



**SAN JUAN
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Official Voters' Pamphlet

November 4, 2025 General Election



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Local Jurisdictions Participating in this Election:

SJC Public Hospital District No. 1, Orcas Island School District No. 137, Orcas Island Library District, SJC Fire Protection District No. 2, Lopez Island Park and Recreation District (Formation), and Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District

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Letter from Auditor

Election time can feel like information overload for many voters. We receive so many details from many different places that it can be challenging to keep track of it all, while knowing what is applicable to you and, perhaps most importantly, what is accurate.

When in doubt, I encourage you to connect with the San Juan County Elections Office! Every election, the team works tirelessly to compile all the voting information you need to help you confidently cast your vote. This voters' pamphlet plays a big part in sharing this information. As you peruse this voters' pamphlet, you'll find voting instructions, how and when to return your ballot, and the information you need to make an informed vote, such as candidate statements and ballot measure arguments. We strive for this document to be easy to read and accessible for all. After each election, we commit to reviewing and updating instructions and materials to help improve your voting experience. The 2025 General Election voters' pamphlet is no different. These pages are full of the information you need to cast your ballot successfully.

You will notice that this pamphlet includes details for all races and measures in San Juan County. There are a total of 48 races across 23 special-purpose districts, 8 propositions for special-purpose districts, and 3 races within the Town of Friday Harbor. Despite the staggering number of total races and measures in San Juan County, not all will be listed on your ballot - that depends on your precinct.

The San Juan County Election team will continue to provide you with the content you rely on, but we need you to make it count on November 4! Your participation in every election is vital. Please cast your vote to determine who represents you in your local government.

Natasha Warmenhoven
San Juan County Auditor

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Register to Vote

Qualifications

To vote, you must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison for a felony.



If you're 16 or 17 years old, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.

How do I register to vote?

- Online: Register at VoteWA.gov
- By Mail: Request a paper form be mailed to you or print your own at sanjuancountywa.gov/elections
- No internet access? Call 360-378-3357
- In Person: Visit our office at
 - San Juan County Elections Office
 - 55 Second St., Ste. A, Friday Harbor
 - M–Th 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Election Day 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

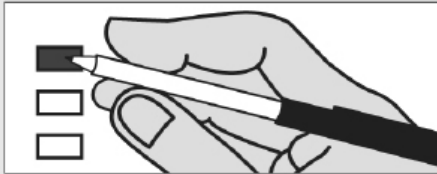
Registration Deadlines

- By mail or online: Your application must be received no later than October 27.
- In person: Visit our office no later than 8 p.m. on November 4.

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Voting Instructions

How to vote

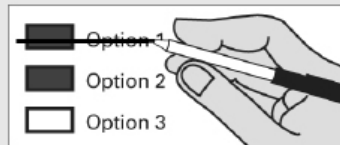


Use a dark blue or black ink pen to completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.

Do not use pencil.

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

If you make a mistake



Draw a line through the entire race/measure response. Then you may make another choice.

Do not use white-out.

Optional write-in



To vote for a candidate not listed, print the name on the blank line provided above 'Write-in' and fill in the box

- o Tear off the stub at the top of the ballot and throw the stub away.
- o Mark all contests you wish to vote. You don't have to vote every issue.
- o Put your finished ballot into the security sleeve.
- o Put your security sleeve and ballot into the return envelope.
- o Read, sign, and date the Voter's Declaration on the envelope. We cannot count your ballot unless you sign the declaration.
- o Seal the return envelope.
- o Return your voted ballot.

Replacement Ballots

To replace a lost or damaged ballot:

1. Contact SJC Elections as soon as possible at:

San Juan County Elections

Phone: (360) 378-3357

Email: elections@sanjuancountywa.gov

OR

2. Download a replacement ballot:
 - Go to VoteWa.gov
 - Sign in with your name and date of birth
 - Click on *Download Replacement Ballot Packet* then, *click Yes to continue*
 - Follow the instructions for voting and returning your ballot

Accessible Voting

San Juan County voters with disabilities have the option of voting independently and privately using an accessible voting unit.

The accessible voting unit will be available at the elections office Monday through Thursday, beginning Thursday, October 16, and through Election Day, November 4.

Returning Your Ballot

Official ballot drop box

Return your ballot to an official ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 4:

San Juan County Elections Office
55 Second St., Ste. A, Friday Harbor
M-Th 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Election Day 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

San Juan County Courthouse
Second St. Entrance, 350 Court St., Friday Harbor

Lopez Island Fire District Office
2228 Fisherman Bay Rd., Lopez Island

Orcas Island Senior Center
62 Henry Rd., Eastsound

By mail

No Stamp Needed! Place your ballot in the mail before the deadline. Your ballot must be postmarked on or before November 4, in order to count.

In person

The Elections office is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., M-Th, and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 4:

San Juan County Elections
55 Second St., Ste. A, Friday Harbor
(across from the Courthouse)

This ballot checklist shows all San Juan County candidates and measures approved for inclusion on the ballot for the November 4, 2025, General Election. Not all races and measures listed here will be on your ballot.

Town of Friday Harbor

Mayor

- o Evan Perrollaz
- o Emilio Santiago

Council Member 3

- o Anna Maria De Freitas

Council Member 4

- o Chelsey E. Dyer

San Juan Island

San Juan Island School District No. 149

San Juan Island School Dist No. 149 – Dir 1

- o Melanie Hess
- o Levi Wolf

San Juan Island School Dist No. 149 – Dir 2

- o Barbara Nash Bevans

SJC Fire Protection District No. 3

SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 3 – Comm 1

- o Mike Coryell

Port of Friday Harbor

Port of Friday Harbor – Comm 1

- o Graham "Gib" Black

San Juan Island Park & Recreation District

San Juan Island Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 2

- o Candace Ragsdale

San Juan Island Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 3

- o Scott Zehner

San Juan Island Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 5

- o Allison Moalli

SJC Cemetery District No. 1 (San Juan)

SJC Cemetery Dist No. 1 – Comm 1

- o Jeri L. Ahrenius

SJC Public Hospital District No. 1

SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 1 – Comm 1

- o Gail Leschine-Seitz

SJC Public Hospital District No. 1

Proposition No. 1 – Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy

The Board of Commissioners of San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1 (the "District"), adopted Resolution No. 2025-616 concerning a proposition to authorize the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$0.71 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, and the resulting levy dollar amount would thereafter be used for the purpose of computing the limitations of subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.50.

Should this proposition be approved?

Orcas Island

Orcas Island School District No. 137

Orcas Island School Dist No. 137 – Dir 1

- o Pamela Dobie Key

Orcas Island School Dist No. 137 – Dir 2

- o Michael Alperin

Orcas Island School Dist No. 137 – Dir 3

- o Stefan Maxfield

Orcas Island School Dist No. 137 – Dir 4

- o Ady Kenady

SJC Fire Protection District No. 2

SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 2 – Comm 1

- o R.J. Myers

SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 2 – Comm 4

- o Elisabeth Darby Britt

SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 2 – Comm 5

- o Karen Guice

Port of Orcas
Port of Orcas – Comm 1 o Allan Tone
Port of Orcas – Comm 2 o Richard Fant
Port of Orcas – Comm 4 o Robert Hamilton
Orcas Island Park & Recreation District
Orcas Island Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 2 o Bob Eagan
Orcas Island Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 4 o Woody Ciskowski
Orcas Island Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 5 o Deborah Heffley Jones
SJC Cemetery District No. 3 (Orcas)
SJC Cemetery Dist No. 3 – Comm 1 o Patricia Resch
SJC Cemetery Dist No. 3 – Comm 3 o Glenn Aust
SJC Public Hospital District No. 3
SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 3 – Comm 2 o Alison Sanders
SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 3 – Comm 4 o Diane L. Boteler
Eastsound Sewer & Water District
Eastsound Sewer & Water Dist - Comm 1 o Eric Sturtz

Orcas Island School District No. 137

Proposition No. 1 - Capital Projects Levy for Sitework and Safety Improvements

The Board of Directors of Orcas Island School District No. 137 adopted Resolution No. 2025-04, concerning a proposition to fund specific site and safety improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to improve OISD campus site and safety (reconfiguring, expanding and paving driveways, parking areas and walkways; installing LED lighting; adding shotput/discus competition area):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2026	\$0.1987	\$1,052,000
2027	\$0.1929	\$1,052,000
2028	\$0.1873	\$1,052,000
2029	\$0.1818	\$1,052,000
2030	\$0.1765	\$1,052,000
2031	\$0.1714	\$1,052,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2025-04.

Should this proposition be approved?

Orcas Island School District No. 137

Proposition No. 2 - Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Orcas Island School District No. 137 adopted Resolution No. 2025-05, concerning educational funding. This proposition would, as a result of recent legislative changes, authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property with the District, to maintain and support the District's educational programs and services, which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2026	\$0.1390	\$750,000
2027	\$0.1349	\$750,000
2028	\$0.1310	\$750,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2025-05.

Should this proposition be approved?

SJC Fire Protection District No. 2

Proposition No. 1 – General Obligation Bonds - \$18,500,000

The Board of Commissioners of San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 2 (d/b/a Orcas Island Fire & Rescue), San Juan County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2025-02 concerning bonds for apparatus and facility improvements. This proposition authorizes Orcas Island Fire & Rescue to issue one or more series of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$18,500,000 to refurbish and purchase fire engines, tenders, ambulances, and trucks and to improve fire stations and facilities to support firefighting capacity, prevention, protection and emergency medical services; and to levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 2025-02.

Should this proposition be approved?

Orcas Island Library District

Proposition No. 1 – Establishing Regular Property Tax Levy Rate

The Board of Trustees of the Orcas Island Library District adopted Resolution No. 02-2025 concerning partial restoration of the Library District’s regular property tax levy. This proposition would restore the District’s regular property tax levy to \$0.42 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025 (for collection in 2026). The maximum allowable levy in 2025, collected in 2026, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be approved?

Lopez Island

Lopez Island School District No. 144

Lopez Island School Dist No. 144 - Dir 1
o Andrew Nichols

Lopez Island School Dist No. 144 – Dir 2
o Matthew Bullock

Lopez Island School Dist No. 144 – Dir 5
o Matthew Kredell

SJC Fire Protection District No. 4

SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 4 – Comm 1
o Rebecca Smith

SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 4 – Comm 3
o Shirwin Smith

Port of Lopez

Port of Lopez – Comm 3
o Paul S. Henriksen

Lopez Island Park & Recreation District - Formation

Lopez Island Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 1
o Lynn Slaughter

Lopez Island Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 2
o Brady Smith

Lopez Island Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 3
o Jenny Poole

Lopez Island Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 4
o Bridie Spreine
o Chuenchom S. Greacen

Lopez Island Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 5
o Christopher “Kit” Ledbetter
o Dan Post

SJC Public Hospital District No. 2

SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 2 – Comm 1
 o Jessica Velo

SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 2 – Comm 2
 o Steven Greenstein
 o Corey Casper

SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 2 – Comm 5
 o Albert Berger
 o Heather Arps

MacKaye Harbor Water District

MacKaye Harbor Water Dist – Comm 3
 o Scott Allen

Lopez Island Park & Recreation District

Proposition No. 1 - Formation of Lopez Island Park and Recreation District

The San Juan County Council adopted Resolution No. 25-2025 calling for an election by the voters regarding the formation of the Lopez Island Park and Recreation District. If approved, a park and recreation district would be formed with a boundary of the entirety of Lopez Island with the objective of providing leisure time activities and facilities and recreational facilities of a nonprofit nature to be governed by five commissioners elected from Lopez Island.

Shall the park and recreation district be formed?

Lopez Island Park & Recreation District

Proposition No. 2 - Levy

The San Juan County Council adopted Resolution No. 25-2025 calling for an election by the voters regarding the initial financing of the proposed Lopez Island Park and Recreation District. If approved, this proposition would authorize the District, if formed, to impose a regular property tax levy in the amount of 37 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for six consecutive years, beginning in 2026, subject to the limit factors in RCW Chapter 84.55, for the purposes of financing the initial capital or operations costs of the District.

Should the proposition be approved?

Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District

Proposition No. 1 - Excess Property Tax Levy for 2026

The Governing Board of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District adopted Resolution No. 2025-02 concerning an excess levy for the District. This proposition would authorize the District to collect \$210,000 by a levy of excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District in an amount estimated to be \$.094 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in year one -- 2026 -- for the purpose of funding increased operations costs and capital improvements of the District.

Shall the proposition be approved?

Shaw Island

Shaw Island School Dist. No. 10

Shaw Island School Dist No. 10 - Dir 1
 o Shirley Sprenger Lange

Shaw Island School Dist No. 10 - Dir 2
 o Shannon Klohr

SJC Fire Protection District No. 5

SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 5 – Comm 1
 o Gary V Lange



Evan

Perrollaz

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

President and former Treasurer, Cannery Village HOA (2018–2025); Board Member, SJI Food Coop (2024–2025); Project Manager, SJC Care Coordination Grant (2020–2024); Board Member, Inter-Island Healthcare Foundation (2020–2022); President, Senior Care Coalition (2010–2012).

Other Professional Experience

Current Deputy Superintendent, SJC Public Hospital District No. 1; Co-owner, San Juan Island Roasters and Dockside Treasures; Former Administrator, Village at the Harbor; Former Owner and Founder of Cornerstone Senior Care Solutions, Former Regional Director of Operations, Bonaventure Senior Living.

Education

Oakland University, MI; Assisted Living Administrator; Home Care Aide (HCA); Certified First Aid and CPR Instructor.

Community Service

Rotary, San Juan Islands Healthcare Foundation, Hospice, Island Artisans, Alzheimer's Walk.

Statement

Friday Harbor isn't just a destination; it's our home. Rising housing costs and strained services have many asking, "Can I still afford to live here?" With 20+ years in senior living and healthcare, and as Deputy Superintendent of SJC Public Hospital District No. 1, I expanded care, improved wages and benefits, and added Medicaid beds at Village at the Harbor. I launched Village at Home to help seniors stay on the island. I'm ready to bring that focus, collaborative leadership, and strong accountability to the mayor's office—strengthening our community so people thrive while preserving our island's natural beauty.

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<https://www.evanformayor.com/>



Emilio

Santiago

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Advisor to Incident Command staff on disaster response, NPS Search and Rescue team leader, Class Council at Columbia

Other Professional Experience

Archaeologist and Cartographer, Federal Wildland Fire Resource Advisor Cohort, Coordinator for Green Drinks Friday Harbor, Representative to Stewardship Network of the San Juans, San Juan Historical Society, Mixologist.

While conducting government-to-government consultation between Tribal and federal parties, Emilio was recognized by federal agents for "uncommon tact and coordination" during negotiations. He was awarded for work that kept US Forest Service's relationship with the Tribes intact.

Education

Anthropological Archaeology, Columbia University

Community Service

SJI Volunteer Lead Wildland Firefighter, Great Islands Clean-Up, Historic Preservation Grants Advisory Committee

Statement

Government serves the people, not the other way around. Twelve years working with federal, tribal, and state entities as a civil servant have prepared me to be a Mayor that will collaborate with residents, Town Council, and the County to accomplish our common goals. In my professional work, I have balanced adherence to policy with the desires of the community, and I am ready to apply my strengths in conflict resolution and negotiation to this office. The time for change is now. Together, we can bring our Town into a new era of accountability, partnership, and dedicated public service.

Contact

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<https://www.electemilio.com/>



Anna Maria

De Freitas

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

17 ½ years, Council Member, Position #3, Town of Friday Harbor

Other Professional Experience

Owner/General Manager, San Juan Island Inn Collection-Harrison House Suites, Tucker House Inn and Coho Restaurant & Island Special Events and Catering, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island since 2005.

20 years in public broadcasting as technical director for nationally syndicated radio documentary and educational television series.

Education

Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, Bachelor of Music Flute Performance, Bachelor of Music Recording Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering

Community Service

Treasurer, San Juan Island Visitors Bureau

Statement

It has been an honor to serve on the Town Council for the last 17 years. I am looking forward to seeing to fruition the projects and plans incubated by our current council. I pledge to continue to work vigilantly to chart a smart course for our Town's future to continue to: invest in our utility infrastructure while being mindful of the environmental impact of our fragile ecosystem; work collaboratively with the county, non-profits and the private sector to address our need for affordable housing; address transportation and the impact of increased growth; support sustainable tourism, one of the drivers of our economy.

Contact

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Chelsey E.

Dyer

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Community Specialist—Lopez Island Family Resource Center (2019-2020); Mental Health Therapist—Compass Health (2020 to present)

Education

B.A., John Brown University; B.S., John Brown University; M.S., Clinical Counseling, John Brown University; PhD candidate in International Psychology, The Chicago School

Community Service

Chelsey is a proud union delegate and bargaining team member of SEIU 1199NW. She has lobbied with SEIU 1199NW in Olympia for policy changes to improve working conditions for service workers and the clients they serve. In her capacity on the bargaining team, she also recently helped secure improved wages for workers and maintenance of healthcare benefits within her organization.

Statement

As your elected Town Councilmember, I am dedicated to ensuring that all individuals are thoroughly considered and represented in the decisions that are made by our local government. I am committed to listening to multiple perspectives on issues and approaching challenges with objectivity. My work as a therapist frequently entails wading through difficult, often tense, situations that involve multiple individuals at once.

I will bring this experience to our local government to help find optimal solutions for all impacted individuals. Lastly, I am committed to honest, respectful dialogue to help increase effective relationships that will benefit our community.

Contact

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Melanie
Hess
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Appointed to San Juan Island School District Board
Director Position #1, 2024

Other Professional Experience

My professional experience includes 25+ years in the technology industry, spanning finance, business development, marketing, operations, and engineering, including leadership and executive positions. Microsoft Corporation, 2001 – present; AT&T Wireless, 1999-2001; Two Degrees Consulting, 1998-1999 <https://www.linkedin.com/in/melanie-minnitti-hess/>

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, Accounting and Finance, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington

Community Service

San Juan Public Schools Foundation, Board of Directors; San Juan Golf and Tennis Foundation, Board of Directors, President; Washington State University, Carson College of Business Alumni Advisory Board

Statement

My family has resided on San Juan Island since 2017, and my children have attended elementary, middle school, and high school in our wonderful school district. My core values will continue to guide my contributions to this position. I offer a growth mindset, approach challenges with both data and empathy, and proactively seek diverse perspectives.

I aim to ensure that educators are valued, our culture is preserved, and equal opportunities are provided so that every student in our district can reach their highest potential.

I would honor this opportunity should it be afforded to me. Thank you for your consideration.

Contact

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Levi
Wolf
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

None submitted

Other Professional Experience

None submitted

Education

I graduated from Friday Harbor High School with a steady 3.6 GPA. I went to Paideia Classical School for elementary and middle school.

Community Service

I have been a part of the SJI community my whole life. I was a part of 4H and Boy Scouts for many years. I went to VBS as a kid, then volunteered to help run it when I was old enough. I helped start San Juan Homeschool CO-OP, which is a homeschool CO-OP that helps homeschool families teach their kids and go on fieldtrips. I am a Christian and have helped at many church events.

Statement

I was born and raised on San Juan Island. I would bring a unique viewpoint to the school because I have recently graduated from it and have a fresh perspective on how it was run and how to improve it. I want to help kids enjoy learning and to have the schools take advantage of our unique setting on this island. When I was in high school, I started working at Roche Harbor as a summer job. When I graduated, I started working at a manufacturing company on the island, and I am the production manager there.

Contact

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Barbara Nash

Bevens

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

I have served as President of the Limestone Point Water Company, Chair of the San Juan County Fair Board, and Chair of the San Juan Island School District.

Other Professional Experience

Buyer and Manager of multiple retail/wholesale apparel companies and small business owner.

Education

Master's in Teaching - Seattle University; Bachelor of Arts - Linfield University

Community Service

San Juan Island School Board, San Juan County Fair Board, PTA, Campfire Girls, Girl Scouts, and various PTAs and PTOs.

Statement

I have been a San Juan Island community member since 1989. I am a creator, a mother, a mentor, and an organizer. My history includes travel, teaching, learning, and facilitating. I have spent 22 years in Education, the last eight as a School Board Director.

This Board has done amazing things, keeping the district on an even keel, hiring staff who have transformed our programs, and collaborating with Orcas, Shaw, and Lopez to educate and lobby our state legislators to better support our needs. I'm not done yet, and wish to continue working with this terrific team!

Contact

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Mike
Coryell
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

First time running for an elective office. I have been appointed to positions listed under community service.

Other Professional Experience

I am a retired systems engineer who has worked from home for the last 30 years of my career. This allowed me to be very active as a volunteer fire captain and EMT.

Education

AB Physics, UCSD 1981

Community Service

Fire Captain, EMT, President, Treasurer, Loma Prieta Fire & Rescue; Santa Cruz County Volunteer Company Officers' Committee; Santa Cruz County Fire Department Advisory Commission; Board, Co-chair Firewise Committee, Emergency Preparedness Committee, Roche Harbor Neighborhood Association; committee supporting District 3 Fire Levy Firefighter, San Juan Fire & Rescue.

Statement

I strive to give back to my community by volunteering in emergency response and preparedness. In California, I started as a volunteer firefighter and EMT and rose to become Chair of the Santa Cruz County Fire Commission. Now San Juan Island is my home and I want to further contribute to this special place. I appreciate the trust that you would be placing in me as a Fire Commissioner for San Juan County Fire Protection District 3 (San Juan and nearby islands) and will not take it for granted. I am always open to hearing your thoughts and concerns.

Contact

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Graham "Gib"

Black

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested**Elected Experience**

Port of Friday Harbor Commissioner, 8 years.

Other Professional Experience

Owner, Gprojects LLC (developing infill homes, Seattle);
Land Use & Municipal Lawyer (prior).

Education

Seattle University School of Law; Macalester College;
Phillips Andover Academy (Post Graduate); Lake
Washington High School

Community Service

Port of Friday Harbor Commissioner; youth soccer coach;
and community involvement in various local initiatives.

Statement

I've served as a Port Commissioner for eight years, focusing on community-oriented projects, like preserving Jensen's Boatyard, Ship Yard Cove Marina, and expanding Jacksons Beach use. We've saved taxpayer money by in-house dock building and renovations. I'll continue to support local businesses, advance projects like hangar expansion, and ensure the Port continues to create living wage jobs for our Island. I'm delighted to serve another term.

Contact

Gibblack@gmail.com



Candace
Ragsdale
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

Appoint Commissioner for San Juan Island Park & Recreation District

Other Professional Experience

Human Resources Manager, Housing Manager, Restaurant Manager

Education

English- Creative Writing Emphasis, BA from Western Washington University

Community Service

T-Ball Coach - 1 season. SJI Job Fair- 2 years and running. Co-President of Friday Harbor Elementary PTO 2021-current. Pie Booth- 4 years and running. President of Friday Harbor Elementary PTO starting the school year 2025.

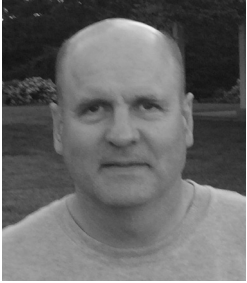
Statement

My family and I have lived here for over 30 years. I played volleyball, basketball, and tennis throughout middle and high school on the island. I have been a participant in many Island Rec programs as a child and as an adult. Any given day, you can find my son and me at Linde Park playing baseball, soccer, and football, or at Sunken Park shooting hoops.

San Juan Island means the world to me, and I look forward to continuing to serve and help the community through volunteering my time in any way that is needed. Island Strong!

Contact

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Scott
Zehner
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

I have served as an Island Rec Commissioner for 18 years

Other Professional Experience

Local building contractor for 25 years

Education

Lehigh University, BA

Community Service

Years of coaching youth baseball, basketball and soccer teams.

Statement

I have been an Island Rec Commissioner for the last 18 years and am very proud of the wide variety of recreational activities we provide, the five parks that we operate, and the High School sports teams that we pay for. Over the coming years, I will work hard to ensure that Island Rec continues to be an important part of what makes our island community such a unique and special place to live.

Contact

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Allison

Moalli

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

Appointed, then elected to one term as Commissioner #5

Other Professional Experience

Mediation & Arbitration Coordinator, High School
Guidance Counselor

Education

B.A., M.Ed. from the University of Virginia

Community Service

Island Rec Commissioner (5+ years), Volunteer Assistant
Coach for the FHHS girls' basketball team (10 years),
Spring Street International School parent volunteer (7
years), FHES PTO (2 years), PADs (Parkinson's Alert Dog
program) Handler and Volunteer (2 years)

Statement

My first full term as an Island Rec Commissioner required a great deal of creativity and determination, as it was during the pandemic when programming was limited and staffing was challenging. We are now on the other side of that difficult time and are fully staffed and running hundreds of successful programs. I am excited for another opportunity to support this organization that consistently, year after year, provides affordable recreation programming for all age groups, maintains beautiful parks, supports our FHHS athletic teams, and employs incredibly creative and enthusiastic islanders to make it all happen.

Thank you for your vote!

Contact

(360) 317-1238; allimoalli@gmail.com



Jeri L.

Ahrenius

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

San Juan Cemetery District 1, Commissioner Position 1

Other Professional Experience

None submitted

Education

None submitted

Community Service

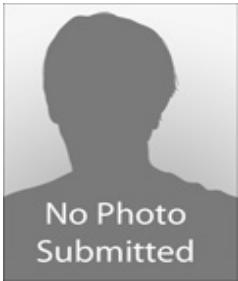
None submitted

Statement

I am seeking reelection to the San Juan Cemetery District 1, Commissioner Position 1. As a descendant of island pioneers, I have many relatives interred at our Cemetery and am honored to be part of the team that is respectfully maintaining our heritage and providing for the future resting place for our loved ones. I appreciate the support of your vote.

Contact

None submitted



Gail

Leschine-Seitz

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

No statement submitted

Other Professional Experience

No statement submitted

Education

No statement submitted

Community Service

No statement submitted

Statement

No statement submitted

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**SJC Public Hospital District No. 1
Proposition No. 1 – Authorizing Regular
Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Commissioners of San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1 (the “District”), adopted Resolution No. 2025-616 concerning a proposition to authorize the District’s regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$0.71 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, and the resulting levy dollar amount would thereafter be used for the purpose of computing the limitations of subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.50.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Matt T. Paxton, CSD Attorneys at Law, P.S.

San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1 (the “District”) put forth this ballot measure to authorize an increase of its regular property tax levy to \$0.71 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025 (for collection in 2026), compared to \$0.51 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation being collected this year, which would be used to establish the base amount for calculating 1% increases in the future.

This levy is the primary funding source for medical services provided by the District, including emergency medical services, a long-term care facility, and at-home care services, as well as financially supporting clinic and hospital services at PeaceHealth Peace Island Medical Center and other local providers. In the absence of voter approval, the District may only increase its annual revenue by 1% over the prior year, which does not keep pace with the rising cost of providing medical services.

Approval of this proposition would allow the District to maintain the level of services it provides. Rejection of this proposition will impact the District’s ability to continue the level of services.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page

Argument For

We need to preserve local healthcare for islanders. Extreme cuts to federal healthcare funds will take effect next year. The state is facing a significant budget deficit and has also made cuts. On top of that, under the terms of the contract, the Public Hospital District's (PHD) subsidy for the Peace Island Hospital increases every year. That increase comes straight out of the PHD's budget. We know that real financial problems are coming, and we must be realistic and ready to manage them.

Healthcare is struggling everywhere, and our isolated island community is no exception. For example, the San Juan Island EMS community paramedicine program fills gaps in care by helping islanders in their homes with fall prevention, medication management, and wound care. The program desperately needs more funding. The PHD loses money on low-income islanders who rely on Medicaid. Without additional funding the PHD will struggle to serve these folks, our neighbors, including at The Village.

Our population is the second oldest of Washington's 39 counties. Good healthcare is important for all of us, but it's particularly true given our median age. Quality care for islanders requires healthcare workers who live here. Those workers need stable housing. This levy lid lift will help the PHD address that critical healthcare problem, in collaboration with other local agencies.

We're increasingly on our own when it comes to healthcare. This levy lid lift will benefit our entire island community. We urge you to VOTE YES.

Argument Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

Written by

Preserve Local Healthcare for Islanders
<https://www.healthcare4islanders.com/>

Jennifer Armstrong
Tanja Williamson
Dave Zeretzke



Pamela Dobie

Key

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

No statement submitted

Other Professional Experience

No statement submitted

Education

No statement submitted

Community Service

No statement submitted

Statement

No statement submitted

Contact

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Michael
Alperin
 (Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Current: Physician, in active clinical practice; Previous: Faculty, University of Washington School of Medicine; Clinical Director & Chief, Primary Care Division, Portland VA Health Care System; Faculty, Oregon Health Sciences University; Brigade Commander, US Army Reserve; Theater Commander, Medical Forces, US Army, CENTCOM.

Education

BA, University of California, Berkeley; MD, Harvard Medical School; MBA, Columbia Business School & MBA, Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley (dual degree program); Master's, Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College.

Community Service

Previous: Director, Board of Directors, Sweet Home Boys & Girls Club; Director, Secretary, and Vice President, Board of Directors, Oregon State Hockey Association.

Statement

I feel strongly about the power of a solid education. This is why it is essential that we strive to provide the best education possible given the resources available to prepare all of our students for whatever path they choose to take in life. It is also vital that this education is conducted in a safe, secure, and respectful environment, where each student can grow and develop to the best of their abilities. I look forward to serving on the Board and working with staff, students, parents, and community members.

Contact

None submitted



Stefan

Maxfield

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

No statement submitted

Other Professional Experience

No statement submitted

Education

No statement submitted

Community Service

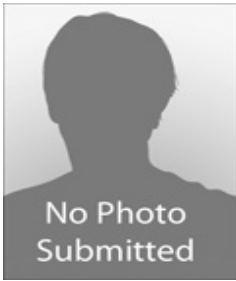
No statement submitted

Statement

No statement submitted

Contact

No statement submitted



Ady

Kenady

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested**Elected Experience**

None

Other Professional Experience

None submitted

Education

BFA Fine Art, University of Washington; MS ECE Portland State University

Community Service

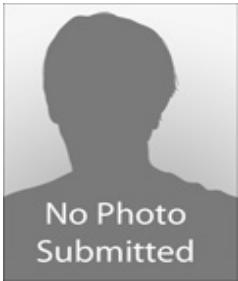
Early Childhood Education Initiative, Coalition for Orcas Youth

Statement

I have worked in the field of early childhood education for over 15 years as a teacher, trainer, or administrator. During the pandemic, I served as the Executive Director of Orcas Island Children's House and learned how to make hard decisions. My two children attend Orcas Island High School, and we are beneficiaries of a community that values education. I believe the schools should be a place where children, families, and educators feel valued. Our schools represent our highest aspirations for our community. Collectively, we all have a responsibility to see that every child has what they need to reach their full potential.

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R.J.

Myers

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

No statement submitted

Other Professional Experience

No statement submitted

Education

No statement submitted

Community Service

No statement submitted

Statement

No statement submitted

Contact

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Elisabeth Darby

Britt

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

Appointed to District 2 Fire Commission seat #4 in July of 2024.

Other Professional Experience

Served as a legislative assistant, district office manager for three state representatives and one state senator. Strong financial services background.

Education

BA from Western Washington University. Includes coursework in public administration, public policy, social justice, and economic inequality.

Community Service

Orcas Island Fire and Rescue Fire, District 2, Commissioner #4; Washington State Department of Transportation Blue Ribbon Public Safety Study, White Water Amphitheatre; Washington State Department of Ecology Advisory Committee. Representing 320 Group A and B Water Associations.

Statement

As fire commissioner, I am committed to cost-effective, community-driven solutions that prioritize safety and long-term sustainability. The next few years are pivotal, and our chief, firefighters, paramedics, and staff are the foundation of our emergency services. Their dedication drives progress and strengthens our ability to serve effectively. Through strong leadership and clear planning, we will overcome challenges, enhance emergency response, and secure vital equipment. We will empower District 2 with unity, preparedness, shared determination, and strategic investments, ensuring a strong future through community partnerships. I would be honored to have your vote on November 4th.

Contact

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Karen
Guice
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

Appointed, Fire Commissioner Seat #5

Other Professional Experience

I am a retired general surgeon and was on the surgical faculty at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, the University of Michigan, Duke University, and the Medical College of Wisconsin. I have also served in a variety of governmental positions, including within the Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration. I have also worked as a consultant in Ernst and Young's Government and Public Sector Advisory practice.

Education

Bachelor of Science, New Mexico State University; Doctor of Medicine, University of New Mexico; Master in Public Policy, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

Community Service

San Juan County Fire Protection District #2

Statement

My goals as a Fire Commissioner are to ensure that OIFR continues to provide the critical fire and emergency medical services necessary to support our community. Many important decisions must be made in the near term to sustain the level of service the Orcas Community expects at an affordable price for the taxpayer. I believe that my background and skills can be helpful in making those decisions, working in partnership with all stakeholders.

Contact

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Allan
Tone
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Entrepreneur and small business owner, local flower farmer, and pilot

Education

BS Computer Science/Psychology

Community Service

Local volunteer, President of the Orcas Aviation Assn, Mercy flight pilot/scheduler

Statement

Protect and Strengthen: The airport is a vital asset to our island. I'll ensure it remains thriving at its current scale, while improving operations and services to meet community needs better.

Community Representation: I'll advocate for inclusive decision-making that reflects the voices of all islanders, not just pilots or businesses, but also residents, families, and workers impacted by the port.

New Revenue, Investments: I'll seek opportunities to diversify the port's income and invest in projects that benefit the wider community, including initiatives that enhance the quality of life on Orcas Island and deepen the port's positive impact beyond the runway.

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Richard
Fant
 (Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Small business owner of Orcas office properties, Orcas Islander for 25+ years. Leader in the development of software for smartphones and services with senior management positions at Microsoft, Mozilla, Vodafone, and multiple startups.

Education

Electrical engineering at Western Michigan University with numerous management and technical training certificates.

Community Service

President of Airhawks, providing over 23 scholarships and aviation opportunities for Orcas residents, Volunteer in OAA mercy pilots with over 69 flights, Former president of Raccoon Point Road Association, serving 135 lots and delivering on a 1.9-mile paved road, Former Board Chair of Village Reach increasing access to healthcare for over 70 million people in sub-Saharan Africa.

Statement

As an Orcas resident, I want to do my part in our community. As a pilot and local small business owner, I believe that the current airport is the right size and enables the economy with essential functions of emergency services and transportation.

The Port could do more to support the community in marine access and managing growth, expanding public access to the ocean and perhaps working in partnership to reduce the workforce housing shortage. If you honor me with your vote I will use my skills in effective management and leadership to strengthen the Port of Orcas.

Contact

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Robert
Hamilton
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

Port of Orcas Commissioner 2020-Present

Other Professional Experience

Entrepreneur, owner, and manager in various electronics and aviation companies since 1985.

Education

University of Washington – Bachelor of Science EE,
Harvard University – Masters

Community Service

Eighteen years volunteering in K-12 in classrooms and in the performing arts, Cub Scout Leader, church volunteer and leader, and United Way Volunteer.

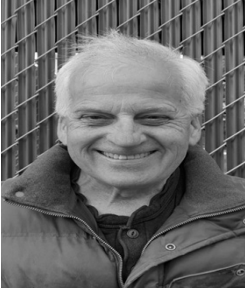
Statement

It is an honor to serve as your airport trustee, responsible to all the Orcas taxpayers who own the airport. When landing at other small towns around the country, it is surprising and sad to see many neglected airports unappreciated by their communities.

Your Manager and Commissioners recently adopted the theme “Better Not Bigger”, recognizing that we want to be proud of the airport, while not growing it into something it should not be. After several years of negotiations with the FAA we have started a two year project to repave the forty-year-old runway without making it larger.

Contact

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Bob
Eagan
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

15 years as park Commissioner, 20 years on WIRA 2 committee

Other Professional Experience

Licensed well driller (0122), WDM2 water system manager. Specializing in groundwater investigation, testing, and management. Water system consulting.

Education

High school graduate, Santa Barbara 1974

Community Service

Children's House Board, Orcas Landing subarea committee, Orcas Rec committee, and Water Shed Planning.

Statement

I have been a member of the Orcas Island Park and Recreation Commission for the last fifteen years. I have worked hard to make sure the organization has been fiscally responsible and still affordable for all participants. I support the District, and I am running for Commissioner to assure the community that we have a strong foundation for recreation and parks. I will make every effort to make decisions that are respectful and represent the desires of the community. I will continue to focus on sustainability and see that the programs are as self-supporting as possible, using the least amount of taxpayer funds.

Contact

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Woody
Ciskowski
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

Serving as interim Parks and Recreation Commissioner #4 since appointed in May 2025

Other Professional Experience

I am the Systems Librarian for Orcas Island Public Library. I make sure the digital catalog, public, and staff hardware are all functioning well. I provide friendly and intuitive guidance to people working with technology to help library resources be accessible to everyone.

Education

Western Washington University, Fairhaven College

Community Service

I am currently an interim Parks and Recreation Commissioner. I have volunteered as a Parks and Recreation youth soccer coach, a food bank volunteer, and on stage with local theater.

Statement

Structured activities, team sports, and theater were all fundamental parts of my childhood on Orcas. I know the pride that our community takes in maintaining Buck Park and in providing welcoming, safe, educational, and fun activities for kids (and adults) of all ages. I am excited to run for Parks and Recreation Commissioner #4 to give back to the organization that has done so much for this island. Recreation means something different for everyone, and I will encourage varied programming that engages residents with diverse interests. Thank you for voting!

Contact

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Deborah
Heffley Jones
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

OIPRD 2015-Present, current board Chair; Suncrest HOA Board, 2006-2014, and 2024-present; Rico, Colorado Town Council Member 2004-2007; The Rico Center Community Foundation founding Board of Directors, 2003-2007

Other Professional Experience

Orcas Island Realty, Business Owner/Managing Broker Dec 2024-Present; Orcas Island Realty, Real Estate Agent/Managing Broker June 2017-present; DH Jones Design, Designer, Artist 2008-Present; Bluebird Builders LLC, Administrator, Designer, Painter 2003-2018; Mosaic Painting, Small Business Owner, Designer, Painter 1999-2007.

Education

Los Altos High School, Los Altos, CA; University of Oregon B.A., History

Community Service

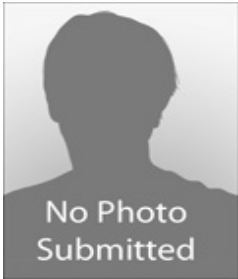
Youth Soccer Coach 2010-2014; Volunteer, Orcas Island Children’s House, Mayoral Fundraiser Campaign 2009-2011; Volunteer, Orcas Island School District

Statement

We have an opportunity to expand Parks & Rec with programs, facilities, and community spaces. Years of fiscal responsibility have kept us viable, but budgets alone can't fuel our ambitions. As a board member since 2015, I've overseen our growing offerings and seen their strength in fostering connections and robust participation. Together, we can create an accessible all-ages park, launch fresh initiatives, and secure the spaces our island needs. Please vote for inclusive, vibrant recreation that will bring OIPRD to the next level!

Contact

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Patricia
Resch
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

I have been a Cemetery Commission for the last 12 years

Other Professional Experience

None submitted

Education

1969 Graduate of Orcas High School, some college and business school in Seattle

Community Service

Involved with the American Legion Auxiliary and on the American Legion Color Guard

Statement

Our Cemeteries and their records are a form of history of those who have lived here for decades.

Contact

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Glenn
Aust
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

San Juan Cemetery District Cemetery Commissioner #3

Other Professional Experience

Business Owner

Education

None Submitted

Community Service

Historian, Deer Harbor Community Club; V.P. Deer Harbor Community Club; Board member, Orcas Island Historical Museum

Statement

My family dates back to the 1880's on Orcas Island. The family homestead still stands and is one of the longest family-occupied homesteads left in SJC. I'm a full-time resident of Orcas Island, and I'm always excited to learn more about our rich history. I was appointed to the Cemetery Commission in January of 2025 and have enjoyed supporting the cemetery's efforts to serve our residents. I would like to continue to serve this community and appreciate your support.

Contact

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Alison
Sanders
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

Appointed Orcas Hospital District Commissioner

Other Professional Experience

None submitted

Education

None Submitted

Community Service

None submitted

Statement

Alison joined the hospital district board as interim commissioner in January of 2025 because she's passionate about the health of this community. She is the Coalition for Orcas Youth (COY) Coordinator, has a strong background in advocacy, and has worked in nonprofit organizations up and down the west coast. She believes that the best way to solve a problem is to prevent it before it starts. That's why she is passionate about cultivating connections to mobilize our community for positive change. She grew up on Orcas and is thrilled to be back in her community with her husband and three spectacular children.

Contact

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Diane L

Boteler

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

No statement submitted

Other Professional Experience

No statement submitted

Education

No statement submitted

Community Service

No statement submitted

Statement

No statement submitted

Contact

No statement submitted



Eric
Sturtz
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

ESWD Commissioner since April 2022.

Other Professional Experience

Professional Civil Engineer in WA State with a focus on water, wastewater, and clean energy throughout Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, and Arizona.

Education

Bachelor's in Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics. University of Arizona, 2003.

Community Service

None submitted

Statement

I'm passionate about serving my community and the residents of Orcas Island. As a native of Bellingham, I've spent the majority of my life in this region and will work to support its people and protect its waterways, rivers, and aquifers. My entire professional career has been in the engineering consultant business planning, designing, constructing, and managing water and wastewater projects for cities and counties throughout the Western United States. You can count on me to do what's right for our community and provide valuable insight into long-term planning, technology, responsible fiscal management, and protection of our water resources.

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Orcas Island School District No. 137

Proposition No. 1 - Capital Projects Levy for Sitework and Safety Improvements

The Board of Directors of Orcas Island School District No. 137 adopted Resolution No. 2025-04, concerning a proposition to fund specific site and safety improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to improve OISD campus site and safety (reconfiguring, expanding and paving driveways, parking areas and walkways; installing LED lighting; adding shotput/discus competition area):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2026	\$0.1987	\$1,052,000
2027	\$0.1929	\$1,052,000
2028	\$0.1873	\$1,052,000
2029	\$0.1818	\$1,052,000
2030	\$0.1765	\$1,052,000
2031	\$0.1714	\$1,052,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2025-04.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Lee Marchisio, Foster Garvey P.C. Attorney for the District

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow Orcas Island School District to fund specific capital improvements with a six-year levy to address aging and deteriorating infrastructure, improve student and staff safety and expand student athletic opportunities.

Specifically, Proposition 1 will allow the District to improve the OISD campus grounds (not buildings) by: (1) reconfiguring, expanding and paving driveways, parking areas and walkways and making related infrastructure improvements; (2) installing LED site lighting; (3) adding a shotput and discus competition area (providing the final necessary facilities required to start hosting track meets); and (4) making other site and safety improvements at the OISD campus.

The driveway and parking improvements were alternate projects in the past two bond measures that ultimately were not selected. As a result, these areas have continued to deteriorate. Proposition 1 will allow the District to improve student, staff, pedestrian, and traffic safety within the OISD campus grounds by constructing these specific site improvements.

The proposed levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$1,052,000 in each of the years 2026 through 2031. The levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$0.1987 in 2026, \$0.1929 in 2027, \$0.1873 in 2028, \$0.1818 in 2029, \$0.1765 in 2030 and \$0.1714 in 2031. The exact levy rates will be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of property within the District at the time of the levy.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page

Argument For

Who among us hasn't driven into one of the numerous potholes in the school parking lot? They're not just an inconvenience—they're a hazard.

That's why we urge you to vote Yes on the upcoming Orcas Island School District Capital Projects Levy. This levy will provide the essential funding needed to repair the aging and deteriorating school parking lot.

Currently, the lot poses real safety concerns for students, families, staff, and visitors. Crumbling pavement, poor drainage, and unclear striping lead to congestion, confusion, and risk—especially during peak drop-off and pick-up hours.

Approving this levy means: safer conditions for pedestrians and drivers alike, improved accessibility for individuals with mobility challenges and functionality restored for school-day use and community events.

Addressing these issues now helps prevent more expensive repairs later. It also reflects our community's commitment to responsible maintenance, safe infrastructure, and the long-term care of our public schools.

A Yes vote is a vote for safety, accessibility, and preserving the spaces where our children learn and grow.

Let's invest in our schools—and in the safety of all who use them.

Written by

Janet Brownell
Bridget Broderick

Argument Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

Orcas Island School District No. 137

Proposition No. 2 - Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Orcas Island School District No. 137 adopted Resolution No. 2025-05, concerning educational funding. This proposition would, as a result of recent legislative changes, authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property with the District, to maintain and support the District's educational programs and services, which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2026	\$0.1390	\$750,000
2027	\$0.1349	\$750,000
2028	\$0.1310	\$750,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2025-05. Should this proposition be approved?

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Lee Marchisio, Foster Garvey P.C. Attorney for the District

Proposition 2 will fund a portion of the District's educational programs and operations not funded or fully funded by the State of Washington. These include essential faculty and staff, school supplies, mental health, music, athletics, farm to classroom and maintenance.

The proposed levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$750,000 in each of the years 2026 through 2028, which is approximately 2.4% of the District's General Fund budget. The levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$0.1390 in 2026, \$0.1349 in 2027 and \$0.1310 in 2028. The exact levy rates will be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of property within the District at the time of the levy.

In Washington State, an educational programs and operations (EP&O) levy is a local property tax used to fund costs of school districts' general operations not met by state or federal funding. Since 1979, the Washington Legislature has imposed a levy limit to cap the amount that may be raised by EP&O levies. When the Legislature increases the levy limit, voters must approve a levy in order to provide funding up to the new limit.

Orcas Island voters last approved the District's EP&O levy in 2024 for collection in years 2025 through 2028. During the 2025 legislative session, the Legislature passed Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2049, which increases the EP&O levy limit by an "inflation" adjustment to pay ongoing costs of educational programs and operations.

As a result of this legislative change, passage of Proposition 2 would allow the District to collect a three-year educational programs and operations levy to make up the difference between the existing EP&O levy and the new levy limit the Legislature approved in 2025. This funding is necessary to maintain current educational programming.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page

Argument For

The Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy before you represents a small increase of approximately \$0.139 per \$1,000 of your assessed property value (or less than \$100 per year for a property valued at \$700,000). Voter-supported funding pays for programs and personnel not covered by the Washington state budget, and the EP&O Levies account for nearly 20% of the necessary resources needed to operate and maintain the Orcas Island Public School District's programs and operations. Recent legislation was enacted to allow for this small increase.

This proposed levy is essential and an incredibly impactful investment, providing long-term benefits for the children in our community. Please join us in maintaining the quality education on which our Orcas families have come to rely. A "YES" vote is a vote for our children's future!

Argument Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

Written by

Cathy Ferran
Betty Corbett
Meagan Gable

SJC Fire Protection District No. 2

Proposition No. 1 – General Obligation Bonds - \$18,500,000

The Board of Commissioners of San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 2 (d/b/a Orcas Island Fire & Rescue), San Juan County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2025-02 concerning bonds for apparatus and facility improvements. This proposition authorizes Orcas Island Fire & Rescue to issue one or more series of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$18,500,000 to refurbish and purchase fire engines, tenders, ambulances, and trucks and to improve fire stations and facilities to support firefighting capacity, prevention, protection and emergency medical services; and to levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 2025-02.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Stacey Crawshaw-Lewis, Attorney for the District

Many Orcas Island Fire & Rescue apparatus are at the end of their useful lives, and certain facilities need repair or improvement. Proposition 1 allows Orcas Island Fire & Rescue to issue bonds to refurbish and purchase ambulances, fire engines, tenders, light trucks and brush trucks, to rehabilitate and improve roofs, cranes/lifts, utilities, restrooms and other fire station facilities, and for other qualifying capital improvements. Bond proceeds will be used for these improvements and upgrades to support firefighting capacity, prevention, protection and emergency medical services, including wildfire defense.

Proposition 1 would authorize the issuance of up to \$18,500,000 of general obligation bonds in one or more issuances to be repaid over 20 years and the levy of annual property taxes to repay the bonds.

Our current estimate of the bond levy rate is approximately \$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, assuming the bonds are issued in two series, which is about \$267 per year, or \$22 a month, for a \$1,000,000 residential property.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page

Argument For

Orcas Island Fire & Rescue responds to multiple emergency calls daily – often two or more ambulance calls at once. Their ability to provide lifesaving care and fire protection depends on reliable vehicles and safe, functional stations.

During the recent Westsound Wildland fire, crews handled EMS calls and fire suppression simultaneously. All patients received care, and every home was saved. That outcome was only possible because the district had enough working equipment and trained personnel essential to community safety and the fire department's ability to protect lives and property.

Many engines, medic units, rescue vehicles, and brush trucks are beyond their service life. Station infrastructure – including roofs, restrooms, HVAC, and utilities – requires urgent repair to remain safe for responders and the public.

Proposition 1 authorizes up to \$18.5 million in general obligations bonds, issued in one or more series and repaid over 20 years. Funds will replace aging apparatus, rehabilitate fire stations, and strengthen infrastructure for emergency medical response, fire protection, and wildfire defense.

The estimated cost is about 27 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value – roughly \$267 per year, or \$22 per month, for a \$1,000,000 property. These funds are local and are restricted to capital improvements outlined in the measure. No surprises. No diversion.

Vote YES, investing in the safety of your family, neighbors, and community.

Written by

Clark Cundy

Argument Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

Orcas Island Library District

Proposition No. 1 – Establishing Regular Property Tax Levy Rate

The Board of Trustees of the Orcas Island Library District adopted Resolution No. 02-2025 concerning partial restoration of the Library District’s regular property tax levy. This proposition would restore the District’s regular property tax levy to \$0.42 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025 (for collection in 2026). The maximum allowable levy in 2025, collected in 2026, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Matt T. Paxton, CSD Attorneys at Law, P.S., Attorney for District

Orcas Island Library District serves all who live, work, go to school, or own property on Orcas Island. The District offers thousands of books, DVDs, and digital resources, along with internet access, public meeting space, programs and book clubs for all ages, and community partnerships that bring services island-wide. In 2024, the library hosted 107,760 patron visits, delivered 417 programs with 11,916 attendees and circulated 82,712 items.

Voters last approved a levy lid lift of \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2016. Since then, operating costs have increased and the number of patrons served has increased. However, Washington law limits the amount the District can collect from taxes to an increase of 1% per year, even when property values rise at a higher rate. As a result, the levy rate for the District in 2024 (collected in 2025) is \$0.215 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

The District seeks voter approval to partially restore its regular levy to \$0.42 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025 (for collection in 2026), which would result in a property tax increase of approximately \$0.205 per \$1,000 of assessed value – roughly \$143.50 for a \$700,000 home. If approved, the levy would be used to establish the base amount for calculating 1% increases in the future.

This levy is the primary source of funding for services provided by the District. Voter approval of Proposition No. 1 will provide funding for current levels of library services and maintenance, including the preservation of opening hours, staffing, programs and collections.

In the absence of voter approval, the District may only increase its annual revenue by 101% over the prior year. Rejection of this proposition will impact the District’s ability to continue the level of services and attend to the ongoing critical physical maintenance of the library building.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page

Argument For

The Orcas Island Public Library is a jewel within this jewel of the San Juan Islands. Your Library provides vital services for the entire Orcas Island community. In addition to a robust book collection, the Library provides an array of digital services and resources, programming for adults, teens, and children, public meeting spaces, and public internet access. This past year your Library hosted over 107,000 visits, and did so by effectively managing our budget and relying on generous volunteers and donors to keep the library open 7 days a week. As a result, the Library has not required a levy lid lift since 2016.

The library depends on funding through a property tax levy to operate. Federal funding to libraries has been severely cut this year, and state funding is limited. This means fewer dollars for services that the library provides, such as eBooks and digital resources. Your vote to approve this measure will restore Library funding to levels that will allow us to maintain our current level of service and staffing through 2035. Restoring Library funding levels also ensures that the Library can provide critical maintenance to protect Orcas Island's investment in our beautiful building.

Now, more than ever, libraries play a critical role in providing all citizens with access to information. Voting for this measure will allow the Library to continue to serve as a central community resource for Orcas Island for the next decade. Please vote "Approve"!

Written by

Orcas Island Library Advocacy Committee
www.SupportOrcasLibrary.com

Sam Blackman, Library Board Member
Janet Marlow, Library Volunteer
Leslie Walker

Argument Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.



Andrew

Nichols

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

WA Precinct Committee Officer (2011-2012)

Other Professional Experience

IT Security Engineer (2010-present); Lopez Tech, Owner (2018-present)

Education

B.S. Informatics, University of Washington (2012)

Community Service

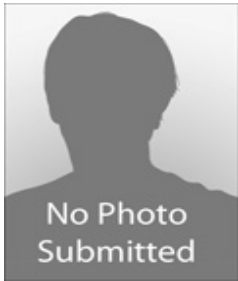
Community Technology Advisory Committee, Member (2023-present); The Lopez ReMakery, Leader (2021-2023); The Dump, Volunteer (2021-present)

Statement

I've been connected to Lopez my whole life; I moved here full-time in 2017 to help take care of my Grandpa. My son has been a student in the Lopez Island School District since 3rd grade and is now in high school. With your support, I want to serve you on the board and help represent the students and parents of the island. I hope to use my technical skills to improve the board's transparency, efficiency, and outreach to the community.

Contact

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Matthew
Bullock
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

No statement submitted

Other Professional Experience

No statement submitted

Education

No statement submitted

Community Service

No statement submitted

Statement

No statement submitted

Contact

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Matthew
Kredell
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Served in the Military for 20+ years and retired in 2017; Program Management (foreign and domestic); Currently working as a contractor for the DoD, and moved to the Island in 2023

Education

MS Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Community Service

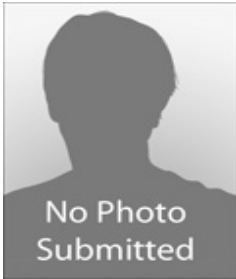
Volunteer MS Soccer and Track Coach, Substitute Teacher
LISD

Statement

I am interested in being a change agent to ensure Lopez Island School has the support and funding needed to continue doing what it does so well, educating the island's future generations. I am interested in helping to find unique ways to secure funding and express our island's needs to our State Representatives. If the community will have me, I feel I can best facilitate my interest in giving to this community by serving as a school board member

Contact

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Rebecca

Smith

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested**Elected Experience**

Lopez Island School District Commissioner 1987-1991; SJC Fire Commissioner 2000-current

Other Professional Experience

RN Lakewood General Hosp Lakewood, WA (3yrs), 1986-1994 Visiting Nurse Assoc. (8 yrs) part-time, Athletic Director Lopez School (1994-1997), Bookkeeper Decatur Northwest Homeowners Association 20 yrs, director/manager Lopez Island Chamber of Commerce 2003-2015, Administrator Hamlet House Adult Family Home 2015-2022.

Education

HS diploma Cascade High School (Everett, WA) 1970, 2 yrs pre-nursing WSU 1970-1972, diploma of nursing Samuel Merritt Hospital School of Nursing (Oakland, CA) 1975, KNOW AIDS educator 1991

Community Service

Volunteered on numerous non-profit community associations, including Catherine Washburn Medical Association, Lopez Island Schools, Lopez Hospice & Home Support, Lopez Historical Society, Lopez Chamber of Commerce, Co-Chair of Tour de Lopez bicycle event 2004-2016

Statement

It has been a challenge and a privilege to be part of the growth over the last 20 years into a Fire and EMS system we can be proud of. My many years of involvement in all aspects of this community give me a unique perspective on the needs of the community. As we move into a time of uncertainty for funding of healthcare and fire service nationally, there will be many challenges ahead to maintain our level of service. I look forward to looking outside the box for ways we can meet this challenge.

Contact

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Shirwin
Smith
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

Appointed Commissioner SJCFPD4

Other Professional Experience

National Park Service: 5 years as a field Ranger in rural and urban parks - certified as EMT 1, Wildland Firefighter, Basic Law Enforcement Open Water Rowing Center: 1985, left NPS to found a rowing club in Sausalito, with 5 shells and one employee to help coach. By 2000, OWRC had grown to 2 boathouses for 98 private and club shells. I sold the club to a group of members, who continue to run it. Rehired by NPS 2001-2014 - managing projects involving land use planning, environmental compliance, and public outreach

Education

BA, Denison University

Community Service

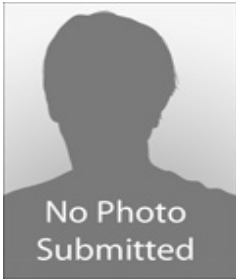
Lopez Home Tour Committee, 2017-2020; Lopez Fit volunteer

Statement

I first visited the islands in 1978, during my fourth NPS ranger season, stationed in N. Cascades NP. Was very drawn to the area, so much so that 38 years later, I was fortunate enough to find my forever home on Lopez. I joined 3 organizations - Home Tour Committee, Lopez Singers and Lopez Yacht Club - wonderful introductions to the island. With 2 of those lost to Covid, I had been looking for other ways to contribute. When asked to consider the Board, the opportunity felt right. I've been grateful to support the so very necessary work of Lopez Fire and Rescue.

Contact

None submitted



Paul S.
Henriksen
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

No statement submitted

Other Professional Experience

No statement submitted

Education

No statement submitted

Community Service

No statement submitted

Statement

No statement submitted

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Lynn

Slaughter

(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

"Lopez Rec" Formation Committee member 2025. Lambda Legal National Board Member 2008-2013. CASA volunteer 2002-2003.

Other Professional Experience

Criminal Defense Investigator 2004-Present. USPTR Certified Tennis Instructor 1991-2003. Service Department Manager Home Electronics 1981-1991. Buyer and Manager Retail Sporting Goods 1979-1981.

Education

Master's in Criminal Justice, Seattle University, 2013; Bachelor of Arts, Psychology University of Washington, 1979. WA State Private Investigator Certification, 2004. Service Manager Certificate U of Wisconsin School of Business, 1986.

Community Service

Lopez Island Community Tennis Association Board Member 2019 to present, Starfish Fund Member 2000-present, ACLU of WA 2013-2015.

Statement

I love our unique Lopez community and I love sports. As a teacher, coach, and participant, I know the impact recreation makes, on both individuals, regardless of age, and communities.

A full-time resident for over five years, a homeowner for twenty plus, I'm running for Rec Commissioner to address the needs of all ages. I support thoughtful programming that serves the full range of necessities in a fiscally responsible manner. I believe Lopezians who desire connection and engaging activities will love having a Rec Department that meets a broad spectrum of interests and capacities.

Want more fun? Vote for me!

Contact

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Brady
Smith
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

"Lopez Rec" Formation Committee member. Board Member, United Way of San Juan County.

Other Professional Experience

Current Superintendent, Lopez Island School District. Principal, retired, NYC Department of Education (2004-2023). Teacher, NYC Department of Education and Parkrose School District, Portland, Oregon, 1990-2004. Former coach, NYC Public Schools Athletic League and Little League Baseball, Portland, Oregon.

Education

Master's in Educational Leadership, CUNY Baruch College, 2004; Master's in the Art of Teaching (MAT), Lewis and Clark College, 1990. Bachelor of Arts, The Evergreen State College, 1989.

Community Service

None submitted

Statement

As a career educator and Superintendent of LISD, I know the benefits that school sports and the after-school and summer programming provide to the children and youth of Lopez Island and to their working parents, and I want to expand community access to school facilities.

As a semi-retired property owner and great-uncle to a four-year-old, I also appreciate the potential for expanded recreational programming for active seniors and preschoolers that Lopez Rec can provide, including on-water activities.

As a Lopez Rec Commissioner, I will seek community input, work to optimize community use of school facilities, and expand recreational programming for all.

Contact

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Jenny
Poole
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

Lopez Island School District, School Board Director and Chair 2019-2022

Other Professional Experience

High School English & ESL Teacher, 2002-2008, Small Business Administration, 2010-Present

Education

Masters of Education in Teaching, June 2002; University of California, Santa Barbara, Bachelor of Arts in English, December 2000; University of California, Santa Barbara

Community Service

School Board Director; Rally for the Rec Committee, 2023-Present; Lopez Preschool Treasurer, 2011-2014

Statement

As a parent of two Lopez teens, I'm committed to ensuring our local youth can thrive in a community that offers high-quality education, sports participation, and recreational access that fosters intergenerational connection, creativity, and outdoor exploration.

Having worked with the Rally for the Rec Committee for the past two years, I've gained significant background knowledge and understand the upcoming work to ensure that Lopez Rec will meet the varied interests of community members, support school athletics, develop youth programs so essential for our working families, and establish policies and procedures that will create foundational success.

Contact

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Bridie
Spreine
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Lopez Island Parks and Recreation District Formation Committee

Other Professional Experience

YMCA Coach certifier, Owner of Lopez Strength and Conditioning and former owner of Lopez Coffee Shop. Certified in multiple coaching and martial arts disciplines. Experienced youth mentor and community organizer.

Education

Studied business and sociology at Everett Community College. Holds multiple certifications in coaching and martial arts instruction.

Community Service

Board member for Lopez Island Baseball and Softball, 3Vs Youth Organization, CTK Lopez island, volunteer coordinator for Lopez Uncovered Music Festival, youth coach, volunteer on numerous local committees.

Statement

As a longtime Lopez resident, small business owner, and parent, I'm committed to helping "Lopez Rec" serve our diverse community. I bring experience mentoring and coaching island youth, serving on local boards and committees, and running programs that support wellness and connection. I want to ensure our new parks and recreation district is inclusive, responsive, and built to last. If elected, I will focus on establishing strong, community-driven foundations and expect to serve just one term to help get Lopez Rec off to a solid start.

Contact

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Chuenchom S.
Greacen
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No submitted

Other Professional Experience

Energy Analyst (public interest analysis & just energy transition)

Education

M.A. Energy & Resources, University of California, Berkeley, B.E., A.B., Dartmouth College

Community Service

Lopez Island Education Foundation, Trustee, 2013-current, Youth Conservation Corps Advisory Committee, Member, 2020-current, Madrona Institute, Member, Board of Directors, 2025-current, Lopez Common Ground Association, Treasurer, 2019-current, Lopez Community Land Trust, Chair, Treasurer & Member, Board of Directors 2013-2015, 2016-2024, Transition Lopez Island, Steering Committee Member, 2010-2023, OPALCO Election and Governance Committee, Member, 2017-2020, OPALCO Member Owned Renewable Energy Committee, Member, 2010-2015

Statement

Lopez Island's public school faces a financial crisis threatening its future and our community's vitality. I'm running for Lopez Parks & Recreation Commission to ensure district revenues prioritize essential support for our school & local youth. In a county with Washington's highest income inequality, we must invest in the next generation, not bureaucracy. I'm committed to fiscal responsibility and maximizing benefits for children and families. Other WA Parks & Recreation districts use their levies to support athletics, school gardens, outdoor education, and after-school programs; we should prioritize these benefits for kids too, while keeping overhead low.

Contact

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Christopher "Kit"
Ledbetter
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

"Lopez Rec" Formation Committee member. Elected to King Conservation District (KCD) 2013 to 2015.

Other Professional Experience

Over 40 years working in Parks and Recreation. Parks and Recreation Director City of SeaTac WA (1996 to 2016), Parks and Recreation Director city of Lathrop CA (1994 to 1996), Assistant General Manager Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District Camarillo CA (1989 to 1994). My first job in recreation was for the City of Brea, CA 1970.

Education

BS in Recreation Administration Cal Poly Pomona 1976, AA in Recreation Administration Fullerton Community College 1974

Community Service

Lopez Island Golf Club Board of Directors 2020 to 2024, Fisherman Sewer District 2021 to present, Lopez Island Parks and Recreation District Formation Committee 2023 to present

Statement

My past experience in parks and recreation has been very helpful with our Formation Committee over the past year and a half. My goal in running for a Commissioner position is to assist with getting the new "Lopez Rec" started and I anticipate only serving one term.

Contact

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Dan
Post
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

As an elected official, I served 23 years as a Port of Lopez Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience

I have owned and operated several successful businesses on Lopez Island, including Lopez Island Freight, Post Services, the hauling of landscape material, a mini storage business, and commercial fishing.

Education

12 Years at Lopez Island School. I served 10 years in the military and underwent several military schools and training.

Community Service

4 years on the Lopez Island Solid Waste (The Dump) Board. And I am currently on the Senior Center Board.

Statement

As a Lopez Rec Commissioner, I would like to bring absolute transparency to the Lopez Voters. Financial responsibility is imperative. The Recreation District should mostly be a benefit to the youth of Lopez. I would like to repeat that financial responsibility is a must.

Contact

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Jessica
Velo
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

Appointed SJCHD No. 2 – Commissioner No. 1

Other Professional Experience

My past professional life has been in restaurant and event management. This has given me decades of business experience working with people of all backgrounds, often focused on conflict resolution, teamwork, and planning.

I am now a yoga teacher for Creaky Yoga on Lopez and the creator of an online chair yoga subscription for seniors. I am also an emerging professional artist.

Education

BA, University of Washington

Community Service

None submitted

Statement

My strong suits are creativity, listening, and bridge-building. My primary goal for this term will be to substantially improve communication channels between the public, the board of commissioners, and the many agencies and organizations we work with on behalf of the public.

I envision healthcare as holistic. I believe in education, prevention, and community strength to bolster our system of care providers.

Contact

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Steven
Greenstein
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Lopez Island Hospital District Commissioner 2 – June 2020 to present

Other Professional Experience

Partner, Primary Care Clinic in Western Washington: financial advisor and provided Information Technology support for 5 years. Vice President of Sales & Marketing for a Packaging Manufacturer. Western Region Director of Sales for an International Manufacturer.

Education

San Francisco State University, Bachelor of Arts degree

Community Service

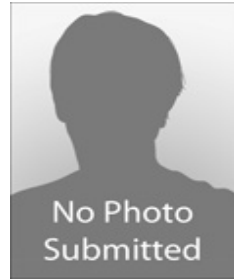
Liaison between LIHD and Lopez Island Fire District Board of Commissioners and Catherine Washburn Medical Association (CWMA)

Statement

As an LIHD Commissioner, I've served on the Finance Committee, working with the Board and Superintendent, San Juan County, UW Clinic, Lopez Island Physical Therapy, Lopez Island Pharmacy, and The Hamlet to manage District budgets and financial activities. My professional experiences, including with a Primary Care Clinic, have refined financial skills to assure effective use of tax revenues supporting healthcare on Lopez. Recognizing the importance of collaboration, I've served LIHD as a liaison to other local partners. As a permanent Lopez resident, I remain committed to ensuring financial viability and quality of healthcare so critical to our community.

Contact

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Corey
Casper
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No statement submitted

Other Professional Experience

No statement submitted

Education

No statement submitted

Community Service

No statement submitted

Statement

No statement submitted

Contact

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Albert
Berger
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Commissioner on the Lopez Island Hospital District (LIHD) Board since 2018, and Chair of the LIHD Finance Committee.

Other Professional Experience

University of Washington School of Medicine faculty member for over 30 years. I taught biomedical science courses and headed a major research laboratory funded by National Institutes of Health. I was also Vice Dean of the Medical School, heading the Office of Research, with administrative responsibility for all biomedical and clinical research at UW Medicine.

Education

PhD from Princeton University, Chemical Engineering; PhD from University of California, San Francisco, Physiology

Community Service

See Elected Experience

Statement

As an LIHD Commissioner and Chair of the Finance Committee, I focus on ensuring property taxes are spent wisely. A major responsibility is working with the UW Finance staff to develop and monitor the contract with UW Medicine, ensuring Lopez Clinic is operated in a fiscally responsible manner. During my tenure, we've also expanded LIHD financial support to Lopez Island Physical Therapy, Hamlet House, and a mobile program to provide dental care to children and adults. I would be grateful for your support so I can continue serving our community.

Contact

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Heather
Arps
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

None

Professional Experience

I've been a caregiver for hospice/homecare for 47 years, worked as Certified Nurses Aid at our Lopez Island Medical Clinic 10 years, and 2 years as caregiver at Hamlet House. I founded 3 Lopez foot care clinics and worked as Director's Assistant at Spring Street School for 12 years.

Education

Bellingham Tech College. EKR Foundation training

Community Service

I helped bring Medicare Hospice to SJC, served on Covid Response Committee, was school volunteer for 12 years, and helped organize school library book drive. Served on the Lopez Library Board and Lopez Island Home Support Board, and led successful campaign to save Odlin South.

Statement

In 1988 my husband and I moved to Lopez and have been here raising our family, working, and becoming part of this amazing community ever since. Over the years, I have earned my place as an indispensable provider of health care with a reputation for being respectful, reliable, compassionate and dedicated. My willingness to help where needed with enthusiasm, humor and creativity makes me a valuable member of any team.

As Hospital District Commissioner, I will collaborate with the board and the community to help improve health care services for all Lopez residents.

Contact

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Scott
Allen
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Aerospace Engineering, Software Engineering, Computer Consulting

Education

BS and MS in Aeronautics and Astronautics, University of Washington

Community Service

Lopez Island Scotch Broom Eradication Team, Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival volunteer, safety/media boat for the following events: R2AK, WA360, 70/48, and Gathering of the Eagles

Statement

My name is Scott Allen, and I am honored to be a candidate for Commissioner 3 of the MacKaye Harbor Water District. My wife, Nance Hall, and I have lived full-time on Lopez for nearly four years. Along with our dog Ginger, we enjoy hiking, skiing, boating, camping, and tending to our gardens and chickens. Thank you for considering my candidacy, and I look forward to serving as Commissioner 3 for the MacKaye Harbor Water District.

Contact

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Lopez Island Park and Recreation District

Proposition No. 1 - Formation of Lopez Island Park and Recreation District

The San Juan County Council adopted Resolution No. 25-2025 calling for an election by the voters regarding the formation of the Lopez Island Park and Recreation District. If approved, a park and recreation district would be formed with a boundary of the entirety of Lopez Island with the objective of providing leisure time activities and facilities and recreational facilities of a nonprofit nature to be governed by five commissioners elected from Lopez Island.

Shall the park and recreation district be formed?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Amy Vira, San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney

A petition was submitted to the County Council requesting that the voters consider a proposition to establish the Lopez Island Park and Recreation District to be also known as "Lopez Rec". The district boundaries are all of Lopez Island.

If approved by a majority of those voting, this measure will establish a park and recreation district with authority to conduct leisure time activities and provide facilities and recreational facilities of a nonprofit nature as a public service to the residents of Lopez Island.

The district will be governed by five park and recreation district commissioners who must reside in the district and who will also be on the ballot. Those positions will be established with the persons duly elected if the park and recreation district is approved.

This is a measure for formation of the park and recreation district only. There is a separate ballot measure regarding financing of the initial costs of the district.

A "yes" vote is in favor of the formation of a park and recreation district. A "no" vote is against the formation of a park and recreation district.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page

Argument For

Keep the Things We Love! Changes to state and federal funding mean that we need to find new ways to fund valued programs, including school sports, afterschool programs, and summer care. Without action, we risk losing the community resources we rely on and love. Our community takes care of each other – your YES vote to establish Lopez Rec continues that tradition.

Save School Sports! Our Lopez school faces devastating cuts. Establishing Lopez Rec ensures the continuation of school athletics, freeing up resources for core educational needs and maintaining enrollment. When our students play sports, they keep our school thriving and bring us together at the heart of our community.

Support and Retain Working Families! For working families, the loss of federal grants means the end of essential afterschool care and summer programs. Lopez Rec offers a lasting solution, ensuring that our working families can continue to live on Lopez.

Invest in Lopez's Future! Lopez Rec is a community-driven solution - designed by Lopezians, run by a locally elected board, and built with transparency and accountability from the ground up. Funding decisions will reflect community input and evolving needs, keeping local dollars working locally.

Lopez Rec will offer year-round opportunities for all, including specialized senior programming, environmental education, and arts and cultural events, bringing us together across generations.

Our Community Comes Together! Supported by local partners, including LIFRC, Lopez Library, LICTA, Museum, Lopez Fit, the PACK, LCC and more.

Vote YES for Lopez Rec – for Lopez, by Lopez.

Written by

www.rallyfortherec.org

Christine Kerlin
Serina Adams
Shawn Westervelt

Argument Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

Lopez Island Park and Recreation District

Proposition No. 2 - Levy

The San Juan County Council adopted Resolution No. 25-2025 calling for an election by the voters regarding the initial financing of the proposed Lopez Island Park and Recreation District. If approved, this proposition would authorize the District, if formed, to impose a regular property tax levy in the amount of 37 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for six consecutive years, beginning in 2026, subject to the limit factors in RCW Chapter 84.55, for the purposes of financing the initial capital or operations costs of the District.

Should the proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Amy Vira, San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney

A petition was submitted to the County Council requesting that the voters consider a proposition to establish the Lopez Island Parks and Recreation District and that the initial capital or operational costs for the District be financed by regular property tax levies for a six-year period as authorized by RCW 36.69.145.

If approved by a majority of those voting, this measure will impose a regular property tax levy in the amount of 37 cents per thousand dollars assessed valuation for a period of six years beginning in 2026.

These funds will be used for capital or operational costs of a park and recreation district with authority to conduct leisure time activities and provide facilities and recreational facilities of a nonprofit nature as a public service to the residents of Lopez Island.

This is a measure for the financing of the park and recreation district only. There is a separate ballot measure regarding the formation of the district. This measure will only take effect if the measure to form the Lopez Park and Recreation District is approved.

A "yes" vote is in favor of the levy to finance the park and recreation district. A "no" vote is against the levy to finance the park and recreation district.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page

Argument For

Let's invest in a solution — for youth, families, and islanders of all ages.

Fund Immediate Needs Due to the school funding crisis and the imminent disappearance of federal grants, school sports, afterschool care, and summer workshops are at risk. Vote YES to approve the levy and support our working families and youth.

A state law change (the McCleary decision) blocked Lopez from collecting local school funds that voters had already approved. This levy helps restore that lost, voter-supported funding — and puts control back in local hands.

Invest Responsibly This figure wasn't chosen lightly. A levy rate of 37 cents per \$1000 of assessed value reflects extensive research and community input. Without this minimum funding, we undermine the reason for forming the district.

The impact: \$21 per month for the median property owner. That's roughly \$8/month for school sports, \$10 for after-school, summer and all age programming, and \$3 for facilities - unlike most of your property tax dollars, this investment stays here on Lopez.

Invest Reasonably. For those concerned about the impact of the levy on their household, property tax relief is available for seniors and low-income residents through www.sanjuancountywa.gov/1648/Exemptions-Tax-Relief. This six-year levy is capped at a 1% annual increase, ensuring predictable growth. When it expires, voters can reassess and decide what's next.

Gain Community-Wide Benefits We economically benefit as a community when we create new opportunities to support our seniors, strengthen our workforce by helping families thrive on island, and maximize organizational efficiencies of existing organizations.

Vote YES to fund Lopez Rec – for Lopez, by Lopez.

Written by

www.rallyfortherec.org

Stephanie Stratil

Tom Cowan

Andy Nichols

Argument Against

Now is not the time to create a new taxing district with a levy rate of \$0.37 per \$1,000 assessed value for "leisure" activities while our public school and clinic struggle to provide essential services amidst budget cuts. This proposed tax will add another \$315 annually for a median-priced home (\$850,000).

This proposed levy will drive up our already high cost of living. We need our tax dollars to support essential Lopez institutions such as the library, school, fire district, and solid waste. Working families and households on fixed-incomes are already being priced out.

According to the Rally for Lopez Rec Committee's proposed budget (<https://rallyfortherec.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Rally-for-the-Rec-Community-presentation.pptx-1-1.pdf>), only 21% of the proposed revenue will benefit the school's athletic program which includes \$140K for existing school programs plus \$40K, most of which is for a new swimming program. Meanwhile \$337,000 per year is proposed to go towards administration & operations: a director and assistant, insurance, IT, legal, and accounting. This is excessive overhead.

The proposed levy rate is designed to be locked in for six years, with no ability to lower the amount collected should circumstances change. Other districts in the state use "up to" language for flexibility. Orcas and San Juan Parks & Rec collect \$0.10 and \$0.28 respectively per \$1,000 assessed value, well below the \$0.37 rate proposed for Lopez.

Lopez must prioritize affordability and essential services over creating a costly, permanent bureaucracy for leisure programs.

Vote NO on this proposed levy.

Written by

Beth Andrewes

Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District

Proposition No. 1 - Excess Property Tax
Levy for 2026

The Governing Board of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District adopted Resolution No. 2025-02 concerning an excess levy for the District. This proposition would authorize the District to collect \$210,000 by a levy of excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District in an amount estimated to be \$.094 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in year one -- 2026 -- for the purpose of funding increased operations costs and capital improvements of the District.

Shall the proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Amy Vira, San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney

Each year, the Governing Board of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District has proposed a balanced budget that includes revenue from tipping fees based upon weight or volume, and tax revenue to be paid for with a one-year property tax levy. For the year 2026, the amount of the tax revenue that is budgeted is \$210,000.

The Governing Board has adopted Resolution No. 2025-02 calling for an election to approve the one-year property tax measure to generate \$210,000. If adopted, the property tax rate for the Solid Waste District would be an amount of approximately \$0.094 per \$1,000 of assessed value for taxes imposed for the year 2026. The Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District must use the revenue raised for district operations and capital expenses. A "yes" vote is a vote to approve the proposal; a "no" vote is a vote against the proposal. A sixty percent majority is needed to pass this measure.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page

Argument For

To sustain current services, including our free recycling programs and Take It Or Leave It (TIOLI), Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District (LSWDD) requires dependable, recurring support from several sources, including garbage disposal fees, sale of recyclables, volunteer hours, and our annual levy. Historically, the levy has generated one-third or less of LSWDD's annual expenses. Without the funds provided by the Levy, LSWDD would be in financial distress. Washington State authorizes disposal districts to seek levy funding only one year at a time, which means LSWDD must pass a levy each year to secure funding for the following year.

In 2014, shortly after LSWDD was created, a levy of \$105,000 supported approximately 40% of LSWDD's operating expenses. In 2023, that same levy amount covered only 19% of operating expenses. Last year the LSWDD board determined that, in 2025, a levy of \$210,000 would be needed to sustain current services and make essential improvements. The Board is asking that this same amount, \$210,000, be approved for 2026 to continue support for: repair and replacement of aging equipment, ongoing increases in garbage transportation and disposal costs, newly imposed interlocal agreement fees, and sufficient sustainable wages. The proposed levy rate is about \$0.094 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed property value. So, if your property's taxable assessed value is \$600,000, you will contribute about \$56.40 over the entire year to help sustain the Lopez Dump.

Vote YES in November for the LSWDD Levy.

Argument Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

Written by

"Yes On LSWDD Levy"

Justin Hagge

Larissa Mansfield

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(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

No statement submitted

Other Professional Experience

No statement submitted

Education

No statement submitted

Community Service

No statement submitted

Statement

No statement submitted

Contact

No statement submitted



Shannon
Klohr
(Nonpartisan)

Uncontested

Elected Experience

Shaw Island School District Board Director 2021-2025

Other Professional Experience

None submitted

Education

B.A. English Literature, Tufts University

Community Service

President, Shaw School Foundation

Statement

I wholeheartedly support the availability of an excellent public education for all children. I would be proud to continue to serve the school and the wider community as a member of the Shaw Island School Board. Thank you!

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Lange
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Elected Experience

No statement submitted

Other Professional Experience

No statement submitted

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