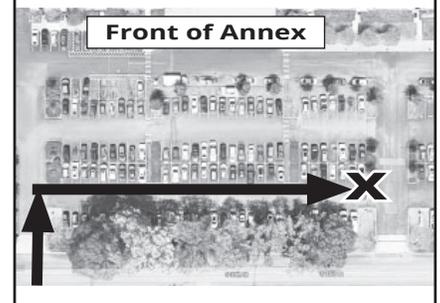
## University Place

West Pierce Fire & Rescue  
3631 Drexler Dr W  
University Place 98466

## Wilkeson

Wilkeson Town Hall  
540 Church St  
Wilkeson 98396

**Pierce County Annex  
Drop Box moved to  
new location in  
parking lot!**



# Not registered to vote?

## To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington state.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

## Three ways to register:

- Online - [VoteWa.gov](http://VoteWa.gov)
- By mail - Call us at (253) 798-VOTE and we will mail you a form.
- In person - Pierce County Election Center, 2501 S 35<sup>th</sup> St, Suite C, Tacoma, WA 98409  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM,  
**Election Day, 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

## Registration deadlines:

Election Date	Online and By mail	In person
November 5, 2019 General	October 28, 2019	November 5, 2019

## Can persons with felony convictions vote in Washington?

**Yes.** After you have completed your incarceration and any required community custody, you may register to vote. This is true even if you still have legal financial obligations (fees or fines).

Simply register to vote online at [VoteWa.gov](http://VoteWa.gov).

Not sure of your legal status? Call the Department of Corrections to confirm that your are no longer in custody: 1-800-430-9674.

Thank you for being a Pierce County Voter!

### Felony Screening

The Secretary of State uses information provided by DOC and the state court system to screen the list of registered voters for felons under DOC custody.

# Who donates to campaigns?

For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov).

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



# Need help?

## The Voting Center opens 18 days prior to the Election.

### Hours:

Open Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Extended hours on Election Day  
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Pierce County Elections Voting Center  
2501 S 35th St, Suite C  
Tacoma, WA 98409

### Services:

- Register to vote.
- Update voter registration.
- Get a ballot and vote.
- Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or miss-marked ballots.
- Disability assistance — Large font, color contrast, and audible ballot options.

### Questions?

(253) 798-VOTE (8683)

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## Libraries Become Points of Assistance on Election Day.

The Pierce County Library System, Tacoma Public Library, and the Puyallup Public Library have volunteered to be Points of Assistance on Election Day. That's 27 library branches!



If you are unable to reach our Voting Center on Election Day, visit a library. These libraries have volunteered to function as conduits for voter services. They'll be ready to help you with registration, replacement ballots and voting. Think of library staff as knowledgeable, friendly, election helpers.

### Hours:

Libraries will be available during their regular business hours up until 8 PM to help and assist voters on November 5, 2019 only.

### Questions?

(253) 798-VOTE (8683)

### Services:

- Register to vote.
- Update voter registration.
- Get a ballot and vote.
- Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or miss-marked ballots.
- Get a voters' pamphlet.

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## Disability Assistance



Center for Independence  
(253) 582-1253 (voice)  
(800) 724-8172

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center  
(253) 475-0782 (voice)  
(253) 474-1748 (TTY)  
(253) 292-2209 (videophone)

Tacoma Area Coalition of  
Individuals with Disabilities  
(253) 565-9000 (voice)  
711 (TTY)

# Port of Tacoma - Commissioner, Position No. 3



## Deanna Keller

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**Elected Experience:** President (former), Broadway Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees

**Other Professional Experience:** President, KelTech Plastics 2008-present; Principal, Park Lodge Elementary

in Clover Park School District 2006-2008 and Woodland Elementary in Puyallup School District 1998-2006. Assistant Principal, Stahl Junior High 1997-1998. Puyallup School District Music Program Coordinator 1993-1997. U.S. Marine Corps 1983-1988.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Western Washington University; Masters Degree, Northwestern University; Ph.D. candidate, Catholic University of America

**Community Service:** Northwest Maritime Trade Association, Tacoma Sister Cities Program, Transportation Club, Tacoma Propeller Club, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, Goodwill Industries Business Advisory Council

**Statement:** We must do everything possible to *protect the value of our Port by increasing family-wage jobs, improving worker safety, upgrading roads and bridges which provide Port access, and reducing congestion on area highways. We must keep the Port of Tacoma an asset for future generations.*

The Port must have a proven leader as it also faces contentious and challenging issues. We must ensure those *living and working in our Port area are safe, and we must always work hard to improve our water, air and environment.*

*As a US Marine, I proudly served this nation and learned the value of leadership, integrity and commitment. As a small business owner, I have created family-wage jobs in a safe, healthy environment. As an educator, I have worked with a broad cross-section of the community to accomplish goals on a limited budget through collaboration and inclusiveness. As a Port Commissioner, I will listen and work in partnership to get things done. Thank you for your consideration.*

*Endorsements from the Tacoma Longshore Union, Tacoma Firefighters and leaders like former US Congressman Norm Dicks, Pierce County Executive Dammeier, former State Representative Seaquist and Port Commissioner Don Johnson. More at [www.deannakeller.com](http://www.deannakeller.com)*

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## Frank Boykin

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**Elected Experience:** Precinct Committee Officer – Elected 2014.

**Other Professional Experience:** Enterprise Account Manager/Executive, National, Regional and Small Business Development at United

Parcel Service. United Parcel Service Business Development Transportation Executive for Amazon (UPS's largest Northwest client). Frequent community speaker throughout Washington State.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri.

**Community Service:** World Affairs Council Tacoma; President-Elect Pierce College Foundation Board of Directors; Board of Directors–American Leadership Forum (ALF) of Tacoma/Pierce County; UPS Ambassador of the Year - Congressional Awareness Team; Commissioner, University Place Planning Commission; Washington State Commission on African American Affairs; Trustee - Annie Wright School.

**Statement:** Frank Boykin is running for Port Commissioner because he wants to use his qualifications and experience to positively impact our community. Frank cares deeply about issues that mean the most to us – safeguarding family-wage jobs, protecting our environment and building a vibrant business climate in the new era.

As Vice Chair of the University Place Planning Commission, Frank Boykin has worked tirelessly creating a framework to attract business growth while preserving our unique quality of life. And as a UPS executive, he's managed shipping and transportation throughout the Northwest and globally for more than 25 years.

With your support, Frank Boykin will bring innovative, positive changes to the Port of Tacoma. As an accomplished business executive, worldwide transportation and logistics professional and community leader, Frank encourages collaboration to achieve tangible results, and has a track record in doing so.

We can count on Frank Boykin to bring his passion, curiosity, expertise, servant's heart and spirit of partnership to "the Port." Your vote is important for the future of our great Port of Tacoma. Please support Frank Boykin -- his is the informed, upward new voice needed at our Port of Tacoma. Thank you.

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# Port of Tacoma - Commissioner, Position No. 5



## Kristin Ang

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**Elected Experience:** Proudly running to serve for the first time.

**Other Professional Experience:** Business Attorney; Clean Energy Group; While at the University of Hong Kong, I worked at U.S. Commercial Service helping U.S. companies enter the Chinese market.

commercial Service helping U.S. companies enter the Chinese market.

**Education:** Juris Doctor, Cornell Law School; University of Hong Kong and Kenneth Wang School of Law focus on international law, business and trade; BA Business Administration, University of Puget Sound; Bellarmine Preparatory High School; Harbor Heights Elementary Gig Harbor.

**Community Service:** Board President of City Club of Tacoma; Pro-bono legal work and advocacy; Filipino American Lawyers of Washington.

**Statement:** The Port of Tacoma needs a new generation of leaders who will embrace our changing global economy and directly face challenges. As your commissioner, I will work to *improve relations with the community* including the Puyallup Tribe, labor, business, and local governments. I will provide *strong environmental and economic stewardship* that will strengthen our trade and maritime industry. Also, I will *support new businesses and industries providing family wage jobs*. To do this, the Port must connect our educational institutions and research centers to Port-related industries, modernize infrastructure, and expand community access to Port-related opportunities and jobs.

While studying abroad, I experienced firsthand China's heavy pollution. We must preserve the beauty, quality of life, and natural resources of our Pacific NW. I will act to reduce underwater noise and air pollution, improve water quality, and increase shore power technology.

*I am opposed to increasing the Port's property taxes.* The Port must be accountable and benefit all Pierce County. I'll ensure that heavy polluters are held responsible for their share of cleanup. Taxpayers should never have to bail out irresponsible corporations.

I ask for your vote to help shape the vision for our Port.

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## Dave Bryant

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**Elected Experience:** Pierce County Precinct Committee Officer.

**Other Professional Experience:** US Navy retired (1974-2001). Ship based fighter pilot (1974-1992). Executive Officer USS Enterprise (1993-1996);

Captain USS Supply (1996-1998). Captain USS Theodore Roosevelt CVN71 (1998-2001); Boeing Kent engineering and business development (2001-present).

**Education:** MBA University of Washington; Graduate Nuclear Power School, Top Gun, Test Pilot School, War College; MS Physics; MS Aero; BA Physics.

**Community Service:** 3 decades Navy service; taught English as a second language; served on a crisis line and food banks; and currently on Pierce County Surface Water Advisory Board and nonprofit Theodore Roosevelt Association Board.

**Statement:** An international port is an increasingly competitive business. In my 27 years in the navy, I've worked with ports worldwide including Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, Dubai, Turkey, Italy, etc. I know sea-ports; I know what it takes to keep our port competitive.

Our port is our economic engine. A Boeing employee, I know import/export businesses need a strong port and skilled labor. We must focus on family-wage job growth by attracting new customers to our thriving international port. These jobs are the basis for Pierce County's economy. To compete with other west coast ports, the Panama Canal and British Columbia, our port must have: Ready access to port navigation and pierside services; Environmental protections meeting high US standards; Safe and expeditious cargo offload and onload; Unimpeded train and truck cargo transport.

I will work to keep a modern, competitive port, provide more family-wage jobs, and greater community outreach. I ask for your vote so we can work together to make our port more competitive while making it a cleaner and safer contributor to our environment.

Dave and Michele have three daughters and one granddaughter and live in the Pierce County community of Lake Tapps.

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Four-Year Levy Lid Lift for Paramedic Services

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

DuPont City Council adopted ordinance 19-1067 concerning an increase in the City's regular property tax rate for a four (4) year period. Proposition 1 would provide funding for Paramedic Services within the City. Regular property tax levy would increase by \$0.66 per \$1000 assessed value beginning in 2020; and for the ensuing years the limit factor shall be set at 104%. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement

Currently, the City of DuPont Fire Department (DFD) responds with Emergency Medical Technicians/Fire Fighters providing only Basic Life Support services. Advanced Life Support services, including but not limited to, airway management, advanced cardiac care, treatment of diabetic emergencies, and administration of medications for patient comfort and lifesaving intervention can only be provided by Paramedics. Proposition 1 creates a funding source for DFD to provide Paramedic services. DFD based Paramedic/Fire Fighters would perform a dual role by providing Advanced Life Support services and all other fire fighter duties alongside current staff.

If approved by the voters, the regular property tax levy would increase by \$0.66 per \$1,000 assessed value for the first year with a limit factor of 104% for the ensuing years per RCW 85.55.050(2)(a). Revenue collected will be for hiring/training Paramedics and a Training/Medical Services Officer and required equipment and physician oversight to develop, maintain, and enhance a DFD Paramedic Program.

Statement For

The DuPont Fire Department needs your support and encourages you to Vote Yes for the Paramedic Levy Prop 1. Currently, our fire department operates with Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) that can only provide basic life support services. An increased volume of medical calls and a drastic decline in the availability of private ambulance services have resulted in a delay to citizens receiving the advanced life support services they require before being transported to the hospital. By voting Yes, the DuPont Fire Department will provide paramedic training to current personnel and hire additional paramedics to properly serve the citizens of DuPont. By voting yes, the DuPont Fire Department will be able to provide you and your neighbors a higher level of emergency service and make our city a safer place to live. Invest in a Safer DuPont, Vote Yes for Paramedics.

Statement Against

Citizens of DuPont need and deserve a financially sustainable ALS staffing plan. The DuPont Fire Fighters union have requested this ballot measure and proposed their staffing model for ALS. There are other cost-effective staffing models that the union has not presented as an option.

EMS Levy Funds should be used to staff an Ambulance not a fire engine. Pierce County municipalities and Fire Districts that have an EMS Levy use those levy funds to staff an ambulance to provide Basic and Advanced Life Support. DuPont EMS Levy produces \$761,159 annually. These funds can provide four firefighters/paramedics to staff the ambulance; this is sufficient for DuPont's ALS needs.

Citizens cannot trust this city administration or union to provide a viable ALS staffing plan. The turmoil and misinformation of the past two years clearly shows the need for a transparent process that facilitates citizen input to compare all options to provide ALS staffing. Demand EMS funds staff the ambulance instead of staffing the fire engine. Otherwise, in 4 years, the City will be back asking for more, it won't just be \$0.66/\$1000.

Vote No for the 5th time. Demand fiscal responsibility and a transparent process.

Rebuttal of Statement Against

Proposition 1 is vital to providing the citizens of DuPont with the rapid emergency response, and advanced medical care, they deserve. Approving Proposition 1 ensures a swift and systematic paramedic response to priority one calls at a cost much lower than neighboring communities. Experts in both local and nationwide emergency services, conclude that staffing paramedics on both the fire truck and ambulances are best practice. Vote Yes on Proposition 1 to ensure a safer DuPont.

Committee Member: Kelly Limata,
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DuPont Citizens for Paramedics

Rebuttal of Statement For

This levy ties tax dollars to a permanent plan, which would eliminate all other options for paramedic services. Taxpayers are asking for an open and transparent process, with stabilized leadership, that allows citizens to assist in crafting a sustainable paramedic program. We support the need for paramedics. If this is the best plan, why is it only for 4 years? Just like with the warehouses, why doesn't the city listen and involve citizens. Vote No

Committee Members: David Bungert, Gary Allen, and
Robert Farrell, DupontProp1NO@gmail.com,
https://www.facebook.com/DuPontProp1/
DuPont Prop 1 No



## Ronald Frederick

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**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Ten Years U.S. Navy SEAL Officer/ Vietnam Combat Veteran. Eighteen Years Financial Services Private Sector. Fourteen Years Social Security Administration (retired 2011). Six Years Washington Secretary of State Corporations Division (retired 2019). Three Years Adjunct Professor of Ethics Chapman University Lacey (2008-2011)

**Education:** Steilacoom Schools (K-8) and Lakes High School. BA Political Science, University of Washington, MBA National University, San Diego, California

**Community Service:** Chairperson DuPont Sequalitchew Creek Committee 2010-2011. Various Leadership Positions Oberlin Congregational Church Steilacoom (1979-2016), Board of Directors Tacoma Children's Home Society, Boy Scouts of America-Eagle Scout and Regional Advisor

**Statement:** Why should I be your mayor? I am grounded here. I grew up here attending Steilacoom Schools and have lived in DuPont 19 years. My children and grandchildren live in DuPont. I gained leadership experience through various occupations (private sector, state and federal government). I am a combat veteran and served ten years as a Navy SEAL.

As an ethics professor I taught my students that the ends do not justify the means. In city government, the citizens do not work for the mayor, but rather the mayor is a servant of the citizens. DuPont should be a great small town with a focus on safety, children, and the gifts of nature and history. To insure this happens, I need your help. As mayor, I will listen and present pro and con options. I will not belittle you or your opinion. I will lead in a way that makes you proud.

I am aware that DuPont citizens have spent considerable time and money to keep their own city government from circumventing the city code and comprehensive plan. Working with you, I intend to create a new spirit of partnership. I would be honored to have your vote.

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## Mike Courts

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**Elected Experience:** DuPont City Council 2012-2015, Mayor 2016-Present

**Other Professional Experience:** U.S. Army 30 years, retired Colonel; Army Aviator in variety of command and staff positions, including; Battalion and Brigade Commander, Chief of Staff 1st Infantry Division, Deputy Chief of Staff I Corps. Four deployments, two each to Bosnia and Iraq. Ski Instructor Summit at Snoqualmie

**Education:** Clover Park High School; BS, West Point; MA, Webster University (Management); MA, US Army War College, (Strategic Studies)

**Community Service:** Active in Christ Lutheran Church in Lakewood, WA, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars

**Statement:** I am honored to serve as Mayor and proud of what we accomplished. We increased Public Safety and other services without increasing taxes. Using innovative solutions, we are restoring our sidewalks and replacing trees where needed, without tax increases. Our actions after the tragic December 2017 Amtrak derailment were recognized as a model of civic disaster response. We created a public off-leash area primarily through volunteer fundraising. We increased government effectiveness by moving to a biennial (2-year) budget. Over three years of negotiations with Amazon resulted in a new Wharf Road entrance/exit with trucks off Center Drive. Commercial growth in DuPont is bringing jobs, economic activity and additional resources to our City. The combined efforts of citizens, volunteers, staff and elected officials updated our municipal code to better protect our quality of life and sensitive areas. We began the process of cleaning contamination from historic and recreational sites in Old Fort Lake to eventually make these available for public use. DuPont has come a long way, but we have farther to go. Together, we can preserve the best of our city while continuing to move forward and make it even better. I ask for your vote.

**For More Information:**  
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### Penny Coffey

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**Elected Experience:** 16 years DuPont City Council; 6 years Deputy Mayor; Association of Washington Cities Certified and Advanced Certified Municipal Leadership Certification. Council Liaison to Steilacoom Historical School District; City representative to Pierce County Regional Council.

**Other Professional Experience:** 40 years business finance experience.

**Education:** Walla Walla University; El Centro College-Business Major.

**Community Service:** Community Volunteer; Past President of DuPont Lions Club; Friends of the DuPont Library member; DuPont Historical Society member; Lakewood Republican Womens Club; Daughters of the American Revolution; former Planning Commission member.

**Statement:** It is my privilege to represent you on the DuPont City Council. The City has accomplished much because of a collaborative spirit on the Council. I am a critical thinker, willing to ask tough questions, but also a team player willing to support good decisions.

Public Safety continues to be my top priority. Increase staffing and services for our citizens. The Police and Fire Departments have recruited new leadership which are working to ensure services keep pace with the growth and changes in our community.

I have always stood firm on the prohibition of warehouse distribution in the Old Fort Lake area. The City has embarked on a major effort to solve the sidewalk and street tree issues. The City is using a cost-effective system to repair or replace sidewalk panels. Major improvements have been made to neighborhood parks including new restrooms at lafrati park. The City effectively lobbied the State Legislature and received major capital project funding for improvements to DuPont-Steilacoom Road.

The City Council and Planning Commission continue to work for a DuPont which is a great place to live, work and play. I ask for your vote.

**For More Information:**  
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pcoffey1@comcast.net



## Kendralee Harris

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**Elected Experience:** none

**Other Professional Experience:**

Employment history includes Medical Assistant and Clinical Office Management, Office Manager/Paralegal to a Law Office, City of DuPont Staff and

currently employed with the State of Washington House of Representatives.

**Education:** Associates of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies

**Community Service:** Appointed to the DuPont Parks and Committee 2017 to 2018, DuPont Youth Committee, DuPont Police and Fire Departments Volunteer, Northwest Landing ROA Volunteer, Volunteer for the United States Army 5th Group Special Forces FRG/AER/Chaplin fundraisers, Coach for Youth Sports, and Volunteer for School Student related activities.

**Statement:** When my family and I first moved to DuPont we immediately fell in love with its beauty and charm, I am proud to say I have spent countless hours volunteering in our great town from organizing Police appreciation events, to building Haunted Houses, to planning and facilitating teen and youth activities, to helping pick up trash and planting trees.

As our town continues to grow, we need engaged leadership that has the best interests of the residents in mind. From transportation to public safety, warehouses and truck traffic, taxes and jobs, I am ready to take on the hard topics and represent the interests of DuPont residents as we move forward into a time when commercial and residential developers seek to take advantage of an economy that has grown around us.

DuPont needs a City Council member who is energetic and fair minded, who has a servant's heart and doesn't mind getting active in the community, who understands the special complexities of a military family, and is a working parent committed to making DuPont the best place in Washington to raise a family. I believe that person is me, and I hope to earn your vote.

**For More Information:**

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## Lee Chase

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**Elected Experience:** None except elected to an "at-large" position on my church council

**Other Professional Experience:**

45 years State Service retiring as a Therapies Supervisor; 21 years in

the Volunteer Fire Service retiring as Fire Chief; FEMA ICS Instructor at Pierce County Department of Emergency Management, Pierce County Hospital Coalition representative, WRPA Sub-Committee Board member

**Education:** BA, Recreation Administration and Planning (emphasis on special populations), UW

**Community Service:** DuPont Parks Agency, the DuPont Mayor's ALS Task Force 2017, various City of DuPont volunteer projects with Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and the Historical Museum; Christ Lutheran Church (Social Concerns and Personnel Committees); World Vision warehouse volunteer

**Statement:** As a resident of DuPont for almost 40 years, who has lived in both NWL and the Historical Village, I have a unique perspective on the growth and changes that the city has gone through. For the last several years, I've been often found listening at City Council meetings and workshops. Listening to and bringing people together to meet common goals has been a thread throughout my professional career and I will continue do the same with the residents and the city government if elected.

At this time, I see the City faced with these issues: Accountability: As a Council member, I should hold the City administration accountable and be held accountable for my actions by the citizens; Quality of Life: Working together as a community deciding what amenities are important, how to treasure them and diversifying our economic landscape; Fiscal Responsibility: Even though the City has "rainy day" fund, due to economic uncertainty I believe we need to use caution when considering capital projects; Sustainability of City Infrastructure: I believe that we should be more responsible with the maintenance of our current infrastructure before building new facilities.

Please vote for Lee Chase in this election....thanks

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## Kevin Andre White

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**Elected Experience:** Elected as a Leader and promoted as a Security Forces Chief Master Sergeant (E-9) in the USAF; Selected to DTRA/CTR to secure Russian WMD; Elected by wife's husband.

**Other Professional Experience:** University of Phoenix Facilitator; Consultant for CGOs, SNCOs, NCOs, Airmen, and the Washington Border Patrol, etc; Air Force Special Operations Command SF Superintendent.

**Education:** Doctorate of Management in Organizational Leadership (3.94 GPA); MA in Homeland Security (3.97 GPA); BA in Criminal Justice (4.0 GPA); AA in Security Administration (4.0 GPA); ASIS International, CPP.

**Community Service:** American Legion Service Officer; Dupont Beautification Volunteer; Chinese student family.

**Statement:** *Team DuPont:*

*I have resided in DuPont since 2008 and I stand ready to help elected officials ensure our city remains prosperous, safe, and beautiful throughout the 21st century. I am a transformational and transactional leader directed on making a Team DuPont that will become the model of how cities must be managed in the United States. In accomplishing this task my overarching goal is to make wise team-oriented decisions that uplifts our residents and brightens their futures. In order to make the best community decisions, I will solicit feedback both horizontally and vertically in which every resident is allowed to openly provide input into decisions. I will also use my 38 years of combined public service as a United States Air Force Security Forces (i.e., military police) leader, University of Phoenix (UOPX) facilitator, Consultant, and my UOPX Doctorate of Management in Organizational Leadership knowledge to enhance our city government and multicultural city.*

*In closing, I basically stand for Team DuPont and Team America and I am prepared to help our elected team lead the way to continued city success!*

*Please contact me Anytime...at home or while I'm driving the white Mustang or 300C.*

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## Kevin Ballard

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**Elected Experience:** Current Position 6 Councilmember.

**Other Professional Experience:** DuPont small business owner. Retired US Army 22 years. Aviator, Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) 1998-2010. Combat deployments to Middle East, Afghanistan, and Philippines. Humanitarian service Honduras 2010-2011. Police Officer, Union City, CA 1987-1990.

**Education:** Bellarmine College Preparatory, CA '81, Santa Clara University, American River College POST degree/certification 1987, Embry-Riddle Professional Aeronautics. Certification training: Land Use, Budget, Community Outreach, and City Planning (AWC).

**Community Service:** DuPont Planning Commission Chairman. Precinct Committee Officer. American Legion Post 53. Military Officers Association of America. Council liaison: Planning Commission, Planning and Public Works Committee.

**Statement:** I moved to DuPont in 2007 and recognized immediately that DuPont was very special and close-knit, having a rich historic heritage and immense natural beauty. Leaving military life, I sought opportunities to improve DuPont, volunteering for the Planning Commission, ultimately becoming chairperson. My accomplishments include providing language and voting for city ordinance prohibiting distribution warehouses on the Old Fort Lake development and simplifying the land use determination appeals process in our city.

My primary focus is public safety. I seek to improve commercial traffic enforcement, eliminate gridlock for residents, public safety entities and business during traffic events on I-5, support the addition of paramedics to DFD and support Team DPD efforts reducing crime in DuPont.

As your Councilmember, I currently work closely with citizens improving and protecting our natural resources. My vision is to restore the Edmonds Marsh and Sequelitchew creek to its' original splendor.

In February/March 2019 I applied for, and was appointed to, Position 6. I currently serve the citizens of DuPont as *your* Position 6 Councilmember. *Our* work has just begun. I am *your* voice and highly respect this honor. I ask *we* continue together and that you elect me to Position 6!

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# Fircrest

## Council, Position No. 3



### Brett L. Wittner

**Elected Experience:** Fircrest City Council: November 2015 - Present. Washington State Bar Association Executive Committee for Creditor-Debtor Rights Section: 2012 - 2015.

**Other Professional Experience:** Attorney at Morton McGoldrick, PLLC: 2018 - Present. Attorney at Kent & Wittner, P.S.: 2005 - 2018.

**Education:** University of Puget Sound, B.A. Politics and Government, 1992. Seattle University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1997.

**Community Service:** Volunteer attorney for Sisters of Hope and Brothers of Faith Cancer Support Groups.

**Statement:** It has been my pleasure to live and raise my family in the City of Fircrest for the past 13 years. I have served on the Fircrest City Council since November 2015. I originally decided to run for City Council to improve the parks within Fircrest and to make sure that Fircrest was a safe and fun place for families. The citizens of Fircrest overwhelmingly passed a bond measure to replace the aging swimming pool and community center. That project is just beginning and I am running for reelection to make sure that the job is finished.

As an attorney for the last 23 years, I am experienced in dealing with others of differing viewpoints. I work continuously to help my clients resolve differences and reach compromises. I have brought those same skills to the City Council for the past 4 years. I will continue to strive to unify members of the City Council and to keep moving Fircrest forward in a positive direction. It is my hope that through my contribution, more families will discover what an exceptional place Fircrest is to live, work, and play. I would be honored to earn your trust and vote.

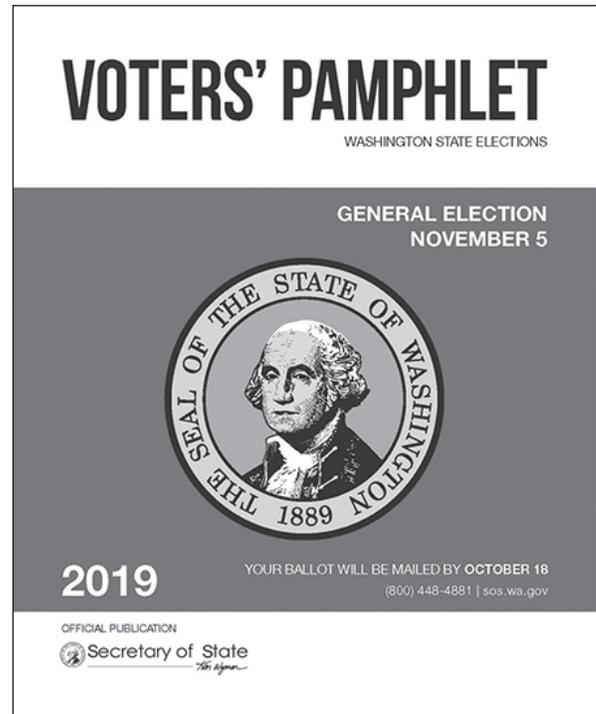
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## State Issues

This pamphlet contains information for Pierce County candidates and issues.

You will find information on the State issues listed below in the State of Washington Voters' Pamphlet.

- Referendum Measure No. 88
- Initiative Measure No. 976
- Advisory Votes No. 20 - 31
- Proposed Constitutional Amendment - SJR No. 8200



If you did not receive a State Pamphlet, please call the Secretary of State Voter Information Hotline at (800) 448-4881 or for an online version, visit [vote.wa.gov](http://vote.wa.gov)



## Joe Barrentine

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**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Nearly 20 years as a journalist serving as both a photo editor and photojournalist at the three largest newspapers in Washington state.

Currently on the communications staff at the Port of Tacoma. Co-founder of Grit City Photography.

**Education:** BA in Communication from Washington State University and attended Tacoma Community College.

**Community Service:** An active member of the Fircrest Pool, Community Center and Parks Steering Committee; founder and director of the Tacoma Diaper Drive supporting The Food Connection; volunteer with wear blue: run to remember.

**Statement:** My wife and I moved to Fircrest for its strong sense of community. We feel there is no better place for our two young daughters to grow up. With this in mind, I am motivated to help preserve the community's best qualities for future generations.

To me, that means working together as a council to strike the right balance of fiscal responsibility and community investment. I promise to be open to input and feedback from every corner of Fircrest and be your voice on the council.

I was part of Fircrest's volunteer steering committee that analyzed options for the pool, community center, and parks, and helped developed the plan that residents voted for this spring. I also worked on the "Vote Yes" campaign. Now I'd like to join the city council to see the plan through and ensure that citizens' recommendations are made a priority.

I am dedicated to representing the views of the new-to-town and young families while respecting and honoring the spirit and people who've made this community so special. Vote for Joe.

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## Jason Medley

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**Elected Experience:** Fircrest City Council

**Other Professional Experience:** Correctional Officer, small business owner

**Education:** Rocky Mountain College B.S. Psychology, minor in Writing; Charles Wright Academy

**Community Service:** Fircrest Civil Service Commission, St. Charles Borromeo

**Statement:** You, the voters, have spoken; the Rec center and pool are important to the citizens of Fircrest. With that knowledge I can assure you that I will make responsible decisions with your money. This is one of the largest projects in the city's history. I have a past record of very responsible decision making concerning your money. We as a community need responsible and clear decisions regarding this project.

I am a second generation born and raised citizen of Fircrest. After college my wife and I chose to move back to Fircrest because of the welcoming, safe, and family orientated community that it is. My wife and I have now raised our own three kids here and they all have the same sense of community and small town values.

If accountability, trust, honesty, and responsibility are values you believe in then please vote for Jason Medley for Fircrest City Council Position 4. I have a proven record of being business friendly, fiscally responsible, and looking out for the citizens' best interests. I was also instrumental in taking on large scale projects with successful outcomes: repeal of the alcohol prohibition, various sewer projects, and the Regents Boulevard project.

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## Hunter T. George

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**Elected Experience:** Member, Fircrest City Council, 2012-present, Mayor from 2018-present

**Other Professional Experience:** Chief Communications and Public Affairs Officer, Metro Parks Tacoma;

communications executive for 10 years

**Education:** B.A., History, North Carolina State University; Project Management Certificate, UW Tacoma

**Community Service:** Chair, City of Fircrest Investment Committee; Vice Chair, Pierce County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, Co-Chair, Rotary 8 Program Committee; Member of the following: Kiwanis Club of Fircrest, Engaging Local Government Leaders, National Recreation and Parks Association, Washington Recreation and Parks Association, University Place Presbyterian Church, South Sound Together board (the group behind the “Live Like the Mountain Is Out” campaign)

**Statement:** These are exciting times for Fircrest! Nearly 80% of voters approved the park bond in April, and we are well on our way to building a new pool and community center to serve future generations. I’m grateful for the collaboration and community input that led to a great design and incredible support for the #HeartOfFircrest.

Over the past few years, we also worked with voters to reverse the liquor ban, which led to new business opportunities. The city’s new website improves our ability to share information with you. We hired a city manager who is modernizing our policies and systems, and he’s going door-to-door to visit local businesses. We’re expanding recreational offerings, and our new grant writer is bringing in outside funding.

Our charming city is safe thanks to our outstanding Police Department. The budget is balanced, and we have reserves for emergencies. We are systematically updating streets and the sewer and water infrastructure every year.

We can do these things because we are careful stewards of your city resources. It’s my privilege to be a member of the Fircrest City Council, and especially to serve as Mayor, and it’s an honor to do so again.

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## Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Sales and Use Tax For Transportation Improvements

See complete resolution text at  
[PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org)

### Ballot Title

The Governing Board of the Gig Harbor Transportation Benefit District adopted Resolution No. 2019-1 concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize a tax that will expire after ten years of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) on taxable sales and use in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 to help pay costs of capital projects related to motorized vehicle travel identified in the Gig Harbor Transportation Improvement Program. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

If approved by voters, Proposition 1 would authorize an increase in the city sales tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) for ten years beginning on April 1, 2020 to fund transportation improvements as authorized under chapter 36.73 RCW.

The City of Gig Harbor formed the Gig Harbor Transportation Benefit District for the purpose of constructing transportation improvements. State law requires that the additional sales tax revenues may only be spent for transportation improvements as identified by the Governing Board of the Gig Harbor Transportation Benefit District. The Governing Board has identified projects from the City of Gig Harbor Transportation Improvement Program for funding. This tax would be paid by anyone who makes a taxable purchase in the City, whether a resident or non-resident.

Any material changes to the projects funded using sales tax revenue would require a public hearing and passage of a resolution by the Governing Board. State law requires that the Gig Harbor Transportation Benefit District submit annual financial reports to the State Auditor's office and publish an annual transportation improvement report to the public and newspapers of record detailing revenues, expenditures, and the status of all projects, including cost and construction schedules.

### Statement For

#### **Traffic Congestion Is Gig Harbor's #1 Problem**

We live in a rapid growth area and traffic congestion is lowering our quality of life and impacting the city's small-town character. Congestion increases fuel costs, creates air pollution and is bad for our small businesses.

#### **The City Has Developed Solutions To The Growing Traffic Congestion**

Our leaders have developed a traffic improvement plan that will reduce congestion. The projects on this plan could begin being implemented as soon as 2020.

#### **The Traffic Improvement Plan Is Good For Families, Businesses And Our City**

Families that must drive to work will spend less time in their car and more time with their families, plus it helps preserve our small-town charm. This proposition will provide the funds needed to make the improvements to the roads with a small increase in sales tax of only 1 penny for every \$5.00 purchase. The majority of the sales tax will be paid by nonresidents entering our city to shop.

*Vote Yes On Gig Harbor Transportation Benefit District Proposition No. 1*

### Statement Against

**Spending More Tax Payer Money on Roads for Cars Squanders Public Funds.** There will never be enough money to reduce congestion if we build for "motor vehicles only", as this scheme mandates. Let's think of the bigger picture and create an effective transportation system by funding *all* modes.

**Paving for Cars Obliterates Natural Resources and Motor Vehicles Produce Toxic Emissions.** Gig Harbor citizens care about our planet. Let's put our values into action by rejecting a new sales tax that excludes more environmentally sound forms of transportation.

**This New Tax Increase is Harmful to our Economic, Environmental and Personal Health!** Our community is at its best when neighbors meet on streets for people. This vote is a referendum on our vision for our city. If you care about preserving our city's character and charm, rather than making it easier for cars to speed through, please join us in voting *No*.

**Places Designed for Walkability Help People Incorporate Exercise into their Routines.** Let's build our city to be safer, healthier and more enjoyable for everyone. Vote no to support a healthier transportation plan!

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

Opposition to funding traffic improvements will not reduce cars from our streets. A lack of funding will only increase traffic congestion as we grow. Traffic congestion increases pollution. Funding traffic improvements reduces congestion and pollution, is good for the environment and personal health. The traffic improvement plan improves existing roads and does not obliterate natural resources or interfere with walkability. We need to fund traffic improvements and we need to improve walkability. Vote yes.

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*Gig Harbor Citizens for Traffic Improvement*

### Rebuttal of Statement For

The City of Gig Harbor's comprehensive plan recommends a balanced "multimodal" transportation network. Our traffic planners advise that *both* traditional roadway capacity projects *and* alternatives are needed. This tax increase will cost us money, but due to its narrow scope, it will not fix traffic problems or improve quality of life. Reject this short sighted proposition (again) - tell politicians that making driving the *only* option will *never* be the solution for a healthy harbor.

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# Gig Harbor

## Council, Position No. 4



### Tracie Markley

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Former real estate agent, office manager and head of advertising for a large, local real estate company.

Mortgage loan officer 1998-2000. Consultant and software developer for a local human resources consulting firm. Currently writing for various publications and am preparing to publish my first book.

**Education:** Peninsula School District (1982-1994), Pierce Community College

**Community Service:** Vice Chair - Gig Harbor Parks Commission, Committee Member - 5G Ad Hoc Committee, Member of the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Suicide Prevention Coalition

**Statement:** It's been said that, "Without vision, the people perish." I would like to be an active part of casting vision for Gig Harbor - not just for the here and now, but for those who follow after us. It's very important that we preserve our city's character and history. At the same time, growth is inevitable and I believe it's a sign that we're doing something right. However, we need to grow in a way that is smart, healthy, well-planned, and allows change to take place in responsible, strategic ways in order to not lose the "small town feel" and integrity of our city.

We can achieve this by encouraging communication between our citizens and elected officials. I will work diligently, honestly and transparently. Our citizens want to be heard and know their concerns are not falling on deaf ears. I will hear you.

Although Gig Harbor is rapidly changing, I believe it is possible to preserve its charm and beauty. I am willing and excited to step up to the plate in a public way and work hard for the city I have loved since I was six years old. There's no place like home.

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# Gig Harbor - Council, Position No. 5



## Robyn Denson

**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** Economic Development (Main Street Program). Non-Profit Manager, Habitat for Humanity, Community Action. Non-partisan Policy Analyst, Washington House of Representatives. EMT. Real Estate.

**Education:** University of Michigan. Leadership Washington (Association Washington Business). Public Policy Fulbright, New Zealand.

**Community Service:** Four-term member (two years Chair), GH Parks Commission. Development Chair, Communities in Schools Peninsula. GH Representative, Pierce County Conservation Futures Citizens Board. Founding Board Member, Harbor WildWatch. Member, GH Suicide Prevention Coalition, PSD Career and Technical Education General Advisory Council, Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition, Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce, and Gig Harbor Waterfront Alliance Economic Development Committee.

**Statement:** As a Gig Harbor parent, businesswoman, Parks Commissioner, and active community volunteer, I understand that protecting the unique character of Gig Harbor—while continuing to promote economic vitality—is more important now than ever. I'm committed to helping retain our distinctive small-town feel, even as we evolve and grow.

How can we accomplish this? I will work to protect our historic buildings, beautiful parks, and working waterfront, while supporting businesses and pursuing new economic opportunities like a marine fueling facility and docks for local fishing boats and our paddling community. I'll advocate for high-quality shopping and restaurants (like Harbor Hill Village) and ensure that all development is carefully planned so it fits with our character, is aesthetically pleasing, and takes into account infrastructure necessities. I'll work for safe and uncrowded roads/sidewalks/paths, outstanding schools, and greenspaces that provide recreational opportunities and highlight the natural beauty that makes Gig Harbor so extraordinary.

With thoughtful and transparent leadership, Gig Harbor can achieve the balance of preserving our historic maritime character, supporting vibrant economic growth, and ensuring a great quality of life.

Together, we can ensure Gig Harbor keeps its small-town character that we love for generations to come!

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## Michelle Matheson

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, Investor Concierge & Membership Development; Development Director, Courage360; Fundraising and Event Management, Aim-Point Inc.

**Education:** Bachelors of Arts in Psychology, Holy Names University; Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy, University of Phoenix

**Community Service:** Member of Harbor Covenant Church North Campus; Board Member, Angels of the World; Board Member, Harbor Soccer Club; Community Liaison, Gig Harbor Sports Complex

**Statement:** I am running for Gig Harbor City Council because our community is at a cross-roads. We must preserve Gig Harbor's rich fishing heritage and industry while bringing fresh voices, energy and vigor to the council.

My professional career has been about helping people, organizations and non-profits reach their potential. A family therapist by education, I altered my career path for the last 12 years as a small business owner consulting on fundraising and development, from small non-profits to larger business organizations. If we can create more good paying jobs locally then we will reduce the pressure of increasing traffic as people will not have to drive as far away for work.

As a soccer mom with two boys in Gig Harbor schools I saw how substantially disadvantaged our region was for organized athletic activities. To fix this I worked to unite existing groups to bring more sports and outdoor opportunities to Gig Harbor by forming a community coalition to plan, build, and fund the Gig Harbor Sports Complex. If I am elected, I will bring that same level of experience, passion and drive to the City Council. I sincerely ask for your support and your vote.

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# Gig Harbor - Council, Position No. 6



## John Picinich

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**Elected Experience:** Gig Harbor City Council 1992 & 1996 Peninsula Education Assoc President; Vice-President

**Other Professional Experience:** Maritime Gig Harbor Historical Museum; Chamber of Commerce

**Education:** Peninsula High School graduate Bachelor degree Pacific Lutheran University Masters degree Leslie College UPS & CWU

**Community Service:** PAA Little League Food Drives

**Statement:** Resident since 1955 Many changes occurred in our quaint fishing village, but continues to be a desirable village in our state.

I attended elementary, middle, graduated from Peninsula High School. I attended Pacific Lutheran University graduating with a bachelor's degree Political Science and secondary teachers certificate. Teaching at Goodman Middle School, 15 years. When Kopachuck Middle School was built I taught Math for 21 years. Springtime I coached baseball, soccer and track. My wife Nancy was a 2nd grade teacher at Harbor Heights Elementary retiring after 40 years.

In 1993 Marie Sullivan and I restarted Harbor Holidays but called it Maritime Gig festival supported by a large group of local merchants. I chaired this event for four years raising \$35,000 yearly making it a friendly, fun and free family festival, which is held the first weekend in June. Councilman in 1992 1996, I was instrumental in attaining the Skansie, Wilkenson and Ancich properties. We must provide safety to citizens, an integral part to our police, and an open mind to our business community. Efficient government meets future challenges, maintains adequate, equitable utilities, streets and sidewalks without raising taxes. Be accessible to residents, provide citizen involvement. Please vote Picinich council Thank you

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## Le Rodenberg

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**Elected Experience:** President of the Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club - four terms. Director and Chairman on several industry boards.

**Other Professional Experience:** Retired composites business owner; consultant.

**Education:** Cerritos, Compton, and Victor Valley Community Colleges.

**Community Service:** Led Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club growth and community involvement for ten years. Active with Emergency Food Network and the Permission to Start Dreaming Foundation. 2014 Stake Holders Committee to determine the best use of a Harbor Hill area City Park. Assisted the South Coast Air Quality Management District; California Air Resources Board and U.S. EPA with regulations to reduce air emissions from manufacturing.

**Statement:** Having lived in Gig Harbor for 23 years I have seen our town expand from a small fishing village to a growing bedroom community right before our eyes. As a result, we are facing many challenges as we try to manage our growth responsibly.

If we are going to maintain our town's character while planning and investing for the future, we must balance several challenges:

We must build the infrastructure to support new growth before new projects are approved.

We must lift the cumbersome permitting process that is impacting small businesses in Gig Harbor. It should be easier to permit, open and run a small business, or else we will drive family businesses and entrepreneurs away. We lack sufficient moorage and a fuel dock for both commercial and recreational boaters. This must be addressed. Past council decisions have left some newer residents without the amenities they had been promised; we must remedy that. Most importantly, we must resurrect transparency and civility in our city government processes as we work to find common solutions. I am proud to be endorsed by first responders, veterans' groups, and former Mayors and Council members. I humbly ask for your support and your vote.

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# Lakewood

## Council, Position No. 4



### Don Anderson

**Elected Experience:** Lakewood City Council 2008-present. Selected by Council members as Mayor 2013-present and Deputy Mayor 2008-2013. Pierce County Charter Review 2016. Puyallup School Board 1971-1975 (youngest school board president in the US).

**Other Professional Experience:** Practiced law locally for over 30 years after three years overseas as a US Navy JAG. Currently Senior Counsel to the County Executive.

**Education:** Degrees in business and law from UPS.

**Community Service:** Pierce Transit board member. Co-Chair, South Sound Military and Communities Partnership. President, Friends of American Lake Veterans Golf Course. Former board chair of Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region.

**Statement:** I look forward to the continuing opportunity to work to improve our quality of life.

I will continue to focus on the City's core competencies of public safety, infrastructure and enhancing our park system. Crime rates continue their downward trend. Street improvements progress at a steady pace. An active code enforcement program spurs redevelopment of blighted properties. Parks have increased their footprints and added amenities and events.

I will continue to champion efforts to compel DSHS to abandon its irresponsible practice of placing dangerous offenders in adult family homes. That practice, as predicted, has led to at least one death.

The AMTRAK tragedy of 2017 was predictable. The NTSB found that Sound Transit provided ineffective mitigation of hazardous conditions on the Point Defiance Bypass and that WSDOT failed to sufficiently mitigate risk when it decided to prematurely start service. I will continue our quest to compel safety, accountability and fiscal responsibility. As a veteran, I have worked hard to support and enhance Lakewood's unique relationship with JBLM, serving as Co-Chair of the South Sound Military & Communities Partnership and on the boards of non-profits serving the active military and veterans' communities. Please honor me with your vote.

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**Pierce County**  
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## Linda Farmer

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**Elected Experience:** Pierce County Charter Review Commissioner

**Other Professional Experience:** Chief Communications Officer, Washington State Department of Enterprise Services; Communications

Director, Pierce County Library System; Community Relations Officer, City of Tacoma; Communications and Government Affairs Manager, City of Federal Way; Communications Director, Washington State Puget Sound Action Team; Communications Director, Association of Washington School Principals; News and Information Director, Pacific Lutheran University

**Education:** Master of Science, Communications Management, Syracuse University; Bachelor of Arts, Communications and Political Science, University of Washington

**Community Service:** KNKX 88.5 Community Advisory Board Member; Past Treasurer Idlewild Elementary PTA; Past Board Member City Club of Tacoma and Citizens for a Healthy Bay

**Statement:** I'm running for City Council because I believe Lakewood can do more. I love this city. I've lived in the same Oakbrook neighborhood for 16 years and my daughter attends Clover Park public schools. I understand the traits that make our community a good place to live, play and work.

We need a thriving city center to grow our economy and broaden our tax base – not more apartment complexes. *I'll protect our parks, expand community gathering spaces and will work to improve efficiency in law enforcement to save taxpayer dollars while upholding our high standard of public safety.*

As a former newspaper reporter, I know how to ask tough questions, research the issues, and work with stakeholders to come to consensus. I will bring new energy and a fresh perspective to City Hall.

I've spent my professional career making connections. As Communications Director for several public agencies, my job is to ensure that citizens are engaged with their government and can access the services they're paying for. *From fixing potholes and improving traffic signals to addressing homelessness and honoring our veterans, I want Lakewood to receive the attention it deserves.* I would be honored to have your vote.

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## Ken Witkoe

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**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Instructor at Bates Technical College and small business owner. Personal financial consultant (10 years). A member of the Society of Broadcast Engineers and Certified Television Operator (CTO)

**Education:** B.A.S. South Seattle: Professional Technical Teacher Education and Instructional Design

**Community Service:** Lakewood Public Safety Advisory Committee, Clover Park School District CTE Visual Communications Pathway Advisory, Pierce County Careers Connection Festival Advisory Committee. Former Pierce County Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputy and Lakewood Police Department Reserve officer. Past member of the Pierce County Criminal Justice Task Force, Lakewood Arts Commission, Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children (CASA), and past youth football, baseball, and basketball coach.

**Statement:** My family and I have lived in Lakewood for 15 years. As well as serving as a commissioned reserve officer for Lakewood, I have served on several boards and committees germane to youth-building, public safety and quality of life throughout Pierce County. If I have the privilege of serving on the Lakewood city council, I will focus on improving the quality of life for all Lakewood's citizens by encouraging community partnership programs and will support the strategic plan of the city by backing economic growth. Including improvements in infrastructure and ensuring public safety while striving toward goals of creating a diverse and well-trained team of first responders. I will work to create collaborative community mentorship programs between Lakewood's CTE programs, primary and secondary education and employers.

We must continue to enhance our beautiful public parks – including finding ways to safely and economically clean up area lakes and waterways that will encourage fragile ecosystems to recover and thrive.

My wife is a 2nd-grade teacher in the Tacoma Public Schools. We have been happily married for 36 years and have 2 grown children and 4 grandchildren. We attend Life Center Church in Tacoma. I humbly ask for your vote. Thank you.

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## Siabhon Ayuso

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**Elected Experience:** Siabhon is currently a PCO (Precinct Committee Officer) for her precinct in the 29th Legislative District.

**Other Professional Experience:** Siabhon has held many positions in the service industry. This unique perspective has given her insight on what it means to be of service to her community. She understands that in order to help others, it is imperative to listen to the specific needs of individuals and provide tangible solutions for those needs. Siabhon currently works for South Tacoma Auto.

**Education:** Siabhon has attended Pierce College.

**Community Service:** Siabhon has volunteered at schools, food pantries, and many other places when needed.

**Statement:** Siabhon is running to listen to, and to amplify the voices of the people of Lakewood. The residents of Lakewood are as diverse and as inspiring as the landscape of the city. Siabhon is excited to engage with the residents of the city to work together to strengthen the relationship between the citizens and their public officials. Anyone can learn policy and procedure if they put their mind to it, Siabhon possesses the passion and drive it takes to bring unity to the many micro communities within the city of Lakewood. Siabhon wants everyone to feel as if their voices are heard. If given the opportunity, the citizens of Lakewood have the vision to create solutions for issues that arise within the city of Lakewood. Siabhon wants to make sure citizens feel as if they have a safe platform to air those solutions. As a member of city council, Siabhon will promise to not only engage with the constituents of this city on a regular basis, but to also work in conjunction with the members of every part of the community to create a safe and enjoyable environment for all.

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## Paul Bocchi

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**Elected Experience:** Lakewood City Council 2012 – present, Youth Council Liaison, Pierce County Council 2003

**Other Professional Experience:** Pierce County Budget Analyst (2006-present), Commercial Banking (16 years), Bank Examiner.

**Education:** B.A. Economics/Accounting, Western Washington University, graduate Pacific Coast Banking School

**Community Service:** Board member Communities-in-Schools Lakewood, past member Greater Lakes Mental Health Finance Committee (2012 -2017), Lindquist Dental Clinic Board (1998-2008), Lakewood Citizens Transportation Review Committee (2001-2003), Lakewood Steilacoom Young Life Committee member (2006-2009), member St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

**Statement:** As a councilmember I have been committed to improving the livability of Lakewood by reducing crime, enforcing building standards, and upgrading streets and parks. We have seen a record number of road projects as well as major improvements to our parks over the last four years. Many derelict properties, which often become havens of criminal activity, have been, or are in the process of being cleaned up or demolished.

During my time on the Council, city government has sharpened its client focus with better financial reporting, communications and apps like My Lakewood 311. We have added sidewalks and more efficient LED streetlights in neighborhoods, creating a safer community. We also have an active youth council which gives high school students the opportunity to participate in city government.

I am excited about our plans for the future which include a vibrant downtown and walkable neighborhoods. Investing in capital improvements, economic development, fighting against incompatible land uses, improving opportunities for community building, and supporting our youth will remain my focus.

My wife, Holly, and I have raised our three children here and are proud to call Lakewood our home. I ask for your vote.

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# Milton - Council, Position No. 4



## Mary Tompkins

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**Elected Experience:** Nominated and elected by council to fill a vacant City Council position. Appointed by the Mayor to the Planning Commission and Events committee.

**Other Professional Experience:** Business manager in charge of all operations including budget for 19 years. Milton business owner for 10 years. Senior tax consultant

**Education:** AA in Office Tecnology.

**Community Service:** Hosted multiple fund raisers for community through my business. Charter member of the Events Committee for 8 years. Charter member of the Milton Police Foundation for 10 years. Volunteer at Senior Society Luncheons Executive Board of the AUSA (Association of the United States Army) representing Milton.

**Statement:** For the last few years, I have been honored to represent you on the Milton City Planning Commission and Council. I am a passionate supporter of our City and am running for City Council to continue my efforts to protect and improve this community and our beloved and unique City.

Planning for the future of our town is critical. My first priority has always been public safety. As our Police Chief says, "Milton is a small town with big City problems" and I am devoted to making positive changes in our community without losing our town's welcoming character and rich heritage. My experiences as a small business owner, Senior Society President, Milton Police Foundation and Council Member have allowed me to gain knowlege, experience, and understanding of the needs of our community. I listen well and am not afraid to roll up my sleeves and work hard for our community or those in need. I am a strong, proven advocate for all citizens in our wonderful City, the City I love!

As you consider this important decision, please join me in putting the best interest of the city ahead of self-interest. I ask for your support and vote.

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## Jim Gillespie

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**Elected Experience:** Milton Planning Commission; Board Member for the Fife, Milton, Edgewood (FME) Chamber of Commerce

**Other Professional Experience:** Special Agent, US Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID); Project Manager for Alternative Fuels Corporation; Safety Manager/Instructor National Safety Council

**Education:** University of Maryland, studied Business Management and Criminal Justice; US Army Primary Leadership Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer's Course, Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer's Course

**Community Service:** Milton Planning Commission; Board Member FME Chamber of Commerce; Gillespie Foundation - Operation Clean City, Green City; Harvest of Hope Thanksgiving Food Drive; Coats for Tot's and March of Diapers Diaper Drive.

**Statement:** With 30 years of management, military and law enforcement experience, I bring strong leadership traits to our City Council with the utmost integrity.

My broad experience and volunteer activity with the City of Milton prepares me to take on this challenge. I am confident I can make a positive impact and I will strive to represent you and the City of Milton's interests and focus on the needs of our community.

It is my priority to know the issues, be informed, and be prepared to make intelligent decisions about the future of Milton. I will ask tough questions and seek answers to ensure that the taxpaying citizens of our city get the services they are entitled. As a community leader and member of this community, I am committed to the financial health of our city and enhancing the quality of life for all our citizens.

I pledge that I will follow through with all issues brought before me. I would be honored to represent you on City Council. Thank you.

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## Mark E. Hutson

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**Elected Experience:** Milton City Mayor Pro Tem (2 terms); Milton Police Foundation (Board member, Treasurer); Federal Way City Tax and Lodging Committee (Former Chairman); Federal Way Community Council (Former Executive and Vice-President)

**Other Professional Experience:** Retired Boeing Supply Chain Management Analyst, Global Contracts and Procurement; Cornerstone, International Mergers/Acquisitions; Senate Analyst - FII Committee; Milton City Planning Commission

**Education:** MBA, Masters in International Business Management (Seattle International University); BA, Bachelors in Business Administration (Central Washington University)

**Community Service:** FW Boys and Girls Club (Former Board of Director); U.S. Navy League - Acapulco (Former Vice-President); 911 Commission Committee; FW Goodwill Games (Founder/Chair)

**Statement:** I would be honored to continue to represent the people of Milton as your City Councilmember.

I'm qualified to serve on City Council by virtue of my 30+ years of business experience, education, and civic leadership roles. But more importantly, Milton was home during my formative years and I was thrilled to return to Milton as an adult and be able to serve my community.

As your representative, I will continue to listen to your concerns, fight for transparency and be accountable to you. I will protect the family focused, pleasant atmosphere that Milton is known for.

City government must always operate within its means and adopt the appropriate strategy to meet budgetary obligations in a way that respects the taxpayer. Economic development is necessary and strengthens our tax base, but controlled growth is crucial to maintain our desired outcomes. I look forward to being your representative on the City Council and ask for your vote.

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## Phil Linden

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**Elected Experience:** I'm a Registered Nurse at Auburn Medical Center and value creating quality communities to better the residents of Milton. Milton is a residential gem, sitting on a high point looking over the South Sound. We must ensure we protect

and retain Milton's small town charm, while keeping pace with the advancements to keep Milton modern, vibrant, and safe.

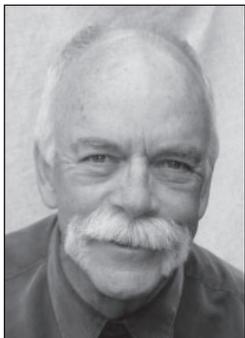
**Other Professional Experience:** RN at Multicare, WSU Extension Educator, City of Shoreline Recreation Specialist,

**Education:** BA Outdoor Recreation, EWU. AS Nursing, Wenatchee Valley College.

**Community Service:** Volunteered for: 4H Ferry County, Washington State 4H Board Member, Warm Current Surfing, Ski Patrol, American Red Cross.

**Statement:** Hello! I'm Phil Linden and I would like to represent you on Milton City Council. Milton has a unique opportunity to be a residential area that also provides a calming respite from the nearby hustle and bustle of city life. By focusing on quality parks, schools, sidewalks, roads, trails, services, and infrastructure, we will ensure our town remains an appealing place to live and raise families. As we face the pressures of growth and development all around us, we must be intentional about the character of our town and how it will be defined before it is too late. We can retain the small town feel that we love with careful, skilled leadership. At my day job, I am a Registered Nurse at Auburn Medical Center. In the past, I worked as an Extension Educator for Washington State University and as a Recreation Specialist for the City of Shoreline. I have degrees in both in nursing and recreation and have dedicated my life towards improving and increasing the quality of life for all. I would be honored to continue that service in my own community and to serve you on Milton City Council in Position 6.

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### Robert (Bob) Whalen

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**Elected Experience:** Selected by Milton City Council in 2003 to fill a vacated position. Elected in 2003, 2007, 2011 and 2015 to Milton City Council.

**Other Professional Experience:**

Retired. Director of Systems Performance AT&T Wireless Aviation Communications, 34+ years successful leadership in commercial aviation and telecommunications. Specialized in People Development, performance analysis and regulatory compliance.

**Education:** Teterboro Aeronautics Aviation Maintenance, Business Management. Various advanced corporate and professional courses.

**Community Service:** Served on Finance, Public Safety, License Review, and Fire Department Task Force Committees, Park Board and PCRC. Strong history of volunteer work. 16 year member of Milton City Council.

**Statement:** Thank you for the privilege and honor of serving as your Councilman since 2003. Thank you for your support in working to safeguard the vitality of our community's future and prosperity while enhancing our small town atmosphere. I have worked for many progressive changes directed towards building a community that is regionally known as an outstanding place to live, conduct business, work, and enjoy life. I encouraged reorganization of the structure of our municipal government departments in order to provide you with sensible expansion and significant improvements in the services that our city government provides. This resulted in strengthening our Police Department's effectiveness; fortifying our financial management; investing in sustainable public utilities, planning and development services and more. I will continue to correct our weaknesses, and build on our strengths to foster a positive economic environment with a firm and utmost respect for the residential values of our community.

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## Ruston

### Council, Position No. 3



## James Hedrick

**Elected Experience:** Ruston Council Member 2008 - present; Ruston Planning Commission 2005-2007.

**Other Professional Experience:** CEO, H2Government Relations 2004-present; Legislative Director,

Washington State Office of Financial Management, 1998-2004; Legislative Coordinator, Washington State Department of Revenue, 1996-1998; Research Analyst, Washington House of Representatives 1989-1996.

**Education:** University of Washington, BA, Political Science, 1989; Cascade Center for Public Service, Executive Management, Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, July 2003; Alum, Lincoln High School, 1985.

**Community Service:** Parishioner, Saint Patrick Catholic Church; Co-chair, Saint Patrick Catholic School 2019 Annual Fund; Past-Member, Saint Patrick Catholic School Commission; CYO Youth Athletic Coach.

**Statement:** My wife Kathryn and I have owned a home and resided in Ruston since 2003. Together, we operate a business and raise our 3 school aged children, Dawson, Charlotte, and Vivi along with our big yellow dog, Sophie.

I'm running for Ruston City Council because ... this is where my children will call home for the rest of their lives, my wife wants me out of the house, there is no other community I call home, there is unfinished business to do, I collaborate, I know I can make a difference, this community is worth fighting for, I believe the best days for Ruston are ahead, nobody else wants the job, developers need to be held accountable, I know delivering public services and the people who deliver them is job one, the people of Ruston work hard for their money and deserve to have their tax dollars spent with care, many can serve but few will actually place their name on a ballot, I love my wife and kids and I love living, working, and raising my family in the community that is Ruston.

Please honor me with your vote. Thank You. - Jim

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## Ruston

### Council, Position No. 5



## Lynn Syler

**Elected Experience:** City of Ruston Council Position #5 (since May 2014, Elected 2015)

**Other Professional Experience:** Licensed Financial Broker, RBC Wealth Management (2009-current). Licensed Financial Broker, US Trust/Bank of America (1995-2009).

**Education:** Registered Series 7 Licensed Broker, State Securities Law Exam Series 63 & 65. State of Washington Insurance Producer License - Life, Disability, Variable Line. Pierce Community College.

**Community Service:** City of Ruston Council Position #5. Day of Caring - Boys and Girls Club, Member and Contributor YMCA.org, Volunteer and Contributor Go Red for Women, Member and Contributor USAPA.org, Contributor ASPCA.org, Contributor Good Will.

**Statement:** I take great pride in having been a resident in the City of Ruston for over 16 years. I am currently serving on the City of Ruston Council, Position #5. Prior to serving on the council, I had regularly attended council meetings, which allowed me to become familiar with current and past issues, as well as the needs and goals of our town. For the future, I will continue to work diligently to insure Ruston is a place in which our residents take pride.

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# Steilacoom

## Council, Position No. 4



### Nancy E. Henderson

**Elected Experience:** Councilmember, Town of Steilacoom, January 2012 to present; Commissioner, Pierce Transit, March 2014 to present

**Other Professional Experience:** Physical Therapist since 1974; Army Officer 30 + years (retired)

**Education:** PhD, Texas Woman’s University; Master of Physical Therapy, US Army-Baylor University; Bachelor of Science, Washington State University; graduate, US Army War College

**Community Service:** Member: Pierce County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, SHSD Community Truancy Board; Past President, Steilacoom Kiwanis; Area Administrator, Key Club Divisions 34 and 35; Organizer, Town of Steilacoom Parks and Trails Advisory Task Force; Volunteer, Steilacoom Historical Museum Association; Chair, South Sound Chapter, Greater Puget Sound AFS Intercultural Programs. 20-year Steilacoom resident

**Statement:** Over the past 8 years our Town has seen many improvements in infrastructure and public safety, and enhancement of parks and trails. Ordinances have been refined, strengthened, and updated. Town finances and resources have been well-managed. Steilacoom continues to be free of debt.

I study issues carefully, welcome community input, and have been a very engaged councilmember. Our Town mission statement provides me the foundational guidance for decision-making in alignment with the desires and values of our citizens. Steilacoom residents cherish our historic heritage and want to see economic and residential growth planned thoughtfully. Public safety, delivery of optimal core services, maintenance and improvement of infrastructure, and preservation and enjoyment of our parks, trails and natural spaces remain my top priorities.

It is a privilege to serve the residents of Steilacoom as your representative on the Town Council. With your consent, I look forward to continuing to serve you.

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# Steilacoom

## Council, Position No. 5



### Fred Crumley

**Elected Experience:** 4 years Steilacoom Town Council

**Other Professional Experience:** Retired U.S. Air Force Officer; Certified Risk Manager with Public Entity endorsement, Association of Washington Cities; Safety Officer, State of Washington.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The Citadel; Master of Science in Business Management from The University of Southern California; Air Force Command and Staff College.

**Community Service:** Past president of the Steilacoom Kiwanis Club; the Cormorant Passage Homeowners Association, and the Steilacoom Public Safety Advisory Board; Member of Steilacoom Historical Museum Association; Neighborhood Safe Streets Coordinator; Habitat for Humanity volunteer.

**Statement:** I have been a resident of Steilacoom for over 30 years and have been actively involved in community activities for more that 20 years.

Having just completed my first term on the Town Council, I am pleased to report to you that our town is being managed in an efficient, professional, and friendly manner. We are debt free and fully staffed; our streets and sidewalks are well maintained; the parks and town facilities are in good to excellent condition; and crime statistics show that Steilacoom is a safe place to call home.

If elected for another 4 years, I will strive to keep taxes low and implement administrative practices that will stretch our dollars to meet the growing demands of our community. I will continue efforts of successfully getting state and federal funding grants to maintain and upgrade town facilities, and I will continue to encourage the various community service organizations and other volunteer programs that make our town a safe and pleasant place in which to live.

With your vote, I pledge to be a positive, hardworking and fair minded representative of the citizens of Steilacoom.

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# Tacoma - Council at Large, Position No. 7



## Conor McCarthy

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**Elected Experience:** Tacoma City Council, Current Deputy Mayor

**Other Professional Experience:** Private Attorney, Real Estate, Estate Planning, Business, Municipal Law

**Education:** J.D., Seattle University Law; B. A., Western Washington; Stadium HS.

**Community Service:** Safe Streets Board; Workforce Central Board; Tacoma Community House Board; Rotary 8; Co-Chair Opioid Task Force; Volunteer Coach for Kids Baseball, Football & Basketball; State and Local Bar Association. *Endorsed by:* Firefighters, Police, Longshoremen, IBEW 483, TEA, Realtors, Congressmen Kilmer, Heck and Dicks, Lieutenant Governor Habib, Senator Conway, Representatives Jinkins, Fey, Kilduff, Leavitt, Kirby, Executive Dammeier, Mayor Woodards, and all current members of the Tacoma City Council, and more at [conormccarthy.org](http://conormccarthy.org)

**Statement:** I am running for re-election because I love my City and I want to continue making Tacoma a better place to raise a family, get an education, and build a career. I am proud of our accomplishments, but we have more work to do. It would be my honor to continue serving you as we build a stronger Tacoma.

As a councilmember, my job is to fight for you. I have fought to: restore the City's Police and Fire Departments by adding police officers and fire stations; invest in safe routes to Schools; fix our roads and infrastructure with more than 1600 blocks completed over the past few years; increase workforce development and training; and grow living-wage jobs.

I continue working to address homelessness and affordable housing with compassion and results-driven solutions; tackle the opioid crisis with increased prevention and treatment; improve the City's permit process; increase walkability and bikeability; take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and protect Tacoma's air and water for all of our families.

I believe Tacoma's future is in our hands and that we must set the table for our children by working together in earnest to build a brighter destiny.

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## Courtney Love

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**Elected Experience:** Precinct Committee Officer, precinct 29-606

**Other Professional Experience:** Food Service, Music Seller, Doula, Lab Biller, Phlebotomist, Foster Child Transport, Caretaker, Metalsmith Assistant

**Education:** Lincoln HS ? '95; Attended Pierce College; Doula, Bates Technical College; Medical Billing/Phlebotomy, Astor Technology Institute; Attended Alexandar School of Natural Therapeutics

**Community Service:** Our Revolution Washington Coalition Vice-Chair, 2016-present; Our Revolution Pierce County Chair, 3/2018-present; Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America Electoral Working Group Co-Chair, 4/2019-present, Democratic Party Precinct Committee Officer 4/2018-present, Whole Washington Board Member, 9/2018-present, Safe Streets 1989-1995. Occasional protests or actions as parenting allows.

**Statement:** As a lifelong citizen of Tacoma, I've lived in nearly every area of the city. As the child of a single mother and a single mother myself, I know first hand how the struggle to make ends meet can lead to overwhelming hopelessness and desperate circumstances. However, in my years of advocacy, from the community center to the steps of city hall, I have learned just how effective sustained, direct action can be in addressing the factors that create that desperation.

Congestion, rising costs of utilities, escalating homelessness, increased violence against marginalized communities, congestion, and transportation - these are the problems facing our community. That's why I want to be your representative on city council.

We start locally. We get money out of politics, institute election reform, treat housing as a human right, expand addiction services, create urban food security through permaculture, distribute services in Tacoma evenly, and preserve our public broadband. Tacoma can be the capital of green jobs.

Tacoma has an amazing history and a bright future should we choose it. We have a destiny of clean air and water, human dignity, and leadership in the region and beyond.  
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## Kristina Walker

**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** City of Tacoma Transportation Commission. Foss Waterway Development Authority. Washington State Commute Trip Reduction Board. Puget

Sound Regional Council's Transportation Demand Management Committee.

**Education:** BA, Pacific Lutheran University. American Leadership Forum Tacoma-Pierce County.

**Community Service:** University of Washington Urban Studies Advisory Board. Transportation Choices Coalition Board of Directors. ywca RAGS Guild. ALS Association Board. Tacoma Center YMCA Board of Directors.

**Statement:** As a non-profit executive director, I've brought people together and built coalitions to solve tough problems. I've worked to improve and address inequalities in our transportation system and will do the same in our city government. As a mother of two young girls and wife of a teacher, I will work towards solutions that will prevent gun violence and keep our communities and schools safer.

As your council member, I'll work to keep our neighborhoods diverse, safe, and vibrant by expanding economic opportunity and keeping housing affordable; address challenges facing our schools and access to education; protect our waterfront and access to trails and open spaces; and invest in education and jobs skills training in order to attract and keep businesses and grow our economy.

My highest priority will be building and leading a Tacoma for All. I'm endorsed by community leaders, ATU 587, Washington Conservation Voters, Tacoma Education Association, Transportation for Washington, and others listed on my website. I would be honored to represent you.

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## John O'Loughlin

**Elected Experience:** Tacoma Employee Retirement System Board

**Other Professional Experience:** Utility executive and environmental engineer; 30+ years working on environmental cleanup and habitat

restoration in Tacoma including project engineer for the Foss Waterway cleanup

**Education:** Bachelor of Science Magna Cum Laude with Departmental Distinction in Chemistry 1986 from the University of Washington; Master of Business Administration with Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society 2008 from the University of Washington Tacoma.

**Community Service:** Treasurer, Liliir Education Project, Referee for Washington State Soccer Association, Mentor for College Success Foundation

**Statement:** I was born, raised and have lived my life in Tacoma and I am deeply passionate about our city. It is a central part of who I am. I love its diverse neighborhoods with their unique histories and its natural beauty. I've spent many enjoyable hours walking and biking all over Tacoma.

This passion is seasoned with my decades of experience as a leader in a utility enterprise with 500+ employees and \$200 million annual budget. This work taught me how to get things done in city government and my career has prepared me to be an effective city council member.

I have contacted thousands of voters at their doorsteps to listen to the issues affecting their neighborhoods. As a council member I will continue to connect with, and to listen to, people from all walks of life. I promise to work hard for you and for the city we all call home.

I believe Tacoma at its essence is a very practical community. I will roll up my sleeves and get to work addressing the challenges we face as a community. I am ready to bring that can-do attitude to the city council.

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## John Hines

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**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Instructional Facilitator, Dept. of Academic Equity and Access, Tacoma Public Schools; Social Studies Teacher, Todd Beamer High School

**Education:** Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education, University of Puget Sound; Bachelor of Arts, History and Politics & Government, University of Puget Sound; Diploma, Lincoln High School

**Community Service:** Trustee, Tacoma Public Library; Board Member, YWCA of Pierce County; Board Member, University of Puget Sound Alumni Council; Football Coach, Foss and Lakes High Schools; President, Washington State Council for the Social Studies; Mentor and Keynote Speaker, College Success Foundation; Executive Board Member, Federal Way Education Association; Mentor, Palmer Scholars; Safe Streets

**Statement:** Too many politicians are motivated by making headlines. I am dedicated to something simpler: A city government that gets the basics right. I will focus on public safety, delivering core services, and investing in our neighborhoods and city.

I take the service aspect of government service seriously. I want to help you solve problems and be your voice in City Hall. I believe by focusing on the basics we can attract new investments and build shared prosperity. As a lifelong resident of Tacoma, I want to ensure it is a place we're all proud to call home.

Endorsed by: Former Mayors Marilyn Strickland, Brian Ebersole, Mike Crowley, Karen Vialle; Robert Thoms, Tacoma City Councilmember; Marty Campbell, Pierce County Councilmember; Joe Stortini, Former County Executive; Nate Bowling, 2016 Washington State Teacher of the Year.

My pledge to voters is that when you have a problem, like needing a pothole filled, a crosswalk on your street, or help navigating the city's permit system, you can count on me to roll up my sleeves and get to work. I am committed to public service, not politics, and I humbly ask for your vote. Please call or email me if you have questions.

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## Nathe Lawver

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**Elected Experience:** It's been my honor to serve as Chair of the Pierce County Human Services Coalition and Chair of the City of Tacoma Environmental Services Commission.

**Other Professional Experience:** I've represented working people in our community through the Laborer's International Local 252, UFCW Local 367 and Pierce County Central Labor Council. I've also worked at Pilkey, Hopping & Ekberg.

**Education:** Pacific Lutheran University, B.A.

**Community Service:** Founding Board Member, Sweet Hope Foundation serving orphans; Board Member, United Way; Member of Healthy Tacoma; Volunteer with Rebuilding Together South Sound, helping people be safe, warm, and healthy in their homes through basic repairs.

**Statement:** To address stagnant wages, I helped craft Tacoma's landmark minimum wage increase. I helped implement our sick leave laws, improving community health and building stability for families and businesses. Tacoma gets results when we tackle tough issues together!

I'm running because I'm passionate about our City. For seniors on a fixed income and for many working families, the housing affordability crisis means facing homelessness. *I'll work toward improving and maintaining our infrastructure, supporting affordable housing, meeting our community's mental health needs, and creating more family-wage jobs.*

Alicia and I chose to raise our family in Tacoma. We are passionate about these issues because we want our kids to have the same opportunity for success that our generation did. I've dedicated my professional career to serving the interests of hard-working women and men, and I promise to continue to do so if elected. You can call me on my cell phone at 253-973-3765.

*Endorsements: Tacoma Mayor Victoria Woodards, current and former Councilmembers Anders Ibsen, Ryan Mello, Catherine Ushka, Justin Camarata, Lauren Walker Lee, and Marty Campbell; State Representatives Laurie Jenkins and Jake Fey; County Councilmember Derek Young; Pierce County Central Labor Council; and Washington Conservation Voters.*

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## David Combs

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**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** I have operated a business on Hilltop alongside my brother for 5+ years. We provide internships to young

people through programs such as Next Move Internships and Summer Jobs 253 where we teach entrepreneurship skills and business management.

**Education:** Seoul American Elementary and Seoul American High School which is a Department of Defense School in South, Korea. Then I graduated from Washington High School in Parkland and later received my AA from Pierce College.

**Community Service:** Mentorship throughout our intern partnerships, fitness instructor holding free boot camps at People's Park, and providing free shirt printing workshops for schools and organizations.

**Statement:** Being a resident of Tacoma for the past twenty years and a community member/business owner on the Hilltop for nearly a decade, David has grown to appreciate the meaning of community. Faced with many of the same issues his neighbors have experienced has given him a deep personal connection to what the real needs of the city are. His grassroots campaign seeks to continuously build equity and will ensure that every citizen, especially those who are the most marginalized and the most impacted, have a voice.

I was called to run for city council after community members asked me to represent them. I believe my values in relationship building and uplifting the voices of the most marginalized in our community, resonates with many of us and will continue to inform the decisions I make as a city council representative. I put the people first in all that I do, and that is why I am running a grassroots campaign where we prioritize people over profit. I will continue to fight well after this campaign for small businesses like my own, affordable housing for those that need it most and creating jobs that pay liveable wages.

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## Keith Blocker

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**Elected Experience:** I am honored to serve as your Tacoma City Council member.

**Other Professional Experience:** Managing Partner, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant at Archway Consulting Group; Former Director of Middle School Programs for Peace Community Center. Former Education Advisor for Making a Difference in Community (MDC) assisting veterans, first generation, and low-income college students. Former Program Director for Tacoma Urban League's Male Involvement Program.

**Education:** BA, Communication Studies, University of Puget Sound

**Community Service:** I currently serve on the City of Tacoma's Government Performance and Finance Committee, the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, and Chair the City's Community Vitality and Safety Committee.

**Statement:** As your city councilmember, I have had the opportunity to create change through developing meaningful relationships in our community. I've secured funding to repave District 3 streets, advocated for the Light Rail expansion, established our remote library program, led efforts to create an immigrant legal defense fund, and helped secure funding to enhance Community Health-care's capacity.

But there's more to be done! I'm excited to continue working with nonprofit organizations and for-profit builders to increase housing for those experiencing life challenges. I'm also proud of the relationship I have developed with our business community and our continued work to keep Tacoma's economy growing including supporting apprenticeship and trade schools and maximizing Tacoma's tourism.

As your councilmember, I'll continue the work I began as Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee which includes advocating for community-oriented policing, and supporting initiatives like Project PEACE. I will always value the diverse perspectives of all community stakeholders, and prioritize issues that are in the best interest of our families and residents in District 3. I'd be honored to continue working for you.

*Endorsed by: Tacoma Firefighters, Tacoma's Teachers, Congressman Kilmer, Mayor Woodards, State Senator Darneille, State Representative Jenkins, and many more*

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# Tacoma

## Civil Service, Position No. 3



### Amy E. K. Heller

**Elected Experience:** Amy is the current incumbent with 24 years service on the Tacoma Civil Service Board, and was previously the employee representative and past chair of the board.

**Other Professional Experience:** Amy is a Labor Relations Professional with Pierce County Human Resources and has worked in two state agencies and the state legislature.

**Education:** Amy is a graduate of Foss High School and Excelsior College.

**Community Service:** Amy is a member of Positive Influences and Encouragement Luncheon Club (PIE), Washington Public Employer Labor Relations Association (WAPEL-RA), and the 29th District Democrats

**Statement:** The Tacoma Civil Service Board is unique in our state. It is the only such board that has elected members, consisting of three members elected by city voters, one member elected by city employees, and one member appointed by management. The Civil Service Board serves a vital role for our city, we hear employee disciplinary appeals and other complaints, and also have the authority to make and change City personnel rules. Without the Civil Service Board non-represented employees only option to have their issues hear by a neutral party would be to sue the city, and union represented employees would need to take issues to arbitration. So the Civil Service Board helps alleviate unnecessary costs to the city, and speeds the time frame of getting the employee a final answer. The Tacoma Civil Service Board is also completely unpaid: no salary, no per diem, no reimbursement for travel to and from meetings. This is truly a position of public service, and I am proud to hold this important office.

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# University Place - Council, Position No. 2



## Betsy Tainer

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**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** SSG, US Army Veteran (1981-1990). Landlord, Property Manager, a skilled handyman, businessperson and accountant. Database applica-

tion development and reporting. Pierce County Elections worker.

**Education:** Bellarmine(1977). TCC & MWCC, AA, MWCC General Studies (1983), U of M and University of Oregon, BS Computer Science (1995).

**Community Service:** First Chair of numerous campaign efforts to include: UP Utility Tax increase and UP Park District Proposition, 2009-Present. Habitat for Humanity. Treasurer, Crook County Humane Society in Oregon. Elections monitoring, campaigning, signature gathering, web development, regarding proposed Pierce County General Services Building. President, HOA in UP (2008-present).

**Statement:** Born and raised in Tacoma, my family goes back 4 generations here. I moved to University Place in 1978 with my family. The US Army, College and career kept me away for a while, I still called University Place my home. No silver spoon in my mouth, everything I have, I've earned. I am a hardworking, businessperson, property owner, and landlord, with properties in Tacoma, Lakewood and University Place.

University Place needs a new direction. We need to rein in spending and establish reachable goals to reduce our debt while retaining public programs and services without tapping our citizens for more tax dollars. There is and has been a great deal of wasteful spending by our city. I have tried to address this as a citizen, had a few wins and a few losses. As a city council member, I will be in a better position to make a very real impact on affecting changes that will benefit all of us.

We need economic development, accountability, efficiency, services via current revenue, our hard-earned tax dollars, for less, and reduce our debt. It can be done! I need your support, your vote. Together we can make this happen.

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## Kent D. Keel

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**Elected Experience:** 2002 – 2011: UP School Board Member; 2012 – Present: UP City Council; Endorsed by Mary Lu and Clay Dickinson, Frank Boykin, Bruce Dammeier, Rick Maloney, Coach Keel and others.

**Other Professional Experience:** Retired Military Veteran; Former Business Owner; Executive at Fortune 100 Company and Government Agencies; Executive at Non-profit Affordable Housing Organization.

**Education:** MBA – Engineering & Technology Management; BS – Computer Information Systems

**Community Service:** UP Cityhood; UP Parks; UP Treasures in the Park; Viking Scholarship Committee; 2010 US Amateur Golf; 2015 US Open Planning Committee; Church Food Bank; Governor's Transportation Improvement Executive Committee; Pierce Transit Board; Sound Transit Board.

**Statement:** When first elected, I pledged to help reduce debt and complete the town center, attract business, increase safety and support recreation. Our Town Center is nearly complete. Business there and around our City is thriving! We made the tough decisions to balance our budget and reduce debt by millions. We are well positioned to meet our financial obligations. Our parks and ballfields remain viable and provide wonderful venues for citizens to enjoy the outdoors. We have added deputies and dollars to police to increase public safety.

Today, our city is among the best in the county to invest, care for family and get outdoors. For the past eight years, I have been a part of a City Council team that has improved conditions in UP. For six of those years, I served in a council leadership position as Finance Chair, Mayor Pro tem and Mayor who provided key input to critical decisions that improved our city's position.

There is clear proof that our city has improved over the past eight years. I believe that I have kept my pledge to work for you. I am asking for your vote so I may continue to help move our City forward.

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# University Place - Council, Position No. 6



## Stan Flemming

**Elected Experience:** State Representative – 28th Legislative District; Pierce County Council – District 7; University Place Founding Mayor/City Council

**Other Professional Experience:**

Brigadier General, United States Army/Army Reserve; Chair, Pierce County Regional Council; Chair, The Evergreen State College Board of Trustees; Chair, Tacoma Pierce County Health Department Board of Directors; President, Rainier Communications Commission; Physician; Author

**Education:** Doctorate – Osteopathic Medicine/Board Certified Family Medicine; Western University of Health Science Masters Degree – National Defense/Strategic Planning; Naval War College Masters Degree – Human Relations/Social Psychology; Pacific Lutheran University Bachelor of Science – Zoology University of Washington; Associate of Arts & Science Pierce College

**Community Service:** Painting elderly homes; community clean-up; health services to the poor; fundraising for cancer research

**Statement:** Dear Friend – As the founding Mayor of our city and one who has lived, worked and served in our community for the past 25 years, I see opportunities and a responsibility for government to prioritize the needs of our citizens before the needs of government. This year's election is about choice. Maintain the status quo or elect those who have a true heart to serve their community. In 1995 our city incorporated to rebuild the infrastructure, promote public safety and manage growth. Those goals were achieved. Now is the time to invest in our senior citizens, children and local businesses to ensure a vibrant community into the future. As a community leader, combat veteran and physician, I am the only candidate running for this office who has a deep understanding of our community, the experience to lead, a proven commitment and vision to bring about this change for the betterment of our city. Please join me through your support to make this the year for all citizens of University Place. Please vote – *Stan Flemming*

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## Edward A. Wood

**Elected Experience:** Past Board President, Families Unlimited Network

**Other Professional Experience:** Emergency Manager, Joint Base Lewis-McChord; Urban Search & Rescue, Pierce County; Quality Manager; Production Manager; Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve.

**Education:** Master of Business Administration (Phi Beta Kappa), Pacific Lutheran University; Master of Strategic Studies, US Army War College (Distinguished Graduate); Bachelor of Arts (History), University of Illinois.

**Community Service:** Chair, City of University Place Public Safety Commission; Board of Directors, Lewis Army Museum; Rotary; Volunteer, Homes for Hope; Boy Scouts of America; Habitat for Humanity; Church Deacon.

**Statement:** I am running to bring a new, fresh voice to the City Council. Our city is a designated Regional Growth Center and is facing considerable expansion in the next several years. Our Town Center is nearing completion, but the project has saddled the city with significant debt, resulting in the slashing of key public services such as Public Safety and Parks. We can do better.

As your City Council member, I will work to manage our city's growth with fiscal responsibility, to ensure that any potential growth benefits the residents of UP. I will fight to reduce debt, restore community services, be environmentally responsible, and enhance public safety.

I have served our city for 11 years on the Public Safety Commission, and our country for 29 years in the military. I am an experienced military commander and veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As an Emergency Manager, I have responded to disasters both locally and nationwide. I know how to lead, build teams, and realize visions. As a husband and father, I know the importance of strong schools, family resources, and a safe community. Together we can build a city that generations to come will be proud to call home.

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# University Place - Council, Position No. 7



## Rebecca Clark

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**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:**  
Small Business Owner 2017-Current;  
Stay At Home Mom/Homeschooling  
Parent 2013-Current; Paralegal/Sec-  
retary 2009-2013; Server/Bartender  
2007-2012; Preschool Teacher 2005-2007

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** As a small business owner I understand the need to increase support for the small local businesses we have and encourage new businesses to join us as a positive revenue generator. The members of our community have shown much support and proven they are about supporting our local city businesses.

Transparency is something we all deserve from our representatives. I will continue to connect with my community and be available, easily, for conversations, questions or comment. I am a very active member of my community and understand the need for open communication. I have never been afraid to address the tough questions. They all deserve answers.

We must provide outlets and resources for our residents and families. A community center, Parks and Rec plus added community events have been top of my list for needs and I will continue to pursue those avenues to the very end.

Most importantly, I see and feel the need for increased attention to public safety. I have always spoken for and will continue to seek ways for us to be a thriving city with its own Police Department. I've been very outspoken on all of these topics and will continue that path. Thank you

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## Caroline Belleci

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**Elected Experience:** City Council – 2010 - Present; Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) – 2010 - Present; PCRC Operations Committee – 2014 - Present

**Other Professional Experience:**  
1995-2010 - UP Planning Commission, Chair 2000-2010;  
1995-1999 - Chambers Creek Properties Master Site Plan  
Committee; 2007-2010 - Tacoma Narrows Bridge Citizens  
Advisory Committee

**Education:** BA - Accounting – University of Puget Sound;  
2012 – Certificate of Municipal Leadership; 2018 – Federal  
Emergency Management Administration – Emergency  
Preparedness Training

**Community Service:** Member of UP for Art, University  
Place Historical Society, SunDogs, Tacoma Narrows Rotary;  
Dance Theater Northwest Advisory Board

**Statement:** I have supported policies that strengthened finances, increased the police force, and created a vibrant economic base. I have voted to increase the city reserves to cushion us against sudden economic downturns. I voted to save approximately \$4,000,000 in interest while paying down debt principle. Businesses have grown through policies that I supported.

Safety is my #1 priority, I voted to increase staffing by two Deputies, an investigator and a traffic enforcement deputy. I supported the current model of community-based policing as it creates partnership between citizens and police. This allows police to address safety concerns directly and enhance awareness locally. The popular Citizens Academy raises awareness and provide citizens with tools to prevent crime in their neighborhoods.

I support community partnerships that enhance cultural events and public gatherings that allow us to interact with our neighbors. Such collaboration has brought us events such as, Concerts in the Park, Movie in the Park, Winterfest, Duck Daze, and Curran Orchard Cider Squeeze. This creates the community we all seek to live, raise our families, and gracefully age in.

I have been honored to serve you. I would be thankful for your support and vote for another term.

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## Melanie M. Stone

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**Elected Experience:** Co-founder and President, P.A.R.C.S. - DuPont, Partnerships Aligning Recreation, Parks, and Community Services (appointed).

**Other Professional Experience:** Eight years budget management

experience: payroll, profitability, allocation, and financial acumen; project management; regional trainer for policy, fiscal accountability, and procedure; human resource manager.

**Education:** MPA, Seattle University; BA, Pacific Lutheran University; AA, Highline Community College

**Community Service:** Greater Tacoma Community Foundation Advisory Board and Events Committee, The Fund for Women and Girls; Military Family Readiness Lead; Volunteer Victim Advocate, Crystal Judson Family Justice Center; Muscular Dystrophy Association Volunteer, MS Society Volunteer; Chloe Clark Elementary and the City of DuPont Volunteer.

**Statement:** I believe it is critical all students are provided equal opportunities for development. Student and educator success needs to be at the forefront with policies focusing on educational outcomes. We must anticipate the needs of future generations while continuing to make sustained progress on a high-achieving curriculum for children of today.

With your vote, I will work to create opportunities for multiple pathways whether that be a career and technical program, apprenticeship, or college degree. I will act in the best interest of our students, working on increasing school safety, inclusion, and access in STEM disciplines.

We need to strengthen our schools by eliciting feedback from parents, educators, and students. As the wife of a veteran and first responder, and mother of a future Steilacoom graduate, I promise to serve you, the Steilacoom-DuPont-Island communities. I will listen, provide timely communication, and deliver to strengthen our schools.

My education and experience bring budget and management experience, ability to relate effectively to diverse populations, and a proven track record of efficiency and accountability. I am a results-driven leader deeply involved in our communities and committed to ensuring a high quality of life for our children and residents.

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## Loujanna Rohrer

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**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** I work for the Pierce County Council, council assistant to the Chairman, experienced community liaison, resolving constituent issues, and developing policy. Previously, I worked at WA House of Representatives in Olympia as a legislative assistant and managed a district office/budget.

**Education:** Western Washington University, Bachelors in Communications; Pierce College, Associates Degree

**Community Service:** Member of Kiwanis of Steilacoom, serving/providing youth opportunities, Lakewood Steilacoom DuPont Soccer Club, various school district functions/ PTA events, started our WyldLife/Young Life program at Pioneer MS serving hundreds of youth as team leader since 2013, summer youth camp volunteer. Foster family for 2 years.

**Statement:** I'm running for SHSD School Board, Position 4. I'm a devoted mom of four amazing kids and married for 23 great years. I am vested and have two kids at SHS, one kid at Pioneer, and my oldest kid graduated from SHS last year with a degree through Running Start. My lifelong roots are in Steilacoom, DuPont, and JBLM, as my father is retired military. I attended Salters Pt. and graduated from SHS.

My professional background and experiences at the Pierce County Council and the House of Representatives have prepared me exceptionally well and I will bring this knowledge and many partnerships to the school board.

My husband and I have chosen to invest our time, resources, and gifts into youth programs because of the life long impact it can have on the lives of kids and families.

For 16 yrs., I have built strong relationships with administrators, teachers, parents, and students. Every student deserves an opportunity to receive a quality education. I will make that my top priority and pursue excellence in K-12 education and long-term planning. It would be an honor to serve on the SHSD Board of Directors. I hope to earn your vote.

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## Starlene Enfield

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**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** My professional and volunteer experience has always been focused on engaging people in solving problems,

meeting goals and supporting schools. Professional Experience: 28 years as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Quality Manager, Regional Manager, and Learning Consultant.

**Education:** Masters of Education in Guidance and Counseling, B.S. in Social Services

**Community Service:** School Volunteer: Began the SHS Music Booster club, served on the SHEF Board Scholarship committee, PTA Membership Chair, Class Parent Representative, SHS Booster Board, Senior Grad Party lead organizer and fundraiser, chaperone for band, choir and cheer teams. School Governance Volunteer: Principal interview team, Superintendent's Advisory Committee, District strategic planning committee

**Statement:** I have had an amazing time volunteering throughout the last 17 years as a parent in the Steilacoom School District. Getting to know teachers, parents and administrators as we work together to support students in our community has been the most rewarding thing I have ever done. I love my community and want to continue supporting it by giving a voice to parents in our district. A School Board serves the community as it supports the work of the superintendent. As an engaged member of the school board I will always listen just as I have during my many years of experience working on parent volunteer teams at the elementary, middle and high school level. I will bring a new perspective and serve as a bridge between our community and the administrative leaders in our district. I have much to learn but I am never afraid to ask questions and always ready to put in the time it takes to understand all sides of an issue. Ask around, I believe my reputation speaks for itself. I look forward to working for you on our school board.

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## Samuel T. Scott

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**Elected Experience:** Currently serving my 4th term as a School Director for SHSD#1.

**Other Professional Experience:** Professor, Computer Information Systems, Pierce College Ft. Steilacoom (1998-2019). Community College instructor since 1994; Teaching Certificate, State of Missouri, Mathematics grades 7-12; US Army, 21 years, Military Intelligence/Systems Automation fields.

**Education:** MS in Systems Management (Information Systems), University of Southern California (1987); BS in Education (Mathematics), Missouri State University (1973).

**Community Service:** USA Swimming certified Referee; veterans' associations; Washington Association of School Administrators 2015 Community Leadership Award.

**Statement:** I believe my experience provides insight enabling me to understand issues and positively contribute to effective decisions supporting our students and providing their greatest potential for success. While serving our district's constituents, I have promoted fiscally responsible, carefully planned common sense improvements providing the best possible environment for our students to learn. Our progress engaged, incorporated, and leveraged technology in the classroom at all levels empowering students and staff to reach beyond past practices.

As a parent, I believe I understand the needs of students and teachers. As a teacher, I believe I understand the needs of our teachers. The future certainly holds challenges. With my experience, I believe I can continue to make a difference. I ask for your vote and continued support.

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**Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
General Obligation Bonds - \$273,000,000**

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**Ballot Title**

The Board of Directors of Puyallup School District No. 3 adopted Resolution No. 254 2018-19 concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements to its facilities. If approved, this Proposition will authorize the District to expand and remodel Puyallup, Rogers, Emerald Ridge and Walker High Schools to address safety, security and enrollment growth; issue up to \$273,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years to finance these capital improvements; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution 254 2018-19. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

**Explanatory Statement**

To improve student safety and security and relieve overcrowding in the district’s high schools, Puyallup School District No. 3 seeks voter approval to sell \$273,000,000 in bonds to finance high school projects: (a) expand Puyallup High by approximately 126,000 square feet to accommodate 2,000 students, make program improvements for Career & Technical Education, Special Education, Science, other instructional spaces and enclose the campus for improved safety and security; (b) expand Rogers High by approximately 71,000 square feet to accommodate 2,000 students, make program improvements for Special Education, Career & Technical Education, Science, other instructional spaces and enclose the campus for improved safety and security; (c) expand Emerald Ridge High by approximately 61,000 square feet to accommodate 1,800 students, make program improvements for Career & Technical Education, expand the commons, new library, other instructional spaces and retain the enclosed campus for safety and security; (d) expand Walker High by approximately 18,500 square feet, make program improvements for Career & Technical Education, Science, library, new commons, entrance, covered health and fitness area and enclose the campus for improved safety and security.

Exemptions from taxes are available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor at (253) 798-6111.

**Statement For**

Successful students and strong communities need excellent schools. Support this bond to ensure excellent high schools in Puyallup.

The Puyallup School District has grown by more than 1,400 students in the past 10 years and the growth is becoming more evident in the high schools. However, many of our children now attend outdated schools that need to be modernized. The safety and security of current high school campuses must be improved. Students cannot achieve 21st century learning standards without quality classrooms, and safe and secure campuses.

This bond represents good value and good planning. It will allow the district to address problems before they become a crisis.

This measure has the potential to improve the high schools for all Puyallup students and will ensure we are providing for excellence in our schools. Invest in the future of our children and community by voting Yes for the Puyallup School District bond.

**Committee Members:** Dori Tate, [dori.tate@comcast.net](mailto:dori.tate@comcast.net), (253) 961-8687, Sue Foster, and Victoria Fontana  
Citizens Committee for Education, Puyallup

**Statement Against**

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Puyallup School District No. 3

## Director, Position No. 2



### Joseph Romero

**Elected Experience:** President; Puyallup South Hill Rotary

**Other Professional Experience:** Realtor, 20 years in customer service

**Education:** University of Washington

**Community Service:** Puyallup South Hill Rotary: 2018-2019 President, Past Literacy Committee Chair, Past Club Service Chair, Service Clubs of Puyallup, St. Francis House: Board of Directors, Meal Team Volunteer, Mountain View Community Center: Past Board of Directors, Past Circles/Directions Program Facilitator and Volunteer, 2018 Puyallup/Sumner Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year Nominee, Bethel School District Strategic Vision Committee, Puyallup School District: Dessie Evans Naming Committee Co-Chair, Bond Advisory Committee, Bond Oversight Committee, Career and Technical Education Committee, Youth Advocacy Project: Hunger Task Force

**Statement:** While growing up, I learned the importance and the significant impact education has on childhood. The relationship between a child and their education can be the most stable relationship they have. During my early years I realized being educated was not something I was entitled to, but rather something I was being offered.

In our country, what we offer in terms of education is complex and very simple. Everyone has a chance to become what they want. The education we provide our future generations is an investment to keep us dreaming and competing with the ongoing evolution of what the world of tomorrow will demand while stewarding the foundations we have set in our past and the efforts we strive for today. We must do our best to give our best.

The Puyallup School District's track record of excellence is a defining factor in how both business and population have grown within our region. My commitment and involvement in my community is defined by the efforts I deliver to not only help where I am needed, but to help create the future we wish to see. I believe together we can do anything.

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## Michael Keaton

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**Elected Experience:** Puyallup School Board since 2015

**Other Professional Experience:** Currently a senior manager in the defense industry, Michael served 20 years in the Air Force as an F-16

fighter pilot, where he also taught as an instructor and commanded a formal training school for aircrew.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington; Masters of Aerospace Sciences from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

**Community Service:** Michael has been a volunteer dad for the Edgerton Elementary "Watchdogs"; acted as legislative liaison for Puyallup School District PTA; motivated and taught kids as a coach for youth basketball and a Challenger League Baseball team for disabled children.

**Statement:** I'm very proud to have been a fighter pilot and have served our nation, but the most important thing I have ever done is raise good-hearted, thoughtful children. I believe our children are capable of exceeding even their own expectations if we provide them with the best teachers in a motivating and safe environment. I'm honored to serve on the board and bring a focus on fiscal management, improving safety and security, and lowering class sizes.

Through unprecedented management of the Elementary School Bond, we delivered on the 7 promised projects and were also able to fix all the junior high schools with every project under budget, saving the taxpayers over \$30m and eliminating the need for a junior high specific bond. Our 5-year plan is to lower property tax rates once the high schools are updated and secure.

Through focused partnership with local law enforcement, adding School Resource Officers, and strategic placement of cameras and securing entrances, our security is now the model. Other districts come to us to see how it's done. I'm also proud to report dramatic improvement in our high school graduation rates! I would be honored to continue to serve this community.

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## Amanda Cuthbert

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**Elected Experience:** Board Secretary for Washington Childcare Centers Association

**Other Professional Experience:** Center Director for an early learning center servicing 100 students.

**Education:** Early Childhood Education degree from Rasmussen College Current University of Washington student completing Early Childhood and Family Studies degree.

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** As an Early Childhood Educator and proud member of our community, I'm committed to making our schools exceptional. I'm running for school board because I believe in the value of public education. I want to work with teachers, parents and the community to ensure Puyallup School District students receive the world-class education they deserve. I promise that I will make every effort to prepare our students for the workforce of the ever-changing global economy and have the tools to be ready for college. My education, background and years of experience as an educator, and Board Member for Washington Childcare Centers Association have given me the tools to advocate on behalf of educators, students and families. As a successful business operator, I understand the realities of working with a budget, and will ensure that PSD spends our taxpayer money wisely. If elected, I'll diligently work toward bridging the gap between our beloved teachers and an administration that will give them the materials, funding and support that they need and deserve to give our students the best education possible.

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## Brock Carroll

**Elected Experience:** I have no elected experience to date but I can promise you I will do right for our younger generation in making sure no child goes home hungry.

**Other Professional Experience:** I

am a disabled veteran who served in the United States Army as a Department of Defense firefighter for three years and currently in my five years of individual readiness reserves. I am currently a Washington State licensed massage therapist.

**Education:** Louis F. Garland Fire Academy- San Angelo, Texas; Cortiva Institute of Massage Therapy- Federal Way, Washington

**Community Service:** Volunteer work with disabled Americans via massage therapy.

**Statement:** The children are my main focus and priority for running for office. There are children in our government ran public school systems that are going hungry and families cannot afford to pay for school meals. I will fight for every child in our great state of Washington to make sure our children do not go home hungry after a long day of hard work and education.

I already have a plan in place to pay for it by bringing back the death penalty.

We need to give the inmates their last meal so we can give our children their first meal.

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## Turan Kayaoglu

**Elected Experience:** PTA Legislative Representative

**Other Professional Experience:** Professor of International Relations at UW Tacoma since 2005; Associate Vice Chancellor for Research at UW

Tacoma since 2016; Associate Dean at School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, UW Tacoma (2013 2016); Fellow, Brookings Institute

**Education:** M.A. in International Studies, University of Denver; Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle; Management Development Certificate, Harvard University; Essentials of Management Program Certificate, UW Tacoma.

**Community Service:** Member, Puyallup Library Board; Past board member, Associated Ministries of Tacoma and Pierce County; Past Vice President and board member, World Affairs Council, Tacoma

**Statement:** I'm running to ensure Puyallup students succeed in school and thrive after graduation. We're proud of Puyallup's tradition of excellence, whether it's in the classroom or on the field. *I believe that by caring for and supporting every child, we can improve achievement for all.*

As a board member, I'll prioritize 1) a rigorous curriculum and excellent learning environment, including social and emotional development; 2) fiscal responsibility and transparency where every dollar is spent to improve student achievement; and, 3) healing the tension between teachers and administrators by embracing respect, collaboration, and focusing on our joint mission of serving the children.

*I believe in the transformative power of education.* I was raised by parents with no formal education. Schools allowed me to excel. As a professor, I see the problems of our K-12 system in my classes daily, and I understand what students need to take on the economic, social, and political challenges of the 21st century.

I love Puyallup. After living in Seattle and Tacoma, I chose the land of generous people, small-town community values, and pioneers to raise my children. Let's focus on student achievement for *all* students in Puyallup. Turan (TWO'run) Kayaoglu (KI'a-O'loo)

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# Tacoma School District No. 10 - Director, Position No. 1



## Lisa Keating

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**Elected Experience:** N/A

**Other Professional Experience:** My Purple Umbrella – CEO; Utopia Massage & Health – Licensed Massage Practitioner and Nutritional Coach

**Education:** Coaching Certification, Klemmer & Associates Coaching Academy, 2014; Healing Art and Science of Massage Therapy, Alexander School of Natural Therapeutics, 1997

**Community Service:** City of Tacoma Human Services Commission, Commissioner; Oasis Youth Center, Board Member; Bryant Montessori Site Council Parent and Family Representative; Geiger Montessori Site Council Parent and Family Representative

**Statement:** I am running for Tacoma School Board to ensure that every student has access to a safe, well-funded, innovative education. As the proud parent of a Tacoma Public School student, I understand the challenges families in our district are facing. For ten years, I have worked to support our students, developing and facilitating an art based, anti-bullying program for elementary and middle school students and advocating for policy and funding at the city and state level.

As a School Board Director, my top priorities will include ensuring that students have access to high-quality, state-of-the-art learning environments, increasing equity practices and improving transparency and accountability for the community.

We need a leader who understands the changing needs of our families, students and community. I have proven leadership improving equity and ensuring our students are given the tools and support they need to succeed.

I have the support of local educators, the Tacoma Education Association, parents, elected officials and community leaders like State Representative Laurie Jinkins, Tacoma City Council Member and former School Board Member Catherine Ushka and 2016 "Washington State Teacher of the Year" Nate Bowling. I would be honored to earn your vote.

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## Debbie Winskill

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**Elected Experience:** I am currently serving as a member of the Tacoma School Board, and am seeking re-election.

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:** I am a graduate of the University of Puget Sound; BA/history.

**Community Service:** I serve on many community organizations, including Safe Streets Tacoma, Second City Chamber Series, Bates Technical College Foundation, Tacoma Schools Foundation, and Tacoma Historical Society. My husband and I are lifelong Tacomans. Our five children attended and graduated from the Tacoma public schools, and we have four grandchildren presently attending Tacoma public schools. In addition, we helped raise 23 foster children, many of whom attended our public schools.

**Statement:** I see the primary goal of public education as the preparation of our children for their life's work: not just occupational and vocational, but for all aspects of life, personally and in their communities. Thus, strong academics in all areas-- sciences and mathematics, literature and history, for example-- must also be combined with strong extracurricular programs in athletics, music, and the arts.

We have done well in college preparation-oriented areas, but need to do better in the area of preparation for advanced technical and vocational education. There is increasing recognition of the importance of a new emphasis on these needs, and I strongly support this trend and programs which give it renewed strength.

It is essential that School Board members be responsive to public input. This has always been my practice and remains my goal. Only by listening to the concerns of the people whose children are directly affected by school policies and practices can the Board do its job properly. This extends to keeping the interests of neighborhoods in mind with regard to new school construction, and maintaining our strong programs of special interest, such as SOTA, SAMI, IDEA and Montessori.

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# Tacoma School District No. 10 - Director, Position No. 2



## Enrique Leon

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**Elected Experience:** Current Tacoma School Board Member

**Other Professional Experience:** Tacoma Family Medicine Residency Faculty; Clinical Instructor (University of Washington); Community Health

Care of Pierce County Staff Physician (Eastside Medical Center)

**Education:** James Madison University (B.S., Biology); Howard University College of Medicine (MD); Family Practice Residency (Swedish Medical Center, U. WA.); Faculty Development Fellowship (U. WA)

**Community Service:** Volunteer Physician, Lincoln and Stadium athletics; Advisory Board, U. WA -Tacoma Global Honors program; Big Brother Mentor; Volunteer Physician for Neighborhood Clinic (2012-2018); Pierce County Academy of Family Physicians, 2000- present, President 2014; coordinated seven medical relief trips to Peru (2005-present)

**Statement:** Public education has always been important to me; I've learned from a long line of educators including my wife, parents, in-laws, aunts, uncles, and many friends who are teachers and principals. Coming to the U.S. as a Peruvian-American 3rd grader, I learned English in a low-income public school and received a great education. My upbringing ignited my commitment to help children thrive - which led me to become a physician. I've worked at Community Health Care on Tacoma's Eastside (Salishan) for 12 years, and at MultiCare's Tacoma Family Medicine for 8 years - teaching young doctors and mentoring high school students.

Tacoma Public Schools will face many complex issues in the coming years: balancing innovation with proven educational methods; budgeting; wellness for both students and staff; and equity, amongst others. Good decisions on these issues require research, community input, objective analysis, and thoughtful reflection. I will use my personal and professional experience to advocate for each student and employee.

The foundation of successful communities is education and I'm excited to help keep our foundation strong. I would be honored to continue representing you on the Tacoma School Board.

*Endorsed by Tacoma's Teachers and many more!*

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## Kristopher A. Kerns

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**Elected Experience:** This is my first time seeking an elected position.

**Other Professional Experience:** American Dental Education Association, American Dental Association, American Society of Microbiology, International and American Academy of Dental Research.

**Education:** Sherman/ Jefferson Elementary Schools, Mason Middle School, Wilson High School, Tacoma Community College AA, University of Puget Sound BS, Bellevue College Post Bac, A.T. Still University MPH-D, Midwestern University MA, University of Washington GC-MCH, University of Washington Ph.D.

**Community Service:** Current PTA Vice President at Pt. Defiance Elementary, South Sound Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Metro Parks, YMCA Morgan Family Branch, Coach for multiple Youth Sports.

**Statement:** I aim to advance the status quo of public education. I support teachers and everything they do in and outside the classroom and the role they play in shaping young minds in our community. I will fight for teacher's rights and support them in any way possible. I aim to recognize, retain, and recruit exceptional teachers to the district by refining the districts hiring and contract timelines.

I will do everything in my power to advocate and take action at the city, county, and state levels in order to prevent future layoffs while we wait for the state approved amendments to the McCleary Decision to take effect; which has inadvertently caused so much stress and dysfunction between our district and its leadership this past year. We cannot afford to lose any more teacher or administrative jobs, further increase classroom sizes, decrease support, or have uncertainty in our education system.

As Director, I'll provide full transparency, accountability, and work with anyone that is willing to pursue the advancement of education in our community. A vote for me is a vote for the future of education in our district and willingness to help ensure positive change from the top down.

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## University Place School District No. 83

### Director, Position No. 3



## Twina Nobles

**Elected Experience:** Current University Place School Board Director

**Other Professional Experience:** Tacoma Urban League, CEO; Ladies First, Founder; Pre-College and Career Advisor

**Education:** Master of Arts in Teaching - University of Puget Sound, 2007; Bachelor of Arts - University of Puget Sound, 2006; Washington State Education Certificate

**Community Service:** West Region Mary Bridge Board, Member; First Tee of South Puget Sound, Board Member, PTA Board Member (8 years serving roles such as Legislative Chair, Secretary and Treasurer at Evergreen Primary, Narrows View Intermediate and Curtis Sr High); Project 5:1 Mentoring Program, Parent Liason; Palmer Scholars, Mentor; University Place Junior Vikings Cheer, Coach; Statewide Poverty Action Network, Board Member

**Statement:** As a parent of three children in University Place School District and one older child who graduated two years ago, I understand the needs of students in all levels of our school system. I have been honored to serve our district and look forward to continuing the work I started during my first term.

Over the past four years I have demonstrated effective leadership through informed decision making and a focus on equity and inclusion of all students. I have worked to strengthen the relationship between the school board and our constituents by engaging with community members and maintaining transparent and efficient communication.

I will continue to focus my service on maintaining the quality of our schools and ensuring every student has the tools they need to succeed. By upholding our district's reputation for excellent academic programs we will continue to ensure that our students graduate with the skills and support essential to creating competent, successful and contributing citizens.

I'm proud to have the endorsements of UPSD Board President MaryLu Dickinson, UPSD Board Vice President Ethelda Burke, State Representative Christine Kilduff, State Representative Mari Leavitt and Congressman Denny Heck. I'd be honored to earn your vote for another term.

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## University Place School District No. 83

### Director, Position No. 4



## Mary Lu Dickinson

**Elected Experience:** University Place School Board of Directors 1995-Present, Currently Board President

**Other Professional Experience:** Member Washington State School Directors Association, School Board of the Year 2014 and 2015.

**Education:** Curtis High School 1981; Attended B.Y.U.; Seattle City University, C.N.A.

**Community Service:** I've consistently served our community in the past, demonstrating my strong commitment to our neighborhood through extensive involvement in groups such as Citizens for Incorporation, Viking Junior Wrestling Club, Church Primary, Youth Programs, Cub Scouts, Paint Tacoma/Pierce Beautiful, U.P. Library Campaign, and Playground By the Sound. I've volunteered more than 600 hours in University Place Schools.

**Statement:** As a lifelong resident, I have worked to maintain the high quality of University Place schools. Schools that we can all be proud of and that provide our students the foundation to successfully pursue and realize their future aspirations.

Married 36 years, Clay and I have five children: Josh (Curtis '02), David (Curtis '03), Drew (Curtis '06), Adam (Curtis '09), Matthew (Curtis '18) and ten grandchildren.

During my tenure on the board, our school district has significantly outperformed the state and nation and shown gains for students in academics, citizenship/service, and health/fitness. We continue to increase student achievement by setting and maintaining consistent policies and working closely with parents, students, and the community. I will continue to work with the community to advocate for all children, to improve students' educational and career opportunities, and to help build a strong foundation for a successful future. Sustaining the high performance of the District will present future challenges; my experience will assist the District in facing these challenges.

Thank you for your support of our schools. It has been my honor serving on the U.P.S.D. Board of Directors. I would appreciate your vote on November 5th.

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## Dennis Litwin

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**Elected Experience:** First time Candidate

**Other Professional Experience:** Administrative Professional and Community Organizer

**Education:** High School Diploma (2006) - Curtis High School; Bachelor of Arts in History and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science - Washington State University; Master of Business Administration - Pacific Lutheran University

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** I grew up in University Place and graduated from Curtis High School. After graduating with my bachelor's degrees, I decided to return to this amazing community and glad to call it my home.

We all know education is the pathway to success, however, there needs to be multiple pathways to help all our students reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. My professional and personal experiences have prepared me to interact productively with the faculty and staff of the district as well as the community.

As a School Board Director, I pledge to promote fiscal responsibility to enhance the educational opportunities for all students; represent all citizens by listening to their concerns; being transparent about the performance of our district; ask critical questions; and consider all ideas to improve our district with an open mind to ensure the success of the district as well as for *All* students.

Please join me and we will work together to make our school district even better for current and future students, and the UP community.

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## Rick Maloney

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**Elected Experience:** Director, University Place School District (1995-2015)

**Other Professional Experience:** Lecturer, University of Washington Tacoma: (2018-present); Educator

(1998-2015): Math/physics teacher; district/state school administrator; Lecturer, PLU (1995-2018); US Army (1973-1993), Lieutenant Colonel; Combat Engineer; Airborne; Ranger; Air Assault

**Education:** BS Engineering, West Point; MA, Pepperdine; MA, Catholic University; Ed.D, University of Southern California.

**Community Service:** School Board (20 yrs, 8 times President); Pierce County Conservation Futures Citizens Advisory Board (2019); Usher, St. Charles Borromeo (2014-present); Director, Washington State School Directors' Association (9 years); UP Citizens for Incorporation (1995); Hawaii State Board School Advisory Council (1990-91)

**Statement:** UPSD's reputation is that of a *team* composed of supportive *community*...involved *families*...dedicated *educators*...and motivated *students*, developing competent, contributing citizens-healthy, fit, and grounded in character. We have done well, but still have a need to improve. This community expects its board to lead by example, set high standards and demand accountability for results. Most important, the board should always look to its own performance first as the key to community-accountable governance for the district.

Like many of you, Patsy and I chose University Place as our home because of its schools...we are proud to claim Katherine, Nate and Molly as Curtis graduates. My goal is to reinforce our community's standard of excellence, while pressing for continuous improvement *beginning in the boardroom*, systematic oversight of *district and school leadership*, and intentional/*safe teaching and learning* environment.

The board has played an essential role in our school district's long path to excellence, governing without micro-managing on behalf of you, the community. I am committed to ensuring a board that focuses on *results*, sustains excellence where it exists and demands it everywhere else. It is most important that we exercise *thoughtful stewardship* for the children and resources entrusted to our care.

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## **Anthony Veliz**

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**Elected Experience:** Participated on the School Board as an alumni with Bates Technical College Tacoma, WA

**Other Professional Experience:** For the last 10 years, Anthony has been owner of Veltex Services. His goal

is to expand and to create opportunities for individuals in this industry, while creating safe and sanitary environments for other companies. Creating a business environment that is based off of integrity and team work. We now provide opportunities to 40 employees. With great privilege of having mentoring and collaborating ideas as my education continues to grow in business.

**Education:**

**Community Service:**

**Statement:** Anthony, was born and raised in Pierce County. He is dedicated to helping people and seeing them succeed. By paying it forward to the community we can make a difference and together we can build towards a stronger community. Participating on the School board will help allow him to work as a team to make a difference for the students, staff, and community. Let's work together to allow individuals to pursue their passions and goals allowing their dreams to become reality.

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## Kimi Irene Ginn

**Elected Experience:** First run at public office

**Other Professional Experience:** Kimi serves as the Director of Vibrant Schools. She has served as a School Teacher, School Administrator, Girl

Scout Manager and College Success Foundation Program Officer. Workshop Presenter and Keynote Speaker.

**Education:** BA Elementary Education, Graduate Studies in Multicultural Education and Human Development

**Community Service:** Kimi is a member of the Lakewood Multicultural Council and past member of the Lakewood African American Police Advisory Council. Serves on the Kids of Hope Board and Tacoma Schools Budget Advisory Committee. Previously served as Chair of Communities in Schools (CIS) of Seattle and provided support to CIS in Lakewood.

**Statement:** Born at Madigan Hospital and a native Washingtonian, Kimi experienced an upbringing rooted in service. Her mother was the chief librarian at Fort Lewis and her father an army captain. Her calling for service was to be an educator.

She completed her K-12 public school education via the Tacoma School District. Motivated early on to be a leader, she became the first African American and first female to be elected as the student body president of Wilson High School. She is a passionate and committed supporter of public education and continues to embrace the motto of "It is Better to Build a Child than Mend an Adult". She provides proactive practices for both students and staff. Her S.P.I.R.I.T. (Successful Practice for the Implementation of Respect, Integrity and Teamwork) workshops and assemblies have been effective in creating culturally responsive learning environments and hostile free workplaces. Her creative side is demonstrated through her professional storyteller skills. She performs for small birthday parties to arenas housing thousands of people.

Kimi is committed to ensuring academic success for all students and providing support to all staff.

Married, Proud Mother of Two, Proud Grandmother of Five. Kimi for Kids

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## Carole K. Jacobs

**Elected Experience:** Clover Park School Board 6 terms

**Other Professional Experience:** Clover Park School District substitute teacher

**Education:** BA Western Washington University

**Community Service:** Community Engagement Leadership Committee ..CELTCooperative Agreement Stakeholders committee WSSDA Closing the Achievement GapFormer Board Lakewood Promise Former Clover Park Foundation member St Patrick's church

**Statement:** Serving the students and parents of the Clover Park School District has been an honor. During my time on the board I've seen graduation rates rise from 57% to 89%. I've seen increased rigor with implementation of the International Baccalaureate Program, IB. CPSD was the first school district statewide to have a continuous IB program, Kindergarten through 12th grade. I have approved the construction of 12 schools and we are currently replacing Mann Middle School without asking taxpayers for any new construction money or increasing taxes. We accomplished this because of careful and conservative financial planning.

I am seeking another term on the Clover Park School Board because we are at a threshold of breakthrough student success, we are bridging the past successes and the vision of the future.

We have just hired a new superintendent, we must seek ways to continue replacing our outdated schools and we must also look to continue our fiscal responsibilities especially in uncertain financial times.

We've adopted the tagline of "Creating Promising Future is" for each and every child and together we will work tirelessly to fulfill that promise. Thank you for your trust and support as we work together for the children.

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# Clover Park School District No. 400 - Director, District No. 5



## Paul Wagemann

**Elected Experience:** Pierce County Charter Review Commissioner, Clover Park School Board Director, Precinct Committee Officer.

**Other Professional Experience:** Decorated Marine Corps fighter pilot

with Navy, Air Force, Marines, and NASA commendations. Retired to lead larger companies and staff in retail, management, grocery, construction and finance. Currently a licensed handyman.

**Education:** University of Washington Bachelor of Science - Aeronautics and Astronautics, Air Force Test Pilot School, Naval Aviation Safety Officer School, Command and Staff College.

**Community Service:** Lakewood Planning Commissioner, Lakewood YMCA Advisory Council, neighborhood watch leader, business/ethics mentor. Married to Linda 45 Years. Son Scott (Data Analyst) wife Shannon. Son Jay (Air Force Pilot) wife Kirstin. Six grandchildren.

**Statement:** Like many of you...I don't exactly fit the stereotypical political box. We need to be conservative with our tax dollars and spend wisely, but we also need to responsibly invest in education and the health and wellness of our students.

A School Board allows us to choose how our children are educated. Curriculum should reflect the values of our communities, be rigorous enough to allow our students to excel but flexible enough so that our students can pursue their passions and their dreams.

The School Board must put the students and staff first. A Board that puts the students and staff first considers the following: Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Sincerity, and Transparency. I am committed to working with the Directors, listening to all suggestions, evaluating the merits of proposed changes and supporting recommendations that represent our students, district and community.

I will advocate for our teachers and district as our community strives to prepare our students to survive. I support local control of our curriculum and resources. Public education comes with the responsibility to live within our means, encourage our children, and maintain the traditional values the Creator has blessed this country with, "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

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## Taniesha Lyons

**Elected Experience:** I am a first-time candidate and regular voter

**Other Professional Experience:** 20+ years in the human services field in various capacities

**Education:** Bachelors of Applied Science degree with an emphasis in law, policy and administration expected 2020; Associates of Applied Science degree in human services and a certificate for chemical dependency and case aide

**Community Service:** Commissioner with the City of Tacoma Human Rights Commission (Racial Justice and Equity Committee), Volunteer with Springbrook Connections (Lakewood), Director of Community Services at Greater Destiny Church (Tacoma)

**Statement:** It is time for a change in our schools and I intend to bring that change. I am a dedicated professional with over 20+ years of experience in the human services field, I have an Associates of Applied Science degree in human services, a certificate for chemical dependency, and human services case aide, and I am currently working towards a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in law, policy and administration. What we need in our school board is someone who is willing to take action to gain results. I will push for all students to thrive while staying committed to diversity and equity. We can do this by fostering a climate of trust and inclusion to build and maintain working relationships within the school district. I want to be a voice for all, especially yours. I am running for school board because the success of our students is vitally important to all of us, and this is why I am asking for your vote, thank you.

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## Claudia (Sami) Jensen

**Elected Experience:** First time seeking elected office.

**Other Professional Experience:** Held several positions in the banking industry including: Former Teller Trainer and Supervisor for a large

financial institution; Merchant Teller, Chief Teller, and Loan Processor. Acted as a translator for Spanish speaking clients, worked as a Pharmacy Tech.

**Education:** Glendale Community College, Eaton Technical Institute

**Community Service:** Commissioner, KP Land Use Advisory Commission; Treasurer, PCFD 16 Ashes; Former Board Member: Key Pen Parks Foundation and PHS Band Boosters; Volunteer: Stand Up for Peninsula Schools (SUP); Red Barn Youth Center; PTA Member; KP Lions Citizen of the Year nominee, 2018; Pierce County Sheriff's Citizen Academy graduate, 2015

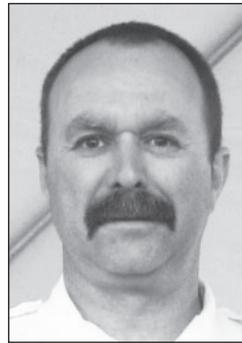
**Statement:** I have always been a passionate advocate for kids having raised six of my own in this community. With my two youngest still in PSD, a couple of years ago I started to attend school board meetings to be more engaged and informed. Occasionally I will address the board when I feel the need arises.

One of the things I'm most concerned about is transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility from district leadership. One means of meeting these goals is an informed public so I pushed for regular live streaming of board meetings. While there was initial resistance from some, most board meetings are now live streamed for those parents and taxpayers unable to attend.

I believe that education is important to having a strong community and, while we have an amazing school district, I feel that I could bring fresh ideas and new energy to the school board. It would be my honor to help provide the tools our youth need to reach their bright futures, whether that is through college or the trades, all opportunities should be available to fulfill our student's aspirations.

If you feel I could be of service, I would appreciate your vote!

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## Chuck West

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Battalion Chief with Key Peninsula FD, Licensed General Contractor

**Education:** Peninsula School District Graduate, Electrician thru WA LNI apprenticeship program. Washington State Fire Academy where I returned to teach. Certified IFSAC Fire service Instructor and Fire Officer

**Community Service:** Board of Peninsula Schools Education Foundation, School District Capitol Facilities Planning, Pierce County Flood Control Advisory Board representing unincorporated Pierce County. Chair Key Free Clinic, Board of Key Peninsula Community Council, Key Peninsula Land Use Advisory Council, Key Peninsula Business Association.

**Statement:** My goal as a school board member is to work with our teachers and staff to assure that all students have the tools, and opportunities, they need to learn. This is my home where I have raised my family. I want to assure that my grandchildren will have the same opportunities for a great education as I did in our Peninsula Schools.

With my background in construction I can work to make the checks and balances for efficient, cost effective construction while assuring the buildings will endure the test of time. I want to make sure we take care of the buildings we have with proper maintenance. We should never have leaking roofs!

While recognizing the need for higher education, I will strive to see more offerings in trade schools and apprenticeship programs. Let's bring back shop class. We need electricians, welders and mechanics as well as doctors and scientists. I am dedicated to making this community a great place to raise and educate your family.

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## Lori Glover

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**Elected Experience:** In July, 2018, I was selected out of eight candidates and appointed to the Peninsula School District Board of Directors, District 3.

**Other Professional Experience:**

Since college, I have worked in the banking and airline industries.

**Education:** BA in Business, Washington State University

**Community Service:** Discovery Elementary VPO Board, Young Life Leader, YWAM Homes of Hope Leader, Rancho Milagro Orphanage, GHHS Scholarship Committee. "Kids' Gig" Committee Volunteer Coordinator, 2002 (play structure built at Discovery). Committee raised \$100,000 and I recruited and organized nearly 1,000 volunteers. Have helped with auctions, field trips, book fairs, carnivals, proms, teacher appreciation, team dinners and more.

Statement: I am a 29-year resident of Gig Harbor and have raised three children in the Peninsula School District. A product of public schools myself, I will always be a passionate supporter of public education. Since I have been on the Board, PSD voters overwhelmingly passed a capital bond after six failed attempts in 15 years. I am looking forward to being a part of the construction of four new schools and overseeing long overdue facility improvements. I am also excited to help guide the search for a permanent Superintendent who can lead our district to the next level.

I believe every single child should have equal access to the best educational experience possible. In addition to quality facilities, I am committed to seeing our district continue to attract and retain fantastic teachers and administrators, and I would like to see an intensified focus on student mental health, in addition to student achievement.

I am honored to be running unopposed for this position, and look forward to continuing my service to the community as part of the School Board. I am excited to keep working hard for PSD students, staff and the community.

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## Leslie Harbaugh

**Elected Experience:** Peninsula School Board, 2016-current

**Other Professional Experience:** Washington State House of Representatives, Legislative Assistant; Allied Integrated Marketing, In-Theatre

Liaison; Human Resources Assistant; Participate in WSSDA Equity Caucus; Regional Interscholastic Activities Committee Representative

**Education:** Attended SFSU

**Community Service:** I'm proud to have co-chaired Citizens for Peninsula Schools in 2014, supporting our local levies. I've also served as Parent District Council Representative for nearly 10 years; Artondale School Improvement Planning Team; Gig Harbor High School Speech and Debate Boosters; Artondale and Kopachuck PTAs; Education CAB, Greater Gig Harbor Foundation; Tom Taylor YMCA Advisory Board; Harbor WildWatch; and Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Suicide Prevention Coalition.

**Statement:** Since being elected in 2015, I've consistently advocated for policies and programs that support student success and ensure our district remains fiscally sound. *Peninsula Schools has several years of clean audits, a strong credit rating, and we've delivered our promises to the voters on-time and on-budget.* Thanks to our community's support, we're now moving forward with building 4 new elementary schools to solve our immediate overcrowding problem.

We have amazing teachers, engaged parents, and remarkable students who consistently demonstrate high achievement. *My priority for the next term will be expanding programs which focus on the Whole Child approach, to ensure that we're providing for students' social emotional needs as well as academics.* I'll continue to support initiatives that support multiple pathways for our students to succeed such as our Career and Technical Education programs.

We must also continue to plan for growth, *building our long-term financial and strategic plans and improving efficiency to save taxpayer dollars.* Lastly, we have more work to expand STEAM programs and career training so that our students graduate prepared to succeed in the global economy.

*Thank you for your past support, and I hope to earn your vote.*

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## Natalie Wimberley

**Elected Experience:** Holloman Elementary PTO President

**Other Professional Experience:** Military and Community Liaison Alamo Public Schools, Adult Basic Education Instructor Clovis Commu-

nity College, Director Clovis Teen Alliance, International Operations Agent Wild Planet Toys

**Education:** B.A. Linguistics, UC Berkeley

**Community Service:** Peninsula Schools JROTC Program Consultant, GH Tides Scholarship Foundation Secretary, WA State Military Compact Commission Advisor, Peninsula Youth Football Tides and Cruisers Manager, PTA Member KMS, Classroom Volunteer VES, NM State Military Compact Commission Representative, Alamo Schools Strategic Plan Committee Appointee, Military Child Education Coalition Member, Alamo Schools Facilities Plan Member, Teacher Appreciation Chair, Volunteer Teacher Berkeley High, Writing and Science Fair Judge, Officer Spouse Scholarship Chair

**Statement:** I am a proud military spouse and community-focused mother of three children currently attending Peninsula Schools. If elected, *I will prioritize five areas of critical need:*

*Commit to finding a permanent superintendent, and securing that person with a contract. We cannot plan for the future with interim solutions. Invest in school safety to include examining mental health challenges, drug and alcohol use, violence in schools, and the alarming trend of self-harm. Improve communication between the district and community. Parents deserve access to timely and relevant information to make educated decisions. Provide instruction that prepares college-bound students for success in higher education while concurrently renewing focus on Career and Technical Education to ensure that students entering the workforce are equipped with skills to be competitive. Ensure responsible spending oversight and accountability.* I will work to protect taxpayers through proper planning and budgeting and ensure full transparency of all levy and bond funds.

*I have a proven history of collaborative leadership, resulting in additional funding and STEM equipment for schools, statewide compliance with the Military Compact Commission, and the initiation of a local JROTC program. With your support, I will bring renewed energy and focus to Peninsula Schools.*

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## Alex Davis

**Elected Experience:** Current Franklin Pierce School District, Board of Director District 1.

**Other Professional Experience:** Pastor of the Eastside Assembly of Believers Church; Part owner of

James Matthew Commission SPC – Serving kids in the foster care system; Owner of iChallengeLife Group LLC – A Self Development company with a social purpose in supporting youth mentorship.

**Education:** Class of 1998 Lincoln High School. Certificates - Intervention Specialist, Gang Intervention, Pastoral Training, Project Management. Leadership. Some College courses at Pierce College and The Art Institute of Seattle.

**Community Service:** Co-Founder and Executive Director for the Kings in Training program. Mentoring boys ages 5-16; Board Member of Progress House; Food Donations Provider

**Statement:** Mr. Davis is most excited about enhancing existing efforts in Franklin Pierce Schools. When asked about in a prior interview, he noted his approach of asking hard questions, celebrating successes and coming alongside of others in areas of growth and concern. He is committed to advancing the district’s commitment to equity by linking schools, teachers, students and families with the broader community, noting the importance of being a supportive presence while ensuring accountability.

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## Mark L. Baumgarten

**Elected Experience:** i have served on the Franklin Pierce School Board for 24 years. I have a strong commitment to our schools and to our community. It is important to use sound and thoughtful reasoning when doing the business of the board and make decisions based on data and research.

**Other Professional Experience:** I am currently the Director of Capital Projects for Sumner School District.

**Education:** Graduated from Naches Valley High School. Attended South Puget Sound College; Certified Journeyman Carpenter, L.H. Bates: O.J.T. Construction Management/Estimating.

**Community Service:** Community involvement in our schools (various levels), Pierce County Planning development advisory groups.

**Statement:** Its been a great honor and privilege to serve on the board. I feel my knowledge and professional ability together support the students, staff, administration, board and community. My profession and skills has provided me with a tremendous amount of experience that I am able to bring to the Franklin Pierce School Board of Directors to support our continued growth.

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## Franklin Pierce School District No. 402

### Director, District No. 4



## Mary Sherman

**Elected Experience:** Appointed to the school board in October 2006, elected in 2007, 2011, and 2015.

**Other Professional Experience:** 28 years of service to our community including 18 years in local and state

government and 10 years in higher education at Pierce College.

**Education:** Graduated Wilson High School, attended Gonzaga and Central Washington Universities, graduated Pierce College: AA in Accounting and Technology.

**Community Service:** Currently a member of Pierce County's Solid Waste Advisory Council; former member of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue Citizen Advisory and Department of Retirement Systems Advisory Committees; and a lifetime member of the Washington Public Employees Association.

**Statement:** It has been my privilege to serve on the Franklin Pierce School Board. I believe in public education. However, we must continue to do all that we can to prepare our students for life beyond high school. It is also important to make sure that our tax dollars are being spent wisely, while providing opportunities for all students in our district. They cannot do it alone. It will take all of us working together--students, parents, grandparents, and guardians, teachers, staff, administration, school board and community members--to provide our children with the best education possible.

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## Bethel School District No. 403

### Director, District No. 1



## Marcus Young

**Elected Experience:** Appointed Bethel School Board May 2018 - Present

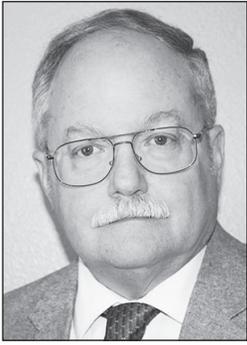
**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** New Life Church - Pastor, Youth for Christ, Foster Parent 2016 - Present Former: Tacoma Police Explorer, Football Coach, State Youth Leader F.G.P.C

**Statement:** I was born and raised in Pierce County (Tacoma), and have spent my entire life living, working and raising my children here. Most of my adult life has been spent working with and advocating for youth. This would include working with youth ministries on the local and state levels, volunteering and working in the public schools, working with and helping to develop mentorship programs for youth and the keynote speaker at many differing youth events throughout the state. Over the last year I have been afforded the honor to serve on the Bethel School Board which has allotted me the opportunity to take my knowledge in advocating for youth, combined with my knowledge of work for Public Schools and help address the many challenges and opportunities that face our school, staff and student.

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## John L. Manning

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**Elected Experience:** Director of Bethel School District since 2007, Past President, Vice President, Bethel School Board, Washington State School Director's Nominating Committee.

**Other Professional Experience:** United States Air Force (Ret.)

**Education:** University High School, Spokane WA

**Community Service:** Boy Scouts of America, Mid County Leadership Team, Frederickson Business Team, Future Schools, Strategic Planning Committee, Boundary Committee

**Statement:** With your support we were able to pass the much needed bond, with a planned opening in 2021 for a new elementary school and, 2023 for a new high school, this will help with the District's on-going over-crowding issue. The full list of bond projects can be found on the Bethel School District's web page. With Board goals of improved academic performance and increased graduations rates we have shown continued improvement in those areas. Our graduation rates improved with an increase of 17.2% between 2013 and 2018, and our schools continue to be recognized at the state and nation levels. While this is great news, we will need to work to ensure that this improvement continues and see that all students are given the opportunity to succeed.

With input from the community, staff, students and parents we now have a new strategic plan that will guide Bethel into the future. This collaboration is a critical part of what makes Bethel a great school district. It is a reflection of the community it serves. I look forward to working with you now and in the future to ensure the success of our students.

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## Rick Knutsen

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**Elected Experience:** Shining Mountain Elementary PTO Treasurer 2017-18, Recorder 2016-17. Junior Enlisted President 2012.

**Other Professional Experience:** USAF (AGR ANG) 2009-present, US Army 2000-05, Army National Guard 1998-00.

**Education:** Community College of the Air Force (Maxwell AFB, AL), Six Sigma Green Belt (JBLM, WA), Rochester High School (Rochester, WA)

**Community Service:** Volunteer in Bethel School District since 2011: Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students), PTA, PTO, PTO Recorder, PTO Treasurer, and most recently Bethel School District Long Range Facilities Task Force (BSD LRFTF).

**Statement:** I believe I have what it takes for this position due to the fact that I represent multiple fronts.

As a father to 5 boys (elementary, middle and high school), I will have the concerns of parents in this district at the forefront on all decisions made as the next director.

Also, as a volunteer on my off duty days from the Air Force, I see firsthand what the staff and students are up against and will make it my priority to get the best outcome for them as director. Most recently, as a member of the Bethel School District Long Range Facilities Task Force, we concluded with a plan that may be implemented by the district in the future that will give our staff and students the best possible path forward.

Lastly, as an Airman serving on McChord, I can empathize with the other military families and what we go through of balancing our lives as both military members and parents.

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### Roseanna Camacho

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**Elected Experience:** First time candidate. Appointed to Bethel School District Board of Directors in June Of 2018.

**Other Professional Experience:**

Hospital Supervisor for a government hospital. Intensive Care Unit Registered Nurse. Certified Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN). I have worked as a bedside ICU nurse, Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor, and as an ICU/CCU Nurse Manager.

**Education:** Master's in Business Administration from Walden University; Bachelor's in Nursing from Washington State University; Bachelor's of Science in Psychology Pacific Lutheran University.

**Community Service:** Currently serving on the Bethel School District Sensitive Materials, Instructional Materials, & Career/Tech Education General Advisory committees, as well as others.

**Statement:** Having lived in Pierce County since 1997, I have raised my four adult children within the Bethel School District. I now watch my youngest child become educated through the same district. I've had the opportunity to see the improvements the school district has made within the last two decades. With the passing of the school construction bond last February after five attempts, this is just the beginning, and there is much work to do in ensuring that schools get built to decrease overcrowding in our schools and plan for future community growth within our district.

As a nurse, I have a special interest in the general wellness, mental wellness, social-emotional learning, safety, and other population health issues that can be detrimental to effective learning within our schools. I will work to ensure that our schools are safe and nurture the health and wellbeing of our students.

As I have this last year, I will continue to work to decrease barriers to an equitable education. I will advocate for programs and funding for more pre-school availabilities, special education funding, career-technical education pathways, access and opportunities to STEAM programs, improved staff diversity, and culturally competent learning environments.

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## Amy Pivetta

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**Elected Experience:** Bethel School District Board Member, 2013-Present, Board President, 2017; Past President, Frederickson Clover Creek Community Council, 2010-2012.

**Other Professional Experience:**

Principal Attorney at APH Law PLLC, representing businesses throughout Washington. Education policy and administrative experience including Pre-K, Head Start, K-12 and Higher Education at federal, state and local levels.

**Education:** Juris Doctor, University of Montana School of Law, Missoula, 2004; Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington, Seattle, 2000.

**Community Service:** Bethel Curriculum Committee Member, Chair; Frederickson Land Use Advisory Commission (appointed by Pierce County Council), Board Member; South County Branch (Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce).

**Statement:** Bethel School Board member Amy Pivetta will continue her work to make a positive difference for our children.

Amy has earned a strong reputation for listening to diverse points of view and developing consensus to reach common goals for academic success. Amy works with students, parents, and educators alike to make Bethel a model for educational excellence. That work has paid off with results in the classroom.

Since Amy was first elected to the School Board in 2013, on-time graduation rates have increased by 17.2%. Our community also came together to develop a comprehensive strategic education plan that will guide our work to provide an equitable and exceptional education for all students. Bethel has successfully implemented 1 to 1 iPads to each of our approximately 20,000 students to improve technological skills and expose new educational opportunities. New buildings, more space and improved safety are also coming thanks to the passage of our recent bond.

With your support, Amy will continue her work with the community to build Bethel into the innovative, equitable and excellent school system our kids deserve! Please vote to re-elect Amy Pivetta for Bethel School Board Director #4. Thank you.

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## Rick Payne

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**Elected Experience:** Past Vice-president International Brotherhood of Teamsters union; Appointed Sec-Treasurer Teamsters local 313; Past Teamsters Delegate Pierce county central labor council; currently elected Democratic Precinct committee officer 2nd dist.

**Other Professional Experience:** Union member for 18 + years, Elected union officer with state wide Jurisdiction for Department of corrections, negotiated and oversaw 101 contract with state, county, city, school districts, coke, Pepsi, construction union members

**Education:** Mt. Tahoma High school class 1985/ labor law & contract negotiation certificate training

**Community Service:** Pierce county Democrats Party Member Holy Disciples Catholic church

**Statement:** Rick Payne has been a teamsters union member most of his life, as a union officer/business agent for the union Rick has dealt with lots of different union members with different job classification, as well Rick oversaw 100 + labor contracts and paper agreement.

Rick has been in negotiation on behalf of union members fighting for the wages, benefits, retirement and working conditions with cities, county, state, school dist. construction workers as well as coke cola, Beer, Pepsi, UPS, correction officers, nurses, truck drivers, warehouse workers and so on too many to list.

Rick knows how hard the teachers, special ED, custodian, maintenance workers, support staff, nurse's, bus driver, food workers, warehouse employees are going through.

We can count on Rick from his experience to offer Bethel Employees, and our children attending school and the parents in our community to fight for what is right for our children. Rick will put the frontline staff & students first he feels that the school board is not in touch with the day to day problems that kids and staff are going through. Some issues are just a simple fix and yet they aren't done or fall on deaf ears.

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## Brenda Rogers

**Elected Experience:** Director, Bethel School District since 2003

**Other Professional Experience:** Six years director/teacher of private preschool. Many years employed in construction management in

industrial sector. Experience in administration, contract management, negotiations, financial management and tax preparation.

**Education:** Attended San Francisco State University

**Community Service:** Bethel School District Board of Directors; President Elect Washington State School Directors Association; United Way of Pierce County Board of Directors; Vivace Choir Board of Directors; Mid County Leadership; PTA; Former Site Council chair; Future Schools; Bethel Foundation; Band Boosters; Coach; Metro Parks Tacoma Historical Advisory Council; Early Learning Champion, PTA Golden Acorn and Bethel Volunteer Recognition Awards

**Statement:** Our district continues to see progress towards our community's vision of a fully supported student body engaged in rigorous and effective academic instruction. That vision includes exciting and interesting opportunities for exploration and achievement for all students in a safe and welcoming environment. This progress requires a focused administration and school board, committed and very hard working teachers and staff and support from our parents and taxpayers. We strive to engage with our students, connect with our community and provide the strongest foundation for a successful future for each and every one of our children.

I have been a Graham resident since Max and I married 32 years ago. We have four children, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Our two youngest children attended Bethel schools from kindergarten through high school graduation. I continue to be proud and grateful to be able to represent our community.

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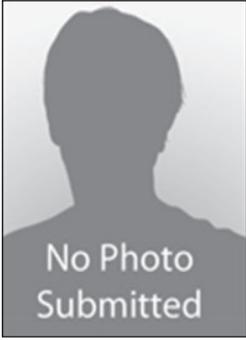
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**Pierce County**  
Human Services

## Fife School District No. 417

### Director, District No. 1



## Iesha Ki' Kidd

**Elected Experience:** Current Fife Public Schools Director District 1

**Other Professional Experience:** Manager of Claims and Legal Affairs, Washington Schools Risk Management Pool (Current); Paralegal,

Tacoma Public Schools; Paralegal, Marketing Manager and Office Manager for King County law firms

**Education:** Current APR 6 Legal Clerk Program through the Washington State Bar Association; Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Washington State University; Federal Way High School

**Community Service:** Tacoma Elite Cougars Athletics 7v7 Football & Cheer; Fife Jr. Football - Flag Football; Northwest Cougars Football & Cheer; Federal Way Hawks Football & Cheer; Seatac Sharks Football & Cheer; Federal Way National Little League; Rainier White Ravens Football & Cheer

**Statement:** I believe in the power and purpose of public education.

As a parent who moved to Fife specifically to raise my children in the Fife school district, I will continue to prioritize the growth and success of Fife Public Schools (FPS).

I can be found at many Fife events as I have four children in four different schools in FPS, with my oldest graduating June 18, 2019. I am always willing to listen to community members' feedback and recommendations, in hopes of making continued improvements to all aspects of our District.

Our children deserve the very best schools. My goal is to ensure that the educators and administrators have the tools and resources to make FPS just that, *the Very best*.

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## Fife School District No. 417

### Director, District No. 2



## Chelsea Bjorkman

**Elected Experience:** Current Fife School District Dir. No 2; Appointed in 2017

**Other Professional Experience:** Managerial accountant by trade, with ten years as a college business professor.

**Education:** Bachelor's of Science in Psychology; Saint Martin's University, Master's Degree in Business Administration; Six Sigma Business Professional Certification.

**Community Service:** Board member for the Fife High School Scholarship Foundation, Edgewood Athletic Association, and Fife Soccer. Volunteer for the Fife History Museum. Youth basketball coach. Volunteer parent at Discovery and Endeavour schools.

**Statement:** Strong schools build strong communities. Strong communities build strong schools. I believe we have this wonderful, symbiotic relationship within our Fife School District. I have three sons, Taylor, Jayden and Cam, which are proud to call the Fife School District their home away from home.

My accounting background helps me understand "the dollars and cents" of our school district, ensuring fiscal responsibility to our tax payers and other stakeholders of our schools. My work in higher education has given me a unique perspective on learning and facilitation styles, and well as curriculum development. This professional experience has and will continue to guide me, if I am elected to the board.

We are in a time of growth. It might be difficult to keep our identity during this adjustment, but I believe we can do it. Fife School District more than just a place we send our kids to school: is a feeling. It is a sense of community. A place of learning and development. Together, we can maintain this feeling, and better yet, evolve as a district to make sure we are meeting the needs of all of our students. Because together, we are strong, and we are Fife.

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## Jennifer Mayhew

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**Elected Experience:** Appointed Fife Public School Board Director Dist. 3

**Other Professional Experience:** Program Manager in global operations with over twenty years experience in financial services at Russell Investments.

**Education:** B.B.A., Pacific Lutheran University; A.A., Green River Community College and Puyallup High School.

**Community Service:** Past President and Volunteer of the Year in 2011/2012 with Discovery/Endeavour PTA, over ten years as a classroom and parent group volunteer at Discovery, Endeavour, Hedden, Surprise Lake Middle School, Columbia Junior High and Fife High School.

**Statement:** I have the desire to serve our community and its students. We have great schools in this district and I've been fortunate to experience this firsthand. I'm a parent and have two children attending two different schools in the Fife School District and I love being a part of the Fife community. I believe in quality public education for our current and future students. As a member of the school board, I would have an opportunity to share my business experiences and can bring fiscal responsibility to this position. The education system has many challenges and every parent, taxpayer, and district employee has a stake in our success. I'm dedicated to serving our students and being an advocate for our district. This is an exciting time with the construction improvements underway and I'm committed to ensuring we are good stewards of this investment. Thank you for your support!

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# Central Pierce Fire & Rescue Commissioner, Position No. 1



## Steve Stringfellow

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**Elected Experience:** I have served as a Fire Commissioner to Central Pierce Fire & Rescue since January 2013.

**Other Professional Experience:** I was a career firefighter in the fire service for 32 years. During my career, I served as Fire Chief of Pierce County Fire District 10, Director of Fire & Emergency Services for the City of Sumner, and Battalion Chief with the City of Tacoma Fire Department.

**Education:** Throughout my fire service career I have participated in extensive fire department operations and management education.

**Community Service:** Former Rotary and Kiwanis member.

**Statement:** Central Pierce Fire & Rescue is an outstanding fire department organization staffed with dedicated men and women who strive daily to provide you with the best in fire protection and emergency medical services. I will work to ensure that the services offered by CPFR to our citizens continues to be delivered at the highest quality possible while providing for sound fiscal responsibility and management.

I support maintaining adequate firefighter staffing levels and that equipment, resources and the latest fire service technologies be available to meet our communities' growing needs. The safety of your firefighters is essential to providing our citizens with these quality services. I believe that regionalization or consolidation/mergers of fire services be explored where ever possible to avoid duplication of services and provide taxpayers with more efficient services and cost savings.

I look forward to continuing to represent you as a Fire Commissioner for your fire service and emergency medical needs and would appreciate your support in being elected.

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# Central Pierce Fire & Rescue Commissioner, Position No. 4



## Bob Willis

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**Elected Experience:** 4 terms as a Fire Commissioner with Central Pierce Fire and Rescue.

**Other Professional Experience:** 44 years as a professional firefighter, paramedic, and company officer for the City of Tacoma Fire Department.

**Education:** AA in fire science from Tacoma Community Collage

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** I am currently serving as one of your fire commissioners. While in office, I have worked to modernize our fleet of tired EMS and fire equipment. I have also worked to keep our department within its budget while maintaining emergency services at the best possible levels. I will continue to support cooperative agreements with surrounding fire and EMS agencies. Put my experience to work for you.

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## East Pierce Fire & Rescue Commissioner, Position No. 1



### Kevin Garling

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**Elected Experience:** Fire Commissioner for 12 years

**Other Professional Experience:** Recently retired as District Chief for the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority after a 33 year career. Local Assis-

tance State Team member – National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Instructor, Fire Science program - Bates Technical College

**Education:** Executive Fire Officer Program Graduate, National Fire Academy. Emmitsburg, Md.

**Community Service:** President, Board member - Hilltop PTA Golden Acorn Award Recipient Citizen evaluator Puyallup, Walker HS Senior Projects Mentor - Gates Foundation in school mentorship program Youth Coach - Multiple Sports

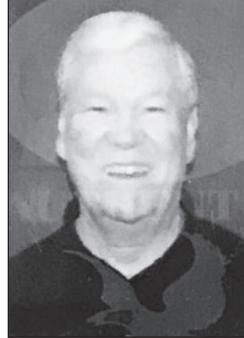
**Statement:** It is important to plan carefully and use the community provided resources as effectively as possible. With my 33 years of experience in helping to manage a large fire department I have the experience and knowledge to help guide your fire department into the future. I have learned a great deal in my work and feel this position is an opportunity to use that knowledge to guide East Pierce Fire & Rescue going forward.

I am here to serve my community and when making decisions I pride myself on listening to all sides before making a decision on an issue.

Thank you for allowing me to serve these past 12 years and I am asking for your vote this coming election!

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## East Pierce Fire & Rescue Commissioner, Position No. 7



### Dale T. Mitchell

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**Elected Experience:** I have served over 30 years as a Fire Commissioner

**Other Professional Experience:** I was a teacher and principal for over 38 years. Of that, 16 years as principal at Puyallup High School.

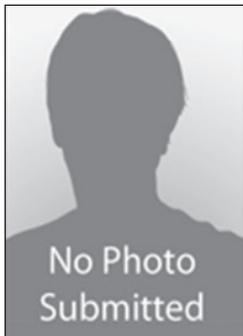
**Education:** B.A. in Education from Central Washington University; M.A. in School Administration at C.W.U.

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** I am running for Fire Commissioner to facilitate the growth of our Fire District. I want to see the results of our recent bond issue as we build new fire stations and update our equipment. We have developed one of the best Fire Departments through our mergers over the last 7 years. I have great pride in our leadership and of all of our employees. I want to see this continue and grow. I would appreciate your vote.

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## Fire Protection District No. 3 Commissioner, Position No. 1



### Barton (Bart) Dalton

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**Elected Experience:** Associated with West Pierce Fire and Rescue since 2000, served on Strategic Planning Committee, Civil Service Board and twelve years as Fire Commissioner. I was commissioner during and had an active role in merging Lakewood and U.P. Districts.

**Other Professional Experience:** I have been a financial advisor since 1979 and have been with Edward Jones since 1990.

**Education:** I have a B.S. from Miami University and my MBA from Southern Illinois University.

**Community Service:** As a member of the Kiwanis Club of Clover Park, I have been president twice and am a Board member. Past member of many civic organizations.

**Statement:** I will be honored to serve another six years as Fire Commissioner of WPFR. I see continued challenges ahead with the District's ever changing work role. And I look forward to continue working with our outstanding men and women of West Pierce Fire and Rescue!

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## Fire Protection District No. 3 Commissioner, Position No. 4



### Dave Durr

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**Elected Experience:** For the past 9 months I have had the privilege of serving West Pierce Fire as an appointed Fire Commissioner. While new to the role, I have learned a great deal and look forward to serving on the board the remaining 2 years of this term.

**Other Professional Experience:** For 38 years I have been honored to lead the team at a local commercial contracting company.

**Education:** BA Education PLU 1985

**Community Service:** Leadership Team-NewBridge Community Church, Olympia. Young Life Leader-Hudtloff Middle School Civil Service Commission-Lakewood Fire Dept.

**Statement:** West Pierce Fire and Rescue is an exemplary organization fixed on keeping our community healthy and safe with passion and dogged determination.

My experience with the department began with a 3-year-old's birthday party at the Lake City station. It was a great party and while only the little boys received the shiny red hats, the crew did let me sit in the engine. In the past 25 years it has been a privilege to have developed many relationships, both personal and professional, with West Pierce personnel.

I have observed, and now experienced, servant leadership in action. The firefighters, the admin staff, and the lead officers are dedicated to the success of one another as they deliver on the mission of providing vital services, perfectly, to the people of Lakewood and University Place.

I trust that my years in business, dealing with budgets, project efficiency and encouraging the growth of employees, will be an asset to the board and department. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to support this very strong, very capable, and caring fire district. Who knows, maybe they'll let me sit in the truck again...

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**Fire Protection District No. 3**  
**Commissioner, Position No. 5**



**John Sheeran**

**Elected Experience:** Elected Experience: West Pierce Fire and Rescue Commissioner (elected 2013).

**Other Professional Experience:** Other Professional Experience: Currently an attorney in private practice, John spent 22 years as a Deputy Prosecutor at the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office. Past President of the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorneys' Association. Past President of the Public Safety Employees Insurance, Inc., which provides disability insurance to law enforcement officers.

**Education:** Education: J.D., Seattle University School of Law (1996). B.A., Whitman College (1986).

**Community Service:** Community Service: Pierce County Opioid Task Force. Victim Awareness Week. Former WA-COPS and Safe Streets Board Member.

**Statement:** John Sheeran is a criminal defense attorney, representing and helping people charged with criminal offenses. John is committed to ensuring West Pierce Fire and Rescue is a well-run operation that delivers the important lifesaving services we need while doing so in a financially responsible manner. John's lifetime of public service includes 22 years as a Deputy Prosecutor, where he was trusted to handle some of the most serious offenses in our community. His balanced experience includes handling cases in front of the Court of Appeals and State Supreme Court. John was the Felony Division Chief and the Assistant Chief Criminal Deputy. John works for our community. He's championed diversionary programs, helping create Pierce County's Mental Health Court for low risk offenders. This work has ensured that those better served with treatment receive the help they need to become productive members of society.

Thank you for your consideration of John Sheeran for Fire Commissioner.

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**Pierce County**  
**Human Services**

**Fire Protection District No. 5**  
**Commissioner, Position No. 2**



**David (Alex) Wilsie**

**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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**Fire Protection District No. 5**  
**Commissioner, Position No. 3**



**Joe Urvina**

**Elected Experience:** Wollochet Harbor Sewer District - Commissioner 2015 - 2018

**Other Professional Experience:** Edward Jones Investments - Financial Advisor; Urvina Insurance Agency - Owner/Agent; Kitsap Bank - AVP Commercial Lender

**Education:** AAMS®, The College for Financial Planning; Brigham Young University

**Community Service:** Food Backpacks 4 Kids - Board Member; Rotary Club of Gig Harbor North Member - Past President of the Gig Harbor Midday Club 2013-2014; Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce - Ambassador; Lakewood Area Shelter Association - Former Board Member 2005 - 2011 / Past President 2007-2009

**Statement:** I was born and raised in Western Washington. I love living and working in Gig Harbor and enjoy all the natural beauty that surrounds us. My wife and I have four children. We currently have a child at Gig Harbor High School, Kopachuck Middle School, Harbor Heights Elementary School and one in preschool. Our family has served the community as a foster family for six years and adopted our youngest through the state foster care program.

My grandfather taught me at an early age the importance of community service. Following his example, I have been a Rotarian for over 11 years and am a past president of the Gig Harbor Midday Rotary Club. I have volunteered with local non profits and truly enjoy giving back to the community I love.

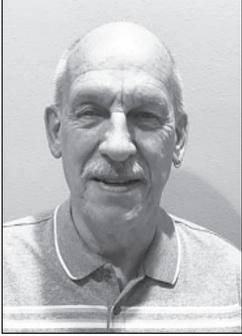
Serving Gig Harbor as a fire district commissioner is another opportunity to give back to the community. I bring a strong background in finance and insurance that will be an asset to the Fire Protection District. I plan on being an advocate for the community while supporting the great men and women of Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One.

I would be honored to receive your vote, thank you.

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## Fire Protection District No. 5 Commissioner, Position No. 4



### Thomas Sutich

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**Elected Experience:** Elected District #5 Fire Commissioner – 2007; Currently Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners; Vice-President Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association; Board of Directors South Sound 9-1-1 Alternate

**Other Professional Experience:** Washington State Fire Fighters Technical Review Board; State Fire-Ops Program; Incident Command System ICS 100; National Incident Management System 700

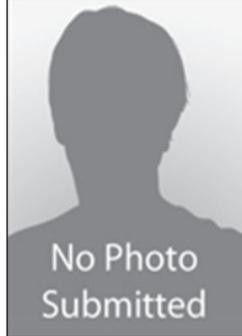
**Education:** Tacoma Community College Courses in Budget/Finance, Leadership and Strategic Planning through Washington State Fire Chiefs and Fire Commissioners Associations

**Community Service:** Lifetime Achievement Award from Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association; S.E.A.A. Soccer Coach; Former P.A.A. Soccer and Baseball Coach

**Statement:** I have been a resident of Gig Harbor for over 40 years. In that time I have seen your Fire District grow, in order to meet the needs of this community. Your Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire Chief and his Administration, and all your First Responders have worked together to make Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One, in my opinion, one of the finest Fire Districts in Pierce County. With this community's support, your Fire District will continue to meet the needs of our resident now, and into the future. As your Fire Commissioner for the last 12 years, I feel I have had a part in accomplishing this. With your support for myself and your Fire District, I look forward to many years of quality service to our community.

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## Fire Protection District No. 10 Commissioner, Position No. 2



### Dan Nelson

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**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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**Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
Multi-Year Levy Lid Lift (EMS)**

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

**Ballot Title**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13 (Browns Point/Dash Point) adopted Resolution No. 19-304 concerning an increase in the District’s regular property tax levy. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will restore the District’s regular property tax levy for emergency medical services to fifty cents (\$0.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation in 2019, set the limit factor at one hundred six percent (106%) for each of the five (5) succeeding years, and use the 2025 levy dollar amount for computing the limitation for subsequent levies. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

**Explanatory Statement**

PCFD13 is seeking voter approval to restore its EMS (Emergency Medical Services) levy to \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2020 and to adjust the levied amount up to 6% in each of the five subsequent years, with the levy rate not to exceed \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This proposition would allow PCFD13 to exceed the 1% limitation imposed by Initiative 747 and to restore its levy in 2020 to \$0.50, the levy rate that voters approved in 2000.

Approval of this proposition would provide funding for the acquisition and maintenance of state/county mandated equipment and services including the following: 1) Fire Department Aid unit replacement, 2) new equipment to support Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training, 3) maintain adequate medical supplies, 4) acquisition of medical incident reporting software and 5) purchase of a new cardiac monitor. The District has experienced yearly increases in the number of EMS-related calls which comprise over 80% of total call volume. This measure would also provide funding to meet annual inflation increases which typically exceed the 1% revenue growth limit imposed by I-747.

**Statement For**

**This is not a request for a new tax.**

Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department needs your support. We are asking you to please Vote Yes on Prop 1 to continue funding critical lifesaving operations. In May of 2000, voters approved an EMS levy at \$0.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. State law has caused this levy rate to drop by nearly 40%, reducing funding used to provide critical emergency medical services. Your Yes Vote is needed to help continue providing high quality Emergency Medical Service to the Browns Point and Dash Point areas. Since 2013 the EMS call volume has risen by nearly 32%. PCFD#13 currently has the lowest EMS levy rate in Pierce County. We ask you to continue your support of Fire District #13 and appreciate your Yes vote.

**Committee Member:** Dick Collins, [usrcollins@aol.com](mailto:usrcollins@aol.com)

**Statement Against**

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Fire Protection District No. 13

## Commissioner, Position No. 1



### Jim Zuluaga

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**Elected Experience:** This is my 12th year as Fire commissioner for Browns Point Dash Point Fire Dept and my 39th year in the Fire service. I'm proud of this organization and the people I serve with. We are well prepared to meet the current needs

and we have our eyes open for future opportunities and challenges. I thank you for your support.

**Other Professional Experience:** Retired City of Tacoma Fire Department

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** DPSIC, FUSION, PCFD#13

**Statement:** Thank you for supporting this organization. At all levels we are committed to serving our citizens. Thank you for your vote.

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# Fire Protection District No. 14

## Commissioner, Position No. 2



### Gerald Sandberg

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**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Employed in the printing industry for over thirty years before working for fifteen years for the Transportation Security Administration.

**Education:** Graduate of Stadium High School and attended University of Puget Sound.

**Community Service:** Currently serving as Fire Commissioner for District No. 14, Position 2 after the position which was vacated mid-term.

**Statement:** I am committed to continue to work with the Fire Chief and staff to protect the interests of the Riverside community. I will strive to keep the established staffing and resources adequate for the efficient and safe running of the department. Keeping the response times to the current standards (5 minutes or under) and the coverage at 24 hours a day 7 days a week will ensure the continued safety and well-being of the citizens in this district.

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## Fire Protection District No. 16

### Commissioner, Position No. 1



## Frank Grubaugh

**Elected Experience:** I was elected to the Pierce County Fire District #16 Board of Fire Commissioners in both 2011 and 2013. I am currently serving as the Board Chair for the Fire District.

**Other Professional Experience:** I have worked in a wide variety of professions including marine electrician, pharmaceutical representative, restaurant manager, financial advisor and as a team manager at Toyota.

**Education:** B.A. in Business Administration, University of Washington

**Community Service:** Key Peninsula Veterans - Past President. Farm Tour Board. Key Peninsula Business Association. Pierce County Fire Commissioners - Past Director and Member. Key Peninsula Toastmasters - Mentor and past President. Toastmasters USA - Director, Area 24.

**Statement:** It has been a great pleasure to serve the Key Peninsula Community over the last eight years as one of your Fire Commissioners. In those eight years, the Fire District has had numerous challenges, but I have offered my experience and leadership which has allowed the Fire District to thrive. This has included adding personnel, purchasing new apparatus, and rebuilding the reserve funds.

As one of your Fire Commissioners, I want to continue to serve the community in a manner that supports our great First Responders, while they remain dedicated to protecting the lives and property of the Key Peninsula.

With honor, I look forward to serving you for another six years.

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## Fire Protection District No. 27

### Commissioner, Position No. 1



## David (Dave) Albertson

**Elected Experience:** I am your current position 1 Commissioner and have been for the past 6 years.

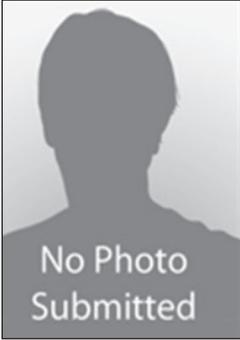
**Other Professional Experience:** Former department store executive and former Realtor, Retired.

**Education:** High school, retail executive training, Substantial Realtor schooling. Top honors at school of hard knocks.

**Community Service:** Have served on Riviera Board of Trustees as Treasurer and Chairperson. Currently Chair of Anderson Island County Council Advisory Board. (AICAB) Member of Island Young Life Committee. And I started and monitor the Anderson Islanders Buy, Sell, Swap, Garage Sale Facebook group.

**Statement:** I am fortunate to have served on a great board where each member brings a specific background skill to the table. We have a former Fire Fighter, a former 911 professional, and My contribution is my management and Real Estate background and the perspective of a layperson/citizen. It has been my goal to support our Firefighters and EMT's and provide the community with the best possible Fire-Rescue service and prudent fiscal management. I think we have done that effectively these past 6 years and hope you will honor me once again to continue on this great team.

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## William P. Spears

**Elected Experience:** Served as an Anderson Island Park and Recreation District Commissioner since 2009.

**Other Professional Experience:** Thirty years of professional land use development review experience with

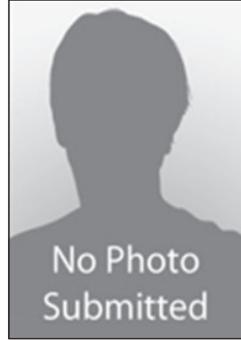
Clackamas County, Oregon. Retired from the US Army with nearly 33 years of Active Duty and Reserve experience. Vietnam Veteran.

**Education:** BS Degree in Community Service and Public Affairs from the University of Oregon. Masters of Public Administration Degree from Portland State University.

**Community Service:** Served as a Volunteer Firefighter and member of the Marine Crew for nearly 14 years for Pierce County Fire District #27 (Anderson Island). Member of the American Legion Post 265

**Statement:** It is particularly rewarding participating with the other Commissioners and citizens in new trail construction for our incredible parks and designing new signage. The parks help make Anderson Island such a delightful place to call home. They provide many opportunities for community involvement and hands on experiences not available in many larger communities. I would like to see more interconnecting trails and more public/ park access to Puget Sound.

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## Chuck Hinds

**Elected Experience:** Anderson Island Park and Recreation District

**Other Professional Experience:** I was previously employed by the Washington State Department of Transportation, Fisheries and Ecology

as a Civil/Environmental Engineer. I was also an Officer in the Navy Reserves and held many positions in a Seabee Battalion and worked on construction projects throughout the Pacific Region and finally retired in 2006 as a Commander.

**Education:** BA in Civil Engineering, BA in Psychology and Masters in Engineering Management from Saint Martins College.

**Community Service:** Anderson Island Citizens Advisory Board, Park Commissioner for the past 8 years

**Statement:** I have enjoyed the experience during the past 8 years on the Anderson Island Park and Recreation District. I have had the opportunity to work with some really great people on some highly rewarding projects. We have added new Parks and trails for the Island residents to enjoy for years to come and are now working to provide new trails on a couple of existing Parks and gain saltwater access. I look forward to continue working on improving the existing Parks and seeing what we can do to provide additional recreation and outdoor experience to the residents of Anderson Island in the future. One of my personal projects has been the restoration of Schoolhouse Creek to the point where we have salmon coming back to the stream each year. For the past 6 years I have been incubating 20,000 Chum eggs in the stream and have seen wild Coho migrating upstream as far as the old schoolhouse. This has been very rewarding, but there is much more work to be done and I am looking forward to it.

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## **Belen Bilgic Schneider**

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**Elected Experience:** Appointed to serve remaining term for Position #5 on October 1, 2018, I have since served as the Financial Officer and commissioner sponsor for our annual Children's Nature Camp, as well as redesigning our parks website,

improving our communication outreach, and planning and executing park improvements.

**Other Professional Experience:** I have been a small business owner for over 20 years, working in the Technology, Marketing, and Learning & Development industries. Currently, I work as a workforce development professional, helping companies improve the performance of their people and processes.

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** I have been a resident of Anderson Island since 2006, and a park enthusiast from the beginning. Through my years on the island, our park system and numerous natural spaces have encouraged me to become an amateur naturalist and wildlife photographer, sharing knowledge and photos with the community about the various ecosystems and inhabitants with whom we share our home.

I bring to this role my business savvy, technology expertise, and passion for educating the community on naturalist topics, and have found great satisfaction in learning the ins and outs of managing such a valuable resource for my community.

Though we are a small entity on a limited budget, Anderson Island Park and Recreation District is the steward of almost 10% of the island's acreage. I'd like to see us continue to develop trails and recreation spaces that allow our community to actively enjoy this gift, as well as expand educational opportunities with naturalist talks and community events that encourage our citizens to be responsible, conservation-minded stewards of our natural spaces.

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## Bruce Cook

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**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:**

I have had a successful and varied background and career for 40+ years in business and finance including banking, marketing, higher education

administration and teaching, publications management, community and media relations, nonprofit management, Board governance, executive leadership, business and financial consulting, investment management, editing and publishing, conference convening and hosting.

**Education:** BA UALR 1977, MEd Harding University 1980, MBA course equivalent 1985 Harding University, PhD University of Texas-Austin 1994.

**Community Service:** I have served as a Precinct Committee Officer in Pierce County since 2013. I am a chaplain, business mentor, spiritual father, and active member of WayPoint Church.

**Statement:** Our great nation and state have a long and distinguished history and heritage of creating and administering an incredible and amazing system of national, state, municipal (city) and community parks for our citizens and international visitors. Outdoor conservation, wilderness preservation, land management, environmental protection and stewardship, exploration, family adventures, accessibility to parks and recreational opportunities are all important to me and a priority of my candidacy as a Key Peninsula Municipal Parks District Commissioner, Position 1. Stewarding our tax dollars and private donations wisely is also another priority and focus of my candidacy. Parks administration includes land acquisition, land development, resource allocation and project management, and parks maintenance and preservation. Nature is a great teacher and I believe in having a healthy system and balance of parks and wilderness, farming and ranching, and commercial/residential development. I would like to optimize our resources to have the best parks system possible with the resources available, and to make our parks accessible to as many people and pets as possible each year, and leave a legacy to our children and grandchildren, and future generations. Recreation and families are important to healthy communities and quality of life. Thank you for your vote.

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## Linda Weeks

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**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:**

Owner and manager of Barking Dog Ranch horse farm, and previous owner and manager of Rocky Bay Equine Veterinary Clinic and on Key Peninsula for 24+ years.

**Education:** B.S. in Animal Science, and M.S. in Equine Reproductive Physiology, degrees from Oregon State University.

**Community Service:** Vaughn co-op preschool substitute teacher, Vaughn Elementary PTA and fundraisers, Narrows Pony Club Secretary and D.C. Worked closely with Pierce County Conservation District to reduce water contamination from farming.

**Statement:** Having lived and raised a family here on the beautiful Key Peninsula, I have great interest in ensuring that all residents have a vibrant and useable park system to enjoy. Our parks are places that bring our community together. From playgrounds, to recreation and educational programs, to access to some of the best beaches and trails in the state, the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Parks District has much to offer our citizens.

I will bring a fresh, enthusiastic prospective to the Commission. Having run two successful businesses, I know how important it is that the KP Parks District is run in a fiscally responsible way, while offering properties and services that local residents want and utilize.

I will lead efforts to build on the success of our local parks system so it serves all KP residents now and for generations to come. I strongly believe that input from the community is vital, and I will work to ensure that KP Parks District listens and responds to you. I will meet with residents to gain your input and suggestions, and work hard to enact them.

I would greatly appreciate your vote. Let's go to the park!

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## Mark Michel

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**Elected Experience:** 2004 - 2006: Evergreen Elementary PTA President. 2011 - Present: KP Parks Commissioner. 2015, 2016, 2019: KP Parks President. 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018: KP Parks Vice President. 2014 - Present: KP Parks Trails Committee Chairman

**Other Professional Experience:** Commercial Pilot. US Air Force Officer, Pilot. Carpenter. High School football coach.

**Education:** B.A. Willamette University. USAF: Squadron Officers School. Alaska Airlines Crew Resource Management. Washington State Trails Coalition Conference

**Community Service:** Volunteer: Easter Seals Equestrian Therapy program, Habitat for Humanity, Parks Appreciation Day, Equestrian Young Rider Program. Started and organized 2018 Youth Bike Day (with incredible support). Nominated 2006, 2018 Lions Club Key Peninsula Citizen of the Year

**Statement:** Successful parks have people in them. Since becoming a commissioner in 2011, I've been blown away by the success of our parks - especially Gateway and 360 Trails. Seeing so many people truly enjoying the trails, playgrounds, and open spaces is inspiring. I'm humbled and exceedingly grateful for the opportunity to participate in this success. If you're looking for something less-travelled, I encourage you to check out another amazing KP Parks property. I honestly believe Key Pen Parks offers incredible opportunities for everyone.

As a commissioner, I've never accepted compensation so every dollar possible could benefit the park system. I've also been instrumental in bringing thousands of dollars and riders to KP Parks for numerous events (countless thanks to unbelievable trail builders and ride/race/fundraising organizers). Incredible success in obtaining grants has allowed us to acquire or build amazing facilities for a fraction of the cost.

Great things ahead! I appreciate your support, and look forward to seeing you in a park or on a trail, soon.

Supported by: Steve Nixon, Commissioner, Pen Met Parks. Sheila Niven, St Anthony Emergency Department Manager, Commissioner, FD 16. Courtland Capwell, tireless Trail Builder, Park Steward. Anne Nesbit, Kristina Butorac, Involved Citizens.

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## John Pat Kelly

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**Elected Experience:** Key Peninsula Parks District Commissioner, 2013-Present, 26th Legislative District Democrats Chair, 2016-2018

**Other Professional Experience:** Sales, project and contract administration in material handling industry

**Education:** University of Washington, Seattle - Bachelor's Degree, 1985, Mt. Rainier High School, Des Moines - Diploma 1979

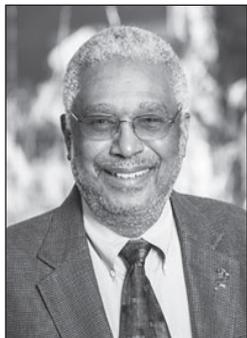
**Community Service:** Key Peninsula Lions Club, White Cane Days fundraiser for vision care, Key Peninsula Parks Volunteer

**Statement:** If you have a young family, are elderly, a dog owner, you may be overlooked. Since 2014, I fought for a north peninsula playground, and the crowds at Gateway proved its importance. Overzealous trail building ruins the natural beauty (see Banner Forest). We need off leash dog area at Gateway/360.

Your public land is being kept locked. Vehicles can only access Key Forest after acquiring the lock combination for the park director. Locked gate at Maple Hollow negates its ADA status. I pushed for more highway signs, like at Maple Hollow. Parks should not be kept secret.

Priority next term is a community center at Gateway, so we can offer educational programs on physical fitness and environment during inclement weather. I oppose a \$300,000 horse corral there.

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## Aaron Pointer

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**Elected Experience:** Currently serving as Park Board Commissioner for the Tacoma Metropolitan Park District.

**Other Professional Experience:**

Member of the Washington Recreation and Park Society; Member of the National Park and Recreation Association.

**Education:** University of San Francisco, Laney College (Oakland, CA), Pacific Lutheran University

**Community Service:** Past President of the Tacoma Athletic Commission, Past President and Assigning Secretary of the Tacoma Pierce County Basketball Officials Board, Western Washington Basketball and Football Officials Association. A member of the Black Collective.

**Statement:** I am retired after working for 29 years in Park and Recreation, 13 years as a professional baseball player and 17 years as a National Football League Official. I have been a resident of Tacoma since 1968, married to wife Leona for 57 years. Leona is a retired teacher (UP School District 30 years), we have 4 children, 10 grand children and 4 great great grand children. I am the brother of the Grammy Award Winning "Pointer Sisters" and my younger brother is a retired college professor.

I strongly believe that maintaining and improving our parks, open spaces and recreation programs are vital to our quality of life. With teamwork, I will continue working to improve the opportunities *Parks* provide to our community. By representing our diverse communities, I will listen and give all citizens a voice and encourage increased participation. *I am proud to be associated with one of the best park districts in the country.*

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## Brent (Smiley) Wiley

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**Elected Experience:** New candidate for Metro Parks. Have not served in elected office yet.

**Other Professional Experience:**

When young, I worked maintenance and learned to care. During college, I worked service and learned to listen. A career in HR taught me how important stability is for families. Now, I work in public affairs because it is a great way to support this community, hear our neighbors, and care for family.

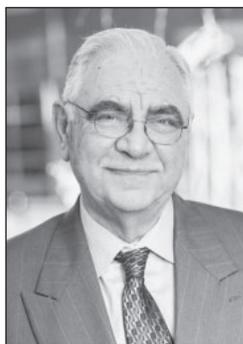
**Education:** Graduated from Mason, Stadium, TCC, Western Washington University. Degrees in Social Science and History.

**Community Service:** Music mentor for kids, 800 hours service in local parks, volunteer for YMCA, United Way, political campaigns.

**Statement:** My hobbies are walking, hiking, sports, playing music, the outdoors. I love living in Tacoma because of all the parks, green spaces, waterfront, and the people. Growing up we fished and hiked at Point Defiance, biked everywhere, and played Tsunami Rugby at Portland Avenue Playfield. My wife, Jessica (Smiley) Smeall, and I played basketball league at Norpoint Center when we first met, and we have lived in Central Tacoma for the past 19 years. Metro Parks has truly made a difference in my life and I deeply thank citizens of Tacoma for investing in ourselves and our city.

In the future I want Metro Parks to focus on preserving nature, protecting the environment, continuing recreation programs in our neighborhoods, and communicating with citizens. Point Defiance Park should be preserved. More nature, less concrete and cars. New technology and maintenance are necessary, but focusing less on construction and more on healthy experiences for people is important. Metro Parks should enact green policies and advocate for clean air and water so our citizens stay healthy. I want Tacoma to be a healthy happy fun place for all and Metro Parks to lead our region by example. Elect Brent (Smiley) Wiley.

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## Tim Reid

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**Elected Experience:** Tacoma Metro Parks Board

**Other Professional Experience:** HR Consultant

**Education:** BA Degree, University of Puget Sound

**Community Service:** PTA, Tacoma Swim Club, Tacoma Public Utility Board, Metro Parks Capital Improvement Task Force, Ft. Nisqually Advisory Council, Tacoma Chamber of Commerce Utilities Task Force, Joint Municipal Action Committee, City of Tacoma and Park District Inter-local Committee, Tacoma Public Schools and Park District Inter-local Committee, Tacoma Metro Parks Board.

**Statement:** First, I want to thank the citizens for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Park Board, it has been an honor and a privilege.

Now, I'm asking you to re-elect me so that I can continue to represent and work for you and continue the improvements to our parks. I have been a good steward for our park system and environment. I have built partnerships with both private and public sectors to improve the Parks. I have insisted on more public input in our decision making process, open and transparent government, financial responsibility and we are the region's leader in environmental issues. I have helped develop one of the best park districts in the country.

As we look to the future, we must work together to continue to enhance the park system in order to have the best parks, recreation programs, open spaces and zoos for future generations to enjoy. It is a matter of a quality of life that we as citizens of Tacoma are entitled to.

I am dedicated, responsive and hard working. Please vote for me, Tacoma native, father and grandfather, Tim Reid. Thank you.

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## Kurt Grimmer

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**Elected Experience:** Elected Commissioner PenMet Parks 2013 - Present

**Other Professional Experience:** 30 years of experience in the financial services industry. Bank Auditor; Bank Controller; Real Estate Financing Management; Financial Advisor.

**Education:** University of Puget Sound, B.A. Accounting and Finance

**Community Service:** Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce 2018 Citizen of the Year, Gig Harbor Rotary Club 2018 Star / Paul Harris Fellow Award, Peninsula Athletic Association Board Member and Recreation Supervisor, Harbor Soccer Club Coach, Gig Harbor Dragon Boat Team Founding Member, Gig Harbor Canoe / Kayak Racing Team Capital Campaign Committee, Gig Harbor Downtown Waterfront Alliance Board, St. Anthony's Patient Family Advisory Council, Tacoma Narrows Airport Advisory Commission

**Statement:** It has been an honor to serve these past six years as one of your Commissioners. Six years ago my goals were to enhance the recreation programs offered in the park district. I am happy to report that active and passive recreational programs increased for all ages. Youth baseball, basketball, and soccer were added. The Dragon Boat program evolved creating a fun, competitive year round activity for youth and adults.

Capital improvements made gains as well. Artificial turf was installed in the baseball diamonds at Sehmel Homestead Park, a new restroom was constructed near the playground and a maintenance barn was built to store valuable park equipment. Also, the Rosedale Hall was added to facilities available for use and a second dog park, Tubby's Trail, was installed near the Narrows Bridge.

Going forward, my goals have not changed. There is more that the PenMet Parks Board and I can do to augment recreation in the district. We need to expand programs and facility use for the district's senior programs that are in demand. Through the creative efforts of PenMet's talented employees these goals can be met. I would be honored to be re-elected as your PenMet Parks Commissioner.

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## Beth Glein

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**Elected Experience:** New Candidate

**Other Professional Experience:** Beth spent her professional career in financial services. She is a senior leader, specializing in the development of high performing operations.

**Education:** Master of Business Administration from University of Massachusetts. Bachelor's degree from Gonzaga University.

**Community Service:** Reman Hall Juvenile Detention Center 2017-2018; St Nicholas School Auction; Gig Harbor Wine and Food Festival 2014-2015

**Statement:** Be brave. Get involved. Make a difference. My kids are 5 and 3. They inspire me to put action behind my words. They are the reason I decided step out and run for public office. I think we all enjoy our parks and see the importance of affordable programs, specifically oriented to our youth, as creating lasting value in our community. My children have participated in various PenMet programs and events. I love watching their happiness and development while participating in these programs.

I want to ensure the programs and events offered by PenMet continue to be well funded and attended for our future generations. I have incredible respect in all that PenMet has accomplished over these last 15 years. I want to represent the interest of the primary users and can bring first-hand expertise to help guide future decisions. I understand the importance of listening thoughtfully to all sides and making informed decisions. My background as a parent raising children in Gig Harbor and a professional in financial services and operations management affords a unique perspective as your next Parks Commissioner.

Be brave. Get involved. Make a difference. Questions? Find me at [beth.glein@gmail.com](mailto:beth.glein@gmail.com).

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## Laurel Kingsbury

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**Elected Experience:** First time candidate

**Other Professional Experience:** 8 plus years of teaching including public, private, and with the Washington State Legislature's Page School

Program; Government Relations Coordinator with the U.S. Olympic Committee; Staffer with U.S. Congressman

**Education:** Master's of Education, Pacific Lutheran University (2004); B.A. Political Science, Western Washington University (1997)

**Community Service:** Treasurer and Member of the Board for Gig Harbor Cooperative Preschool; Voyager Elementary classroom volunteer; CASA volunteer (Court Appointed Special Advocate for foster kids); 6th Grade Girls Soccer Coach

**Statement:** When my family moved back to Gig Harbor nearly eight years ago, I was overjoyed to find we lived near vast hiking trails that lead to a beautiful PenMet Park. It only took one rejuvenating hike before I knew I was in my element, my home, my community. Raising our kids here not only meant that they would be immersed and connected to nature, but as a family, we would be the 5th generation rooted in the Gig Harbor community.

As commissioner my goals are to collaborate with board members/staff to continue the growth and development of quality projects that we know and expect from PenMet Parks. I will uphold fiscal consciousness regarding land acquisitions, establish and maintain community partnerships, provide a variety of diverse recreational opportunities, and never overlook the responsibility of managing tax dollars.

We are blessed beyond measure to live in a community that offers a rich and meaningful quality of life. I believe PenMet Parks is a significant component to this. The abundance of parks and recreational activities available have only enriched our community physically, socially, and economically. I am excited to actively participate in the development, growth and preservation of our parks.

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## William C. (Bill) Sehmel

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**Elected Experience:** No public offices ever held. ASB President, HOA President (48 unit ski condo complex).

**Other Professional Experience:** 20+ years IT, with over 10+ years in leadership & management positions at IBM Cloud managing enterprise & federal cloud environments.

**Education:** Henderson Bay HS Alumni -ASB President 2001, GED, Microsoft & Cloudera IT certificates.

**Community Service:** Website creator for original Friends of Homestead Park site (2001), Envirocorp Trail volunteer (2004 - 2006), Envirocorp Adopt-a-Road participant 2009 -2012

**Statement:** Proud lifelong citizen of the Gig Harbor area. 5th generation resident to live on my family's homestead before it became a park. I played baseball, soccer & basketball with PAA; junior golf at GHCC; local science fair participant; and enjoyed playing on our beaches growing up.

As HOA President I negotiated the purchase of a neighboring PUD protecting our condo's open space & view from larger development company.

If elected I will be a motivated and driven voice for those wanting improved district communication, expanded programs for seniors, fielded sports, bicycle areas, water access, events, and performing arts. Motivated to improve park trash recycling program. I believe we could benefit being a long term partner for a local Senior Center & networking with other park districts in the region.

I will ensure the district is taking care of the facilities we have and support logical financially responsible plans for future growth for citizens with all abilities, as PenMet has a fiduciary responsibility to use your tax dollars appropriately & accountable. I would love the opportunity to give back to this loyal community that has taught and given me so much and with your vote we could make it happen!

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## Lakewood Water District

### Commissioner, Position No. 1



## Gregory J. Rediske

**Elected Experience:** Lakewood Water Commissioner since 2012

**Other Professional Experience:** Recently retired after 35 years as CEO of VMC Media Management, Inc., a wholesaler of entertainment

products along the West Coast formerly headquartered in Lakewood.

**Education:** Pacific Lutheran University, BA in Business Administration; Lakes High School, Mann Junior High, Idlewild Elementary

**Community Service:** Lakewood Rotary (37 years) including Past President and Secretary (14 years); Lakewood Community Foundation Fund, Secretary/Treasurer; Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club, Board of Directors; Lakewood Baseball Club, coach.

**Statement:** I have lived and worked in Lakewood most of my life. My parents were well-respected educators in the Clover Park School District, and along with my wife Sharon, we have raised our four children here and now enjoy our five grandchildren.

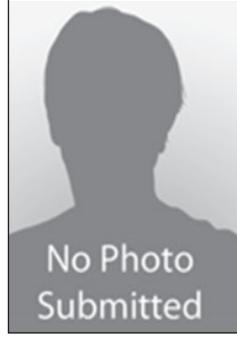
Living in the Pacific Northwest is a joy and a blessing, thanks in part to our natural resources. We are fortunate to have an abundant and consistent supply of water which we must protect and preserve. In my years at the Lakewood Water District, the Board of Commissioners has undertaken the long-range project of replacing the aging infrastructure of our system. Most recently, we have begun building the necessary delivery system for regional water supply. We have a surplus of water that we will sell to four other water districts in the area, which will soon benefit the rate payers in Lakewood.

Lakewood has the lowest water rates in the region, and we are poised to protect and even improve upon that standing while maintaining the highest standards of water quality and financial preparedness. I would be honored to continue to work on behalf of the citizens of Lakewood as your Water Commissioner.

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## Wollochet Harbor Sewer District

### Commissioner, Position No. 1



## Gertrude Puryear

**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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## Wollochet Harbor Sewer District

### Commissioner, Position No. 2



## Daniel Griswold

**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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