

San Juan County Official Local
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Message from the Auditor



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The ballot before you is a veritable lesson in how citizens make law. It includes 15 state measures, 6 local measures, and the election of a State Senator.

At the state level, in addition to twelve Advisory Votes, Washington voters get to vote on one each of an initiative, a referendum, and a Constitutional amendment.

At the local level, measures propose to form and to fund a park and recreation district on Shaw; to authorize excess levies for the Lopez Island Library, the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District, and the County; and to amend the County Charter to permit biennial budgeting.

The only candidate race that will appear on every ballot in San Juan County is that for State Senator of the 40th District. The incumbent, who was appointed to the position in February, must win by election in November to keep the seat. The Senator is the county's only voice in the State Senate.

Voters on Orcas will also vote in contested commissioner races for the Port of Orcas and Eastsound Sewer and Water.

This ballot is your chance to make law. Use it.

F. Milene Henley

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What is a Ballot “Measure”?

- Measures are anything on a ballot that is not a race between candidates. Measures include initiatives, referenda, Constitutional or Charter amendments, levies, district formations, etc.
- Initiatives are laws proposed (“initiated”) by citizens. State Initiatives may be sent to the Legislature for adoption (in which case they are called Initiatives to the Legislature, or ITLs), or may be sent directly to the ballot for a vote of the people. An ITL that is not adopted by the Legislature is automatically sent to the ballot for a vote of the people.
- Referenda “refer to the people,” for approval or rejection, laws passed by the Legislature. The legislation might have originated as a bill or as an Initiative to the Legislature.
- Constitutional amendments, in Washington, may be initiated only by the Legislature. Even though the initiative process is well known and often used in Washington, it cannot be used to amend the Constitution.
- Advisory Votes are a uniquely Washington measure which give voters the chance to vote on whether the Legislature should have passed a law they already passed. However, unlike referenda, advisory votes have no effect and do not change the law that has passed.

Voting Instructions

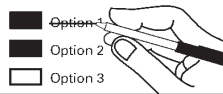
How to vote



Use a dark blue or black ink pen to completely fill in the box to the left of your choice. Do not use pencil.

Voting more than once for a contest will be an overvote and no votes for that contest will be counted.

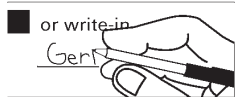
If you make a mistake



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

Then you may make another choice.

Optional write-in



To vote for a candidate not listed, print the name on the blank line provided and fill in the box.

If you do not wish to vote in a contest, leave all boxes empty.

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

By mail or ballot drop box, no postage is needed.

Return Your Ballot

Ballot drop box

Return your ballot to a ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 5:

San Juan County Elections Office
55 Second St., Ste. A, Friday Harbor
M-F 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 is needed! Place your ballot in the mail before the deadline. Your ballot must be postmarked on or before November 5 in order to count.

In person

The Elections office is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., M-F, and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 5:

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

Accessible Voting

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

The accessible voting equipment will be available Monday through Friday, during regular business hours for the General Election, beginning Friday, October 18, through Election Day, November 5.

Replacement Ballots

1. Contact SJC Elections as soon as possible:

San Juan County Elections
Phone: (360) 378-3357
Email: elections@sanjuanco.com

OR

2. Download a replacement ballot:
 - Go to voter.votewa.gov
 - Sign in with your name and date of birth
 - Click on *MyBallot* then *Online Ballot* in the left-hand column
 - Follow the instructions for voting and returning your ballot

This ballot checklist shows all San Juan County measures and candidates approved for inclusion on the ballot for the November 5, 2019 General Election. Not all races and measures listed here will be on your ballot.

Countywide Measures

San Juan County

Proposition No. 1

Charter Amendment

The San Juan County Council adopted Ordinance No. 8-2019 regarding a charter amendment for biennial budgeting. This proposition would modify the county charter in Article 7 to authorize the use of biennial (2 year) budgets with a mid-biennium review using a procedures established for that purpose by state law and the State Auditor.

Shall this proposition be approved?

- Yes
 No

San Juan County

Proposition No. 2

Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift

The San Juan County Council adopted Resolution No. 26-2019 concerning the continuation of a levy lid lift. This proposition would provide stability for twelve county services, subject to exceptions based upon fiscal health or changes in grants, by cancelling the existing levy lid lift for 2020 and replacing it in the amount of 22 cents (for a total levy rate of 85 cents) per \$1,000 assessed value; in subsequent years, the levy rate may increase based upon the 2020 amount subject to limit factors in RCW 84.55.

Shall this proposition be approved?

- Yes
 No

Town of Friday Harbor

Council Member 1

- Stephen Hushebeck

Council Member 2

- Noel Monin

Council Member 5

- Barbara Starr

Treasurer

- Kelle' Wilson

San Juan Island

San Juan Is School Dist #149 – Dir 3

- T. J. Heller

San Juan Is School Dist #149 – Dir 4

- John Kurtz

San Juan Is School Dist #149 – Dir 5

- Brian Moore

SJC Fire Protection Dist #3 – Comm 1

- Frank T. Cardinale

SJC Fire Protection Dist #3 – Comm 2

- Bob Jarman

Port of Friday Harbor – Comm 1

- Graham "Gib" Black

San Juan Is Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 1

- Bill Cumming

San Juan Is Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 4

- Adam M. Eltinge

San Juan Is Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 5

- Allison M. Moalli

SJC Cemetery Dist #1 – Comm 1

- Jeri Ahrenius

SJC Cemetery Dist #1 – Comm 2

- Kim Sundstrom

SJC Public Hospital Dist #1 – Comm 1

- Gail Leschine-Seitz

SJC Public Hospital Dist #1 – Comm 3

- Everett Clary

SJC Public Hospital Dist #1 – Comm 4

- Kyle Loring

SJC Public Hospital Dist #1 – Comm 5

- Trish Lehman

Cape San Juan Water Dist #1 - Comm 1

- J. Clark Munroe

Orcas Island
Orcas Is School Dist #137 – Dir 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Linda Sheridan
Orcas Is School Dist #137 – Dir 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Ayn Carrillo Gailey
Orcas Is School Dist #137 – Dir 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Lili Hein <input type="checkbox"/> Greg White
SJC Fire Protection Dist #2 – Comm 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Janet Marlow
SJC Fire Protection Dist #2 – Comm 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Rick Christmas
SJC Fire Protection Dist #2 – Comm 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Fuller
Port of Orcas – Comm 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Clyde A. Duke <input type="checkbox"/> Pierrette Guimond
Port of Orcas – Comm 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. Triplett <input type="checkbox"/> Poke Haffner
Port of Orcas – Comm 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Bea vonTobel <input type="checkbox"/> Gary M. Abood
Port of Orcas – Comm 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Ayers <input type="checkbox"/> Mia Kartiganer
SJC Cemetery Dist #3 – Comm 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Leith Templin
SJC Public Hospital Dist #3 – Comm 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Diane L. Boteler
Eastsound Sewer & Water Dist – Comm 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Terrence Mullan <input type="checkbox"/> Edwin Sutton
Eastsound Sewer & Water Dist – Comm 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Stolmeier

Lopez Island
Lopez Is School Dist #144 – Dir 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Del Guenther
Lopez Is School Dist #144 – Dir 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Jenny Poole
Lopez Is School Dist #144 – Dir 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Carol Steckler
SJC Fire Protection Dist #4 – Comm 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca (Becky) Smith
SJC Fire Protection Dist #4 – Comm 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Duane Bordvick
Port of Lopez – Comm 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Kenn Aufderhar
Port of Lopez – Comm 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Stephen K. Adams
SJC Public Hospital Dist #2 – Comm 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Presley
SJC Public Hospital Dist #2 – Comm 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Albert Berger
MacKaye Harbor Water Dist – Comm 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Dean E. Anderson
MacKaye Harbor Water Dist – Comm 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Kenneth C. Jennings
Fisherman Bay Sewer Dist – Comm 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Lauren Stephens
Lopez Island Library District Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift
The Board of Trustees of the Lopez Island Library District adopted Resolution No. 02 - 2019 concerning an increase to the District’s regular property tax levy. This proposition would authorize the District to increase its current levy from \$0.39 to \$0.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value upon all the taxable property within the district for collection beginning in tax year 2020, and allows an increase in the amount of the levy each year thereafter, as authorized by Chapter 84.55 RCW, for normal operation and maintenance of the library.
Should this proposition be approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District
Proposition No. 1
Excess Property Tax Levy**

The Governing Body of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District adopted Resolution No. 25-2019 concerning an excess levy for the district. This proposition would authorize the district to generate \$105,000 by continuing a levy of excess taxes upon all taxable property within the district in an amount estimated to be \$0.10131 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in one year -- 2020 -- for the purpose of funding operations and capital improvements of the district. Shall the proposition be approved?

- Yes
 No

Shaw Island

Shaw Is School Dist #10 – Dir 1

- Shirley Sprenger Lange

Shaw Is School Dist #10 – Dir 3

- John M. Bogert

Shaw Is School Dist #10 – Dir 4

- Jon Shannon

Shaw Is School Dist #10 – Dir 5

- Jennifer Swanson

SJC Fire Protection Dist #5 – Comm 1

- Corinne Storey

Shaw Island Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 1

- Matthew Pierce

Shaw Island Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 2

- Stephanie Buffum

Shaw Island Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 3

- Sharon Wootton

Shaw Island Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 4

- Jonathan Hogue

**Shaw Island Park and Recreation District
Proposition No. 1**

Formation of Shaw Island Park and Recreation District

The San Juan County Council adopted Resolution No.4-2019 regarding the formation of the Shaw Island Park and Recreation District. If approved, a park and recreation district would be formed pursuant to RCW 36.69.010 et. seq. with a boundary of all of Shaw, Canoe and Blind Islands 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 the district.

Shall the park and recreation district be formed?

- Yes
 No

**Shaw Island Park and Recreation District
Proposition No. 2**

Authorization for Excess Levy

Will the Shaw Island Park and Recreation District be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of sixty cents (\$0.60) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years or less?

- Yes
 No

Stuart Island

San Juan County Cemetery Dist #2 – Comm 1

- David Ericksen

San Juan County**Proposition No. 1****Charter Amendment for Biennial Budget Authorization**

The San Juan County Council adopted Ordinance No. 8-2019 regarding a charter amendment for biennial budgeting. This proposition would modify the county charter in Article 7 to authorize the use of biennial (2 year) budgets with a mid-biennium review using a procedures established for that purpose by state law and the State Auditor.

Shall this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Randall K. Gaylord,
San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney

Since 1995, state law has allowed all counties to adopt an annual or biennial budget process and to change from one process to the other. Presently, San Juan County adopts an annual budget using procedures established by state law and subject to requirements and restrictions in the county charter which has been approved by voters.

Article 7 of the county charter, entitled “Financial Administration,” in multiple locations refers to an “annual” budget process. This language has been construed as a limit on the power of the county council to elect a biennial process and a charter amendment is necessary to authorize the county council to use the state-approved process for biennial budgets.

The county council desires to use a biennial budget process for all funds or any selection of funds. This biennial process will include a mid-biennium (annual) review and modifications for the second year of the biennium.

The county council desires to have the flexibility to use biennial budget process. If this process is approved by the voters and the choice is made by the county council, then an annual or biennial budget process may be adopted for future budgets.

The county council is authorized by Section 9.35 of the county charter to adopt an ordinance to propose amendments to the charter for a vote of the people. A “yes” vote is in favor or approve of the charter amendment. A “no” is against the charter an amendment. A majority of those voting must approve this measure.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

Argument For

The County Charter refers only to annual budgeting, in order to allow a two year budgeting process a Charter Amendment is required. The change will allow biennial budgeting, it will not require it.

Budgeting for two years at a time has been permitted in Washington counties since 1995. Dozens of cities and counties prepare biennial budgets.

Budgeting takes a substantial amount of time and effort. Implementing a biennial budget will allow more time for county departments to focus on their long term departmental goals and critical work. There will still be a mid-biennium review to make adjustments as needed. The budget process will include considerations for potential increases and decreases in year two of the budget which will result in a flexible and realistic plan.

We expect our county leaders to think strategically. A biennial process will require county officials to think more long term and encourage critical thinking at a programmatic level, resulting in better planning and creating a more efficient focus on programs, services and projects.

Biennial budgeting will require a longer term focus on sustainability. The effects of the decisions in year one will be evident in year two of the budget. This will allow the council to make decisions that will safeguard public interests by adopting a budget that is sustainable over a longer period of time.

We urge you to vote yes on biennial budgeting.

Written by

Richard Fralick, Former San Juan County Freeholder and Council Member

Rhea Miller, Former County Commissioner

Jose' Domenech, Finance Director, San Juan Island

Contact: No Contact Information Submitted

Argument Against

No information submitted.

San Juan County**Proposition No. 2****Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift**

The San Juan County Council adopted Resolution No. 26-2019 concerning the continuation of a levy lid lift. This proposition would provide stability for twelve county services, subject to exceptions based upon fiscal health or changes in grants, by cancelling the existing levy lid lift for 2020 and replacing it in the amount of 22 cents (for a total levy rate of 85 cents) per \$1,000 assessed value; in subsequent years, the levy rate may increase based upon the 2020 amount subject to limit factors in RCW 84.55.

Shall this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Randall K. Gaylord,
San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney

San Juan County voters have previously approved levy lid lifts in 2009 and 2014, each for a period of six years. The Council is returning to the voters for a levy lid lift with for 2020 and subsequent years to bring stability to the county services.

The San Juan County Council has proposed to increase property taxes in the year 2020 by way of a one-time levy lid lift on property tax of 22 cents per \$1000 assessed value to a total of 85 cents per \$1000 of assessed value and then in subsequent years continue that new levy amount subject to the limit factors set out by state law.

If approved by the voters, the existing levy lid lift for the year 2020 will be canceled and this levy lid lift will be used in its place.

The 2020 levy is expected to generate about \$1,700,000. This is a one-time levy lid lift, and future increases of the levy amount will be subject to the limit factors set out in Chapter 84.55 RCW. The limit factor is typically limited to one percent (1%) plus add-ons including new construction and subject to maximum limits.

The resolution adopted by the County Council sets out the programs and activities that are to be allocated funds from the proceeds of this levy lid lift. The appropriations will be dedicated for the year 2020 at the amounts shown below and thereafter with increases to the levy amount resulting from the limit factor in Chapter 84.55 RCW, but subject to adjustment as set forth in the resolution. Because of the stability and duration of this levy, the resolution provides that appropriations in subsequent years may be adjusted as a result of 1) changes in the fiscal health of the county; 2) changes in state and federal funding used in conjunction with the levy lift programs; and 3) changes in the status of any non-profit that is funded.

The programs are similar to those previously approved, but the amounts have been adjusted to reflect costs of services as follows:

a. Senior Services including meals on San Juan, Orcas, and Lopez Islands, in an amount of

approximately \$404,000;

b. WSU Extension programs, including 4-H, Master Gardeners, Agricultural Resources Committee and agricultural programs, in an amount of approximately \$228,000;

c. Maintenance and operation of county parks, in an amount of approximately \$326,000;

d. General fund support of the San Juan County Fair, in an amount of approximately \$51,000;

e. Public health services on San Juan, Orcas, and Lopez Islands, in an amount of approximately \$145,000;

f. Corrections-Work Release, in an amount of approximately \$54,000;

g. Victim Services-Prosecutor, in an amount of approximately \$68,000;

h. Emergency Management, in an amount of approximately \$140,000;

i. Maintenance of county buildings and grounds, in an amount of approximately \$23,000;

j. Protection of island waters by funding the operations and equipment of Islands' Oil Spill Association in an amount of approximately \$130,000;

k. Maintenance of the Parks and Fair in the an amount of approximately \$100,000; and

l. Natural Resources programming in the approximate amount of \$40,000.

A simple majority of the voters is necessary to approve this measure. A "yes" vote is to approve the measure, a "no" vote is to reject the measure.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

Argument For

Understand that this is not a new levy, but a continuation of an existing levy that was first passed in 2009 and again in 2014 to provide stability for the support of San Juan County services. This funding is necessary for the continuation of many county-wide programs and services. Reduced spending by the Federal government has forced the County to step up and finance these programs and services. These programs are critically important for many of the people in our county. Some examples are the public health services on Orcas, Lopez and San Juan Islands, Senior Services, including Meals on Wheels, 4H programs for kids, operation of County parks, the Islands Oil Spill Association, and the County Fair. These programs offer great value for the funds expended.

A Yes vote will keep these programs available to County residents, especially seniors who are unable to take care of themselves, and students who will become the future leaders of our communities. A No vote will result in drastic cuts to some of these programs and services and eliminate others entirely. Please vote Yes on this levy.

Written by

Phil Heikkinen

Carl Bender

Contact: phil.heikkinen@gmail.com

Argument Against

The justification for the initial Levy Lid Lift was to address needs resulting from budget shortfalls, caused by the worst Recession since the Great Depression. At that time, one would have thought the expenditures contemplated were absolutely essential, but WSU, 4H and Gardening Classes hardly fit the “absolutely essential” definition.

In addition, more money for Senior Meal Services seems to fly in the face of Mullis Center’s claims of declining activity, and their build-up of over \$3,000,000 of liquid Reserves. Lopez Senior Meals has also seen a decline in participation over the last year.

The economy has gotten better here, and elsewhere, since the Recession- much better. However, rather than being eliminated, the asked-for increase in property taxes is a 280% increase in the tax rate per \$1,000/valuation (\$0.22-to-\$0.85)!

Since the time of its last approval, there has been little or no inflation, but instead, there has been steep property valuation increases, and steep increases in overall property tax rates!

This levy increase uses one of the oldest plays in the political playbook. The proponents list a whole bunch of great sounding “Services”, and imply that they will have to be cut if they don’t get this new revenue.

We have all seen this before, with this list of “Revenue Needs”. And remember, just last year, we passed a different Property Tax Increase. It is becoming an Annual Event.

Vote NO on extending the Levy Lid at this time.

Written by: Committe to Stop Increasing Annual Property Tax Rates

Dan Schwartz

Cindy Carter

Lynda Lee Gerpheide

Contact: No Contact Information Submitted



Stephen
Hushebeck

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Friday Harbor Town Council 2010-2019

Other Professional Experience

Worked as an Executive Director and Marketing Manager in the energy industry for 29 years

Education

Bachelor of Science in Finance and minor in Marketing from California State University Northridge.

Community Service

Town Council of Friday Harbor 2010 -2019 and Friday Harbor Planning Commission from 2008 through 2010. Served as Treasurer and Board Member for Leadership San Juan Islands (LSJI) from 2010 to present. Also served on the Board of Directors for the Children's Institute for Learning Differences in Seattle from 1998 until 2012.

Statement

I have thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of being on the Friday Harbor Town Council and serving our community since being appointed to Council Position #1 in January 2010 and reelected in 2015. Serving on the Town Council has been a pleasure and valuable experience for me including the opportunity to participate with many local organizations and committees including the Economic Development Council and the San Juan Island Chamber of Commerce. It has also been rewarding to work with Town staff and many of the Town employees toward achievements. Over the past few years Friday Harbor has faced many challenges and achieved some key milestones which I am privileged to be part of. I love the spirit and character of our community and look forward to serving on the Friday Harbor Town Council in the future!

Contact

(360) 378-1076; woodinville@msn.com

No photo
submitted

Noel
Monin
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

10 years as Town of Friday Harbor Councilmember (appointed June, 2009).

Other Professional Experience

22 years Fire Service.

Education

Associates Degree.

Community Service

Current Service: San Juan County Board of Health; Region 3 Fire Training Council. Previous service includes: San Juan EMS; Island Oil Spill Association; San Juan County Law and Justice Committee; San Juan County Housing Advisory Committee; Town of Friday Harbor Arts Commission.

Statement

I seek to continue my role as a representative of the people. I always do my best to land on decisions which lead toward the overall best outcome for our Town and the people who call it home

Contact

fhmonin@gmail.com



**Barbara
Starr**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

I've served on the Town Council of Friday Harbor for the past 10 years, and I'm running for re-election this November. It has been a real privilege to do my best to represent you, our local citizens.

Other Professional Experience

I've worked as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for the past 36 years. I am currently the Program Manager for Compass Health in San Juan County, which provides mental health and substance use disorder services. I also serve on the Board of the San Juan Island Prevention Coalition.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

As a candidate for Town Council, I'd like you to know a little about me. I've lived on San Juan Island for 30 years, the last 22 in town. I raised my son here and love the way the community embraced and supported us.

My goals are to support our local identity, affordability and quality of life. That means supporting affordable housing, limiting tax increases whenever possible, maintaining close working relationships with law enforcement and the fire department, and supporting infrastructure such as safe roads and reliable water transmission lines. I also believe it's important to support the arts and to make Friday Harbor an even more beautiful place to live, through support of art events and the installation of sculptures and the pocket park.

My mission is to support you, and I ask for your support so I can continue to do my best to serve you. Thank you.

Contact

bstarr.licsw@gmail.com



Kelle'
Wilson
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Served previous four years as elected Town Treasurer

Other Professional Experience

Government worker for 29 years

Education

FHHS and some college courses

Community Service

Assisted with youth athletics for many years when my children were in school

Statement

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Town Treasurer for the past 4 years, it's been my honor. I look forward to maintaining a high-standard of financial integrity in the coming term. I will work hard to earn your trust in me.

Contact

kgw@rockisland.com



T. J.

Heller

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

San Juan Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors (1.5 years); San Juan School District Board of Directors, Position #3 (one year)

Other Professional Experience

Instructional Designer/Trainer for over 20 years

Education

A.A. in Journalism, Meramec Community College; B.A. in Mass Communication, Northeast Missouri State University; Dale Carnegie Sales Training

Community Service

United Way Day of Caring

Statement

I believe the strength of a community is determined by the quality of its public school system. Although the State Supreme Court concluded our state legislators resolved the McCleary decision, the reality is that we're still feeling its impact, along with other recent budget decisions made by our current legislators that financially impacted our district. All of these decisions are affecting the day-to-day operations of San Juan School District, limiting our future planning. While sitting on the Board for the past year, I learned first-hand how difficult our financial challenges are and its impact on all of us. However, our goal remains the same: providing quality education for all students, while maintaining fiduciary constraints. Children are and should be our number one priority; delivering quality public education in a safe environment is paramount. Thanks to our hardworking teachers and our parent and community volunteers for their assistance in the classroom!

Contact

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No photo
submitted

John
Kurtz
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

No information submitted.

Contact

(360) 317-4342; jtcoolk@hotmail.com



**Brian
Moore**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Appointed to San Juan Island School Board, in an interim position, April 24, 2019

Other Professional Experience

Research Scientist/Laboratory Manager at University of Washington, January 2001 – March 2010

Education

BS Medical Technology w/minor in Chemistry. Seattle University 2001

Community Service

President of the not-for-profit San Juan Island Family Resource Network (Family Umbrella Group) since January 2014. The Family Umbrella Group provides need-based scholarships for children to attend preschool. Director and Vice President of the San Juan Island Public School Foundation, March 2014 to present.

Statement

I am passionate about public education and believe it is our duty as parents, educators and community leaders to provide every tool within our means to better our children's education. I am an advocate for educational excellence. As such, I have experience in fund raising, gathering resources, and acting as a catalyst to involve the community in public education. Serving on two not-for-profit boards has enriched my education and understanding as to the difficulties school districts face. I will use my understanding of budgets and my leadership skills to arrive at the best possible decisions. I will always put what is in the best interest of our children first.

Contact

(360) 298-8701; boomeranginvestments@gmail.com



Frank T.
Cardinale
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

I have been Fire Commissioner for 2 years.

Other Professional Experience

I was a member of the San Francisco Fire Department for over 36 years. I have been a member of San Juan County Fire and Rescue for the past 3 years.

Education

I have an associate's degree in Fire Science Technology from San Francisco City College and a Bachelors Degree from California State University Long Beach in Occupational Studies-Vocational Arts.

Community Service

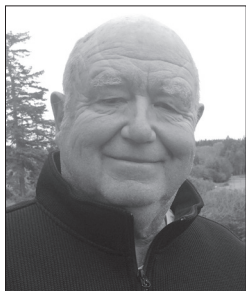
I have volunteered with San Juan County Fire District #3 as a member of FIREWISE and as a Driver/Operator.

Statement

Marielle and I moved to San Juan Island in 2013. I volunteered with SJI Fire District #3 by teaching classes and accepting an appointment as a commissioner and then became a driver/operator too. I am a member of the Northwest Washington Incident Management Team. I have an extensive background in Fire Service Operations and Management and teach courses in these areas throughout the United States and abroad. I am an adjunct instructor at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. These skills have all proven useful in dealing with the overall management of San Juan Island Fire District #3. We are currently considering a merger with SJI EMS and I have had similar experiences when the same occurred in the San Francisco Fire Department. That experience has proven helpful in our negotiations with the EMS Board.

Contact

chpongo@att.net



**Bob
Jarman**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Two terms Fire Commissioner; One term San Juan Co. Councilman

Other Professional Experience

Small business Owner Island Communications; Thirty years in the telecommunications industry; Implementation of Enhanced 911 and County Addressing

Education

Studied at Cal Poly Tech; Business and Financial Management at U. of Kansas

Community Service

Rotary Intl; past Kiwanis member; past S.J. Senior Board member; Relay For Life; United Way; Dollars For Scholars; President, Homeowners Assoc.

Statement

I have been a Fire Commissioner at San Juan Protection No 3 for 14 years. I am running again to complete the term I was appointed to 1½ years ago. During my tenure as Fire Commissioner I have always strived to see that the district provide the best fire and protection services to our citizens. With our excellent Fire Chief, staff, volunteers and fellow board members, we have achieved this goal while being financially sound and prudent.

Together with strong citizen support, I look forward to our future challenges, including being able to provide enhanced Fire and EMS service. I have worked with the Peace Health Hospital Board in establishing the Citizen Advisory Committee and we established the Steering Committee on this issue. I feel confident that we will be able to provide the best services possible.

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Graham "Gib"

Black

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

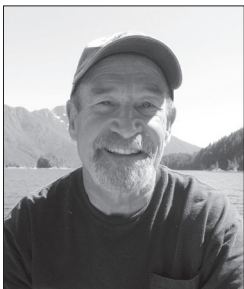
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Statement

No information submitted.

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Bill
Cumming

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

Serving on the Island Rec Board of Commissioners for over 25 years has been truly an honor for me. I believe a vibrant recreational program is one of the most important components for a healthy island life. Our island is a wonderful example of a successful healthy community due in part to the efforts of the wonderful staff at Island Rec and of our strong community support. I want to continue serving as your commissioner to help ensure that our tax dollars are used wisely for programs that meet the needs of our young families, teens, young adults, and our seniors.

Thank you all for support of Island Rec and for your vote of confidence.

Contact

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Adam M.
Eltinge
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

This would be my Second term as an elected Island Rec Commissioner. I had previously been appointed to fill a vacancy on the board of Commissioners.

Other Professional Experience

Owner of Island Petroleum Services

Education

Bachelors degree in Business and Construction Management from Washington State University

Community Service

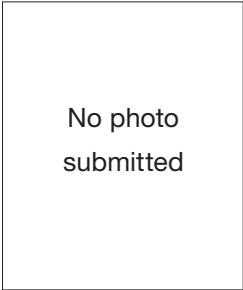
Rotary board member for 4 years, FHBSA Softball Coach, Soccer Referee, 4-H Livestock Leader.

Statement

It has been an honor to serve as an Island Rec Commissioner. I am very excited about the direction we are headed. Being a part of a growing, thriving organization is what keeps me very much an active part of this asset to our community. I will stay focused and committed in my role as commissioner.

Contact

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Allison M.
Moalli
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

Massage Therapy private practice, Natural Hazards Disclosure Sales Representative, Mediation & Arbitration Coordinator, High School Guidance Counselor.

Education

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

Community Service

Assistant Coach for the FHHS girl's basketball team – 4 years; Athletes-As-Leaders Program mentor for the FHHS girl's basketball team – 2 years; Co-President and President of the FHES PTA/PTO – 2 years; I facilitated the transition from PTA to PTO and wrote grants for a new Pie Booth.

Statement

I am a life-long athlete. I started as a Park and Rec basketball player, progressed to Division I basketball in college, and athletics continues to be an integral part of my life. My family and I moved to SJI five years ago, and our daughter attended FHES for 3 years before enrolling in Spring Street International School. I love being a part of this community and am an active volunteer. I am excited for the opportunity to support an organization that represents not only the roots of my life as an athlete, but also the fabric that connects many aspects of this Island community.

Contact

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Jeri
Ahrenius
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

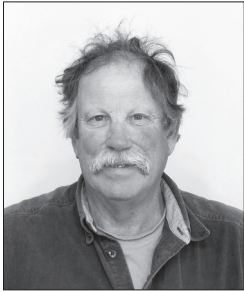
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Statement

My name is Jeri Ahrenius and I am seeking re-election to the San Juan Cemetery District 1, Commissioner Position 1. I pledge to continue to serve our community in this capacity to the best of my ability and I appreciate your support.

Contact

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**Kim
Sundstrom**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

In September of 2018, I was appointed as interim commissioner for the cemetery district and have been honored to serve.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

I was born and raised on San Juan Island and graduated from Friday Harbor High School in 1971. After serving in the Air Force, I became a dairy farmer and was in the dairy business for many years. After raising my family and retiring from the dairy industry, I was able to return to full time island life and still do a little farming and reside on the same farmland in San Juan Valley where I grew up. I have been a regular visitor to the cemetery all my life and have several generations of family and friends buried in the Valley Cemetery as well as in the neighboring Catholic Cemetery on Madden Lane. I am pleased with the current level of maintenance at the church and cemetery, which preserves it for present and future generations and also honors the pioneer spirit of our ancestors for whom it was established.

Contact

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Gail

Leschine- Seitz

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Currently Aging & Family Case Coordinator for Health and Community Services. Previously: Worked in Senior Services for 2 years, 4-H Program Coordinator for 2 years. Worked for the San Juan Island School District as a Resource Specialist for Children and Families for 15 years.

Education

Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, University of Puget Sound. Master's Degree in Psychology, Antioch University. Graduate, Leadership San Juan.

Community Service

Board member for San Juan County Community Network Board and San Juan Island Prevention Coalition; Volunteer with Primary Intervention Program at Friday Harbor Elementary. Volunteer with Amnesty International.

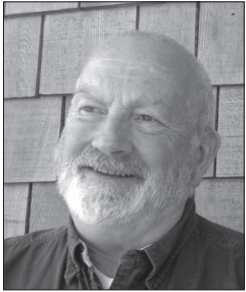
Statement

I love the island community. There are so many caring people here and so many resources that come out of a genuine compassion for each other. How was the Hospital built? People work tirelessly and find resources when we identify critical needs. I have spent 25 years here working with amazing people of all ages, supporting them when they are facing challenges and seeing how they make our community richer as their lives improve.

I want to be on the Hospital District Board because resources are needed. Many seniors in our community are struggling daily to get by. They need care in their homes and they need a place to stay when they are ill. People of all ages go without getting basic health care needs met. I hope to work through the struggles that limit excellent health care for everyone in the islands.

Contact

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**Everett
Clary**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

This is my first time running for office.

Other Professional Experience

State of Alaska, Forensic Chemist (Department of Public Safety, 1984-99; Department of Public Health, 1983-84); U.S. Government, Medical Technologist (Native Health Service, 1981-83); Petaluma Clinical Lab, Petaluma, CA, Owner/Medical Technologist (1979-80); Central Pathology Lab, Santa Rosa, CA, Chief Medical Technologist (1976-78); Healdsburg Hospital Lab, Medical Technologist/Analytical Toxicologist/Forensic Alcohol Analyst (1972-75).

Education

California State University, Sonoma, BS in Chemistry; St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco, Medical Technology; Santa Rosa JC, AA in Physics.

Community Service

Mullis Senior Center, meal delivery; San Juan Community Theater, lights, usher, set construction; Rotary, Petaluma, CA

Statement

I sailed into Friday Harbor with my wife and son in August 1999 after retiring from the State of Alaska. Like many islanders, I spent four years building our home. Life in this community is wonderful and I am lucky to be part of it. Now I'd like to give back to my community by using my professional background to serve as a Public Hospital District Commissioner. During my professional career I have worked as part of a team, learned to listen to and respect the views of others, and collaborated to achieve common goals. My primary goals in this case will be to ensure that quality, affordable health care is available to everyone in the district, and to ensure that the Citizens Advisory Group's recommendation to integrate EMS and Fire District 3 will be thoughtfully examined and implemented if it offers a net benefit to the community.

Contact

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**Kyle
Loring**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

15 years of legal experience – currently in private practice; 10 years as legal counsel for Friends of the San Juans; 3 years with K&L Gates, Seattle; 1 year with Alternatives for Community and Environment, Roxbury, MA

Education

J.D. Boston College Law School (magna cum laude), A.B. Bowdoin College (summa cum laude, Government and Environmental Studies)

Community Service

Current board member: Zero Waste Washington, Families and Neighbors Support Island Rec (past president). Current member: San Juan County Clean Water Advisory Committee. Past officer and board member: Leadership San Juan Islands and Transportation Choices Coalition.

Statement

I am asking for your vote so that I may serve my community on the Public Hospital District Commission by working for transparency, fiscal responsibility, and affordable, quality medical care. The hospital district finds itself in a period of transition and, thus, of opportunity. As the hospital commission looks to consider and act on the Citizen’s Advisory Group recommendations about consolidation with Fire District 3, I pledge to bring a thoughtful, inquisitive approach and to act in our community’s best interests.

Contact

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**Trish
Lehman**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Currently a Registered Nurse with Hospice of the NW. Previously: RN case manager at Island Hospital Home Health; RN and supervisor at Island Hospital; Staff Development Coordinator at Life Care of the San Juans, Marysville Care Center and Moderncare Nursing Home; Director of Nursing at Islands' Convalescent Center; manager of San Juan Travel in Eastsound, WA.

Education

Graduate of Tacoma General Hospital School of Nursing and simultaneously attended the University of Puget Sound; ongoing yearly continuing education for professional development.

Community Service

Auctioneer for numerous local non-profit organizations in San Juan County for 20 years; Kiwanis Club.

Statement

I've had the opportunity to work as a health care provider in our community for many years. I started in healthcare on the island when we had one doctor and no EMS. It's given me a rare opportunity to witness the dynamic change in our community's growth and healthcare needs. I'm a parent who raised three sons here, gave birth to one of them at the old Inter-Island Medical Center, had one flown off island for a life threatening medical situation and watched my aging parents' medical needs increase as their health declined and their lives ended in hospice care to allow them to die at home. As a hospital commissioner I'll work to assure we have sustainable medical services that meet the needs of *all* the residents in our community while applying the ethical principles I practice in my work as a nurse.

Contact

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submitted

J. Clark
Munroe
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

No information submitted.

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Linda
Sheridan

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Current: Special Projects Manager at Four Winds*Westward Ho Summer Camp. Past: Director of Orcas Island Park and Rec; Interpretive Specialist at Moran State Park and Director of Moran Outdoor School

Education

BA in Outdoor Recreation from the University of Minnesota Duluth

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

I have been fortunate to live on this beautiful Island for 14 years. My husband and I are happily raising our two daughters in this wonderful community. I am seeking this position because I truly believe in all the possibilities public education has to offer. I not only want to support all the great things going on in our schools today, but to work with staff, admin, and students to make our district the best it can be into the future.

Contact

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**Ayn Carrillo
Gailey**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

None.

Other Professional Experience

Ayn has taught incarcerated kids, k-12 students in public schools, and gifted students. She has ten years of experience as a Chief Communications & Content Officer and experience transforming a Title 1 elementary school from low-performing to one of L.A.'s top 2 schools.

Education

Masters – Education & Social Policy, Harvard University;
B.A. – Psychology, UCLA; MFA – Writing, UCLA.

Community Service

Ayn teaches a free weekly novel writing class to teens; cofounded Orcas P.A.C.T., a progressive Parent, Administrators, and Community Taskforce designed to foster positive change at OISD; and volunteers with our middle school, Funhouse, PTSA & Lit Fest.

Statement

Ayn has the formal education, experience, skills, and vision to help our Orcas Island schools meet their full potential. As a parent of an eighth grader, she appreciates that, although there are great things about our public schools, there is much room for improvement. Her focus on school board will be supporting policies that help create effective procedures and innovative (especially budget neutral) programs that address school culture and academics to develop the safest, most inspiring environment possible so that all students can thrive personally and academically. Priorities include ensuring all kids are in a classroom that builds confidence and is conducive to learning; improving transparency and trust; and addressing academic shortcomings. Ayn believes that addressing these matters will decrease disenfranchisement, help retain more exceptionally academic students that are lost to private schools and homeschooling, build more community support, and bring back much-needed resources for our school

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**Lili
Hein**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

N/A

Other Professional Experience

1995-1997 Manager, Beijing, AIESEC – world’s largest student internship exchange in 120+ countries; 2000-2006 Manager, Trade Development Alliance, Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce; 2008-2010 President, AIESEC Life Alumni; 2010-2012 Hub Leader, AIESEC Life Seattle; 2007-2015 Owner, Bare Hooves Rock, equine services

Education

David Glasgow Farragut High School (Spain); Seoul American High School; North Kitsap High School, Diploma; UW, BA International Studies, MA Geography; Peking University, Semester Program

Community Service

2015-2016 Host for AFS China student; 2016-2017 Host for AFS Netherlands student; 2015-2017 Volunteer Dishwasher, Orcas Montessori School; 2018-2019 Volunteer, Farm-to-Classroom, OIES

Statement

My intention for running is to have a conversation about the state of the district and K-12 education in our small community, as a window, or rather a door to the rest of the country and world. For me, the journey is more important than any expectation of the end result.

Part-time on Orcas since 2001, full-time since 2015, our family has six cumulative years of student/parent experience at OISD, with two at OIHS and four at OIES. Getting to know several OIHS recent graduates gave me confidence to enroll our first grader at OIES in 2016, and another first grader in 2018. I have been actively involved with the district, from volunteering to fundraising.

Some ask why voters without children in OISD are voting for school board directors. I believe and act on the premise that educating our youth is a community responsibility. It takes a village.

Contact

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**Greg
White**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Current School Board Director, 6 years experience.

Other Professional Experience

Greg White has owned a land surveying company on Orcas Island for 19 years. Currently Greg operates his land surveying company as well as being a Realtor.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

Greg White has volunteered in various capacities for the duration of his life on Orcas Island including coaching, Little League Commissioner, serving on the Eastsound Planning Review Committee, being a Math Olympiad coach.

Statement

Experience is important. For the past six years as School Board Director there have been many changes in our district. Construction has transformed our facility into a clean and safe place for students to learn. The District has approximately 800 students and I am proud to have worked this year with the Montessori Steering Committee to open our newest school.

Along with the Superintendent, the Board constantly identifies what we are doing right, and how we can be even better. Deep understanding budget, policy and legal considerations are critical, but none of this would be possible without connection to community. My strongest attribute is the ability to listen to as many different voices when making a decision.

Experience is important. I have learned and grown, I also have more work to do. I hope that you continue to put your trust in me to continue to move the District forward.

Contact

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**Janet
Marlow**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

Writer/Researcher, Zeus Development Corp 1997-1998.
Special Projects Coordinator, RWA Inc, 1998-2001.
Supply Chain Manager, Tenaris, 2001-2010. Human
Resources Learning and Development Manager, Tenaris,
2010-2018. Currently the Administrative Services
Coordinator at Orcas Island Public Library.

Education

Texas A&M University, 1993-1997, BA in English, Magna
Cum Laude; University of Houston, 1999-2001, MBA in
Operations and Logistics Management, with Honors.

Community Service

Currently a weekly volunteer at the Funhouse Commons.

Statement

Orcas Island Fire & Rescue serves a critical function in our community. They are a talented and dedicated team that I would be honored to support as commissioner. I've spent the bulk of my career designing processes, including inventory management systems for industrial companies and training and compliance programs for logistics personnel. No matter the process, critical in the design of any operation is budget management – getting the most effective results within the fiscal constraints. Now working at the Library, I coordinate budget, employee, and other administrative matters, and I see firsthand the responsibility a junior taxing district has to the population it serves. I would like to contribute this experience to OIFR to help ensure we are serving the community with the most effective operations possible and with a fiscally responsible, transparent approach.

Contact

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**Rick
Christmas**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

President of Christmas Consulting. Previously served as Chief Information Officer of True Blue a leading international provider of specialized workforce solutions. I was also founding member and CIO of Gentiva Health Services, the largest provider of home health care and related services in the United States.

Education

BA, Business Administration & Information Management; MA, Health Information Management University of Washington

Community Service

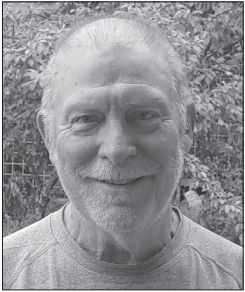
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Statement

I have been a resident of Orcas Island dating back to 1998. I take pride in being part of our community, which has given so much to me personally over the years. I was appointed Fire Commissioner of Orcas Island at the beginning of 2019. Currently I am also a member of the Board of Directors for OPALCO, the San Juan County electric and broadband utility. As a Fire Commissioner, I would like to continue to offer my experience and insights to serve OIFR and the public of Orcas Island to the best of my abilities. I believe that fiscal management and focused planning are critical to the success of any organization. As a past executive and having participated on boards of numerous other organizations, I believe that searching for common ground is critical to providing effective leadership. These are the traits I will bring as your Fire Commissioner.

Contact

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**Tim
Fuller**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Appointed to the SJC Fire Protection District #2 Board of Fire Commissioners in April 2017; currently serving as chair.

Other Professional Experience

Retired from a 40-year career in public service, working for the Cities of Saint Paul, MN and Redmond, WA. In 1991 appointed Fire Chief for Saint Paul and led the department for twelve years. In 2005 appointed Fire Chief for the City of Redmond and served in that position until 2011.

Education

B.A. Public Administration – Metropolitan State University, Saint Paul, MN. Fellowship – John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Community Service

Trustee for OPAL Community Land Trust, currently serving as chair.

Statement

As fire commissioner, my responsibility is to ensure that the members of Orcas Island Fire and Rescue have the resources and support necessary to continue to safely and efficiently provide excellent fire and emergency medical service to the residents and visitors of the Island. I believe the Board of Fire Commissioners successfully provides strategic leadership and oversight by using a collaborative, transparent and disciplined approach.

Contact

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**Clyde A.
Duke**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Fire Commissioner, San Juan Fire District 2, two terms of 6 years each

Other Professional Experience

Duke Contracting Services, roofing/gutters and sheet metal since 1991; Restaurant/venue operator; Other commercial property management

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

Eastsound Planning Review Committee, multiple terms; Currently serving on Eastsound Design Review Committee; Eastsound Water Users Association board, past chair; Orcas Center Board Selection Committee; Volunteer Fire Fighter and President of the Orcas Fire Fighter Association; Appointed Port of Orcas commissioner – currently serving

Statement

As a close neighbor of the Port of Orcas I am interested in maintaining its unique relationship with the community. My mission is to visualize the challenges ahead and maintain a transparent process of future development within the Eastsound core.

People often don't understand how vital the port is to our community. It facilitates emergency and non-emergency medical needs including Mercy Pilots; banking; mail; and commerce besides the basic transportation function we all recognize it for.

My hope is to maintain harmony and to provide for the needs of the island to prosper with balance.

Contact

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**Pierrette
Guimond**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Orcas Cemetery Commissioner for 15 years

Other Professional Experience

Appointed Library Trustee for 3 years. Member of The Friends of the Library for 10 years, serving as President for 3 years.

Education

Benoit Secretarial/Business School

Community Service

Grounds upkeep: Library, Library Park, Senior Center, Fire Department and Orcas Center.

Statement

I feel that the Port of Orcas needs a sensible voice to look at the future of our rural airport. I have attended a lot of public meetings in the last 20 years dealing with different issues. I will be a good voice for the public that elected officials represent.

I am a retired Flight Attendant, that chose Orcas Island 28 years ago for it's rural beauty and I feel that we must protect it.

Contact

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**Michael D.
Triplett**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

Michael has practiced dentistry on Orcas Island these past 24 years.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Pacific Union College; Doctor of Dental Surgery, Loma Linda University

Community Service

Michael’s office has hosted “Free Tooth Extraction” clinics for the economically challenged 3-4 times per year since 2013. Michael is currently a volunteer pilot for Orcas Island’s Mercy Flight Program. Orcas Island Lions Club member since 1995.

Statement

Imagine: The old dog park now a sea of asphalt with a new 4,000 sq. ft. terminal building. Mount Baker Road moved to the south with a round-about where it connects to Lover’s Lane. The loss of 3.4 acres of Brandt’s Landing Marina due to airport acquisition. The existing 2,901 foot runway length increases to 3,255 feet. Better yet, spend 15 minutes at the library reviewing the 2019 Master Plan approved unanimously by current Commissioners (Haffner, Duke, VonTobel, Sawyer, and Hopkins).

With 4 of the 5 Commissioner seats on the ballot, voters have a way to vote on this Master Plan. If you like current representation, elect the incumbents. But if you *don’t* like the Master plan, give the challengers a chance to better represent you. If elected, I will endeavor to bring a referendum on the Master Plan to the Orcas electorate. Let the People decide!

Contact

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**Poke
Haffner**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Have not previously held elected office.

Other Professional Experience

I practiced law in Alaska between 1981 and 2015. In my final four years as an Assistant Attorney General, I represented the Alaska Department of Transportation.

Education

B.A., French, 1972 BYU, Provo, UT. M.A. and M.Phil., Philosophy, 1973 and 1977, Yale University New Haven, CT. J.D., 1980, Boalt Hall, Berkeley CA.

Community Service

Alaska: volunteer firefighter/EMT 1988-95; founding Board member Interior AIDS Association; Board member, Women’s shelter. Orcas: volunteer at Orcas Library; Indralaya Library; Hospice; driver for Meals on Wheels and off-island medical transports; volunteer ham radio operator with Orcas Fire Dept.

Statement

I intend to listen to all who wish to express their ideas, and I will seek out information to inform my decisions. I will make my own decisions based on all input and in the interests of maintaining a safe and functional airport for our island and to facilitate the friendliness and welcoming that has historically characterized this small airport.

My experience with Alaska’s Department of Transportation has given me familiarity with the regulatory challenges of operating a small airport, and my legal work in general involved working with regulators, the public, clients, and many competing interests. In my work for AKDOT, I was acutely aware that the agency was spending other people’s money. The same is true for the Orcas airport. I would offer this experience to the airport and would hope to be a reasonable and calming influence.

Contact

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No photo
submitted

**Bea
vonTobel**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

Port of Orcas: Operations Assistant, Interim and Airport Manager 2000-2013; OI Golf Course: Greenskeeper, Superintendent 1995-1999; OI School District: K-12 Counselor, Teacher 1988-1995; Craig City School District, Craig AK: K-12 Counselor, Teacher 1985-1988

Education

M.S. Education/Counseling; University of Southern Maine, 1978; B.S. Education; Wittenberg University, 1963

Community Service

Moran State Park; Office Volunteer; Friends of Moran; Gift Shop Volunteer; Lutheran Church in the San Juans; council member/deacon

Statement

After over a decade as airport manager and almost 6 years since retirement, the master plan update process was something I experienced twice during my tenure.

Public input for this update has been extensive, and includes changes made and memorialized before a unanimous vote accepted the document as revised.

Since an updated administrative structure was adopted in May, hiring people to fill open positions for a longer term can now proceed.

I will evaluate input needed and solicited for making decisions carefully, but will vote to maintain the airport as a welcoming and safe essential public facility for use by residents and visitors.

Contact

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**Gary M.
Abood**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Port of Orcas Commissioner 2000-2004

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

Yes

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

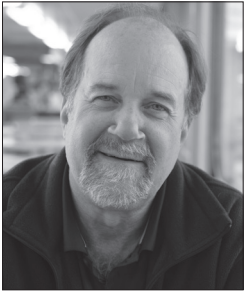
The Port of Orcas is an important part of the public infrastructure on our island. I would like to join the Board of Commissioners because I believe public management and oversight of the operations of our airport must improve...by a lot!

Many of the very same issues facing the Port of Orcas today are the same as they were during my previous time on the Board. I am happy to hear many members of our community speaking up about true community involvement, accountability, and transparency; I want to be part of that conversation.

Having enjoyed a keen interest in the Eastsound airport since 1998, I feel I can effectively contribute and add value to the conversations. I would like to add my voice to the next Board and work to get the Port on a better track.

Contact

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Greg Ayers
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Commissioner, Eastsound Sewer & Water District
2010-present

Other Professional Experience

Biotech industry entrepreneur; CEO/Board Member – 14 biotech businesses; Lecturer/Advisor – small business; Cardiologist; Inventor

Education

Purdue University – BS/PhD (Biomedical Engineering);
Indiana University – MD

Community Service

Orcas Island Fire & Rescue, Firefighter 2013-present;
Eastsound Planning & Review Committee 2013-2017;
Marine Resource Committee, 2013-2015; Northwest Straits Commissioner, 2013-2015; Northwest Straits Foundation, Board Member/Treasurer, 2013-2017; Island Reproductive Health, Founding Member/Clinical Director; Grange, 2011-present; Orcas Island Medical Foundation 2008-2011

Statement

Whether we realize it, we rely on the Port for our island way of life. Bringing us packages, transporting our loved ones, and the emergency transportation of our neighbors in their greatest time of need. As your commissioner, I will see these critical needs are met.

However, the Port must also be consistent with our island culture. I have the vision to protect our shared community values while assuring compliance with the necessary regulations.

I have shown leadership as Sewer & Water District commissioner, EPRC chair, and as a Firefighter and EMT. I am prepared to lead the Port through the many challenges it faces now, and in the future.

With your guidance and support, I will make the difficult decisions necessary to provide stewardship of our Port while protecting our island environment, economy, and way of life.

Stay in touch by visiting www.ElectAyers.org. Please vote for Greg Ayers.

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Mia Kartiganer
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

County Delegate for 2008 Presidential Election

Other Professional Experience

Owner of Mia’s Café; 2009-2019 Previous Board Member – Orcas Island Chamber of Commerce

Education

Ongoing

Community Service

In addition to keeping a restaurant open during the winter months, I have hosted and raised funds for numerous local non-profits

Statement

Since moving to Orcas Island in 1991 I have had the opportunity to work with/for a diverse sampling of our community. I hope to govern on behalf of them all.

It is the responsibility of the Commission to make sure the public has complete access to all of the information that weighs into their decisions, and to be aware that a differing opinion needn’t reflect a misunderstanding of the facts. Open dialogue is essential.

We must be conscientious about steering clear of anything that suggests impropriety and remember that the majority within our community should guide how we proceed.

I moved to Orcas Island in 1991 as a massage therapist and have since been fortunate to work in various fields of employment with people from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. My goal is to bring the voices of the whole community into Port process.

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Leith
Templin
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

No information submitted.

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Orcas Island | SJC Public Hospital District #3 Commissioner 4 | 6-year term

No photo
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Diane L.
Boteler
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

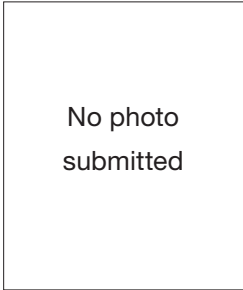
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Statement

No information submitted.

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Terrence Mullan
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

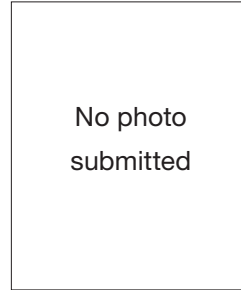
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Statement

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Edwin Sutton
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

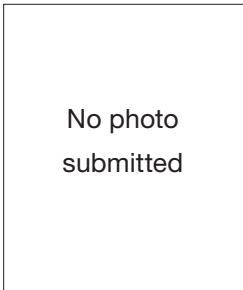
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Statement

No information submitted.

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Michael Stolmeier
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

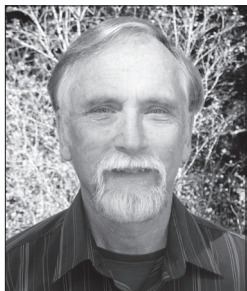
No information submitted.

Statement

No information submitted.

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Del
Guenther

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

7 years as a School Board Director for Lopez Island School

Other Professional Experience

32 years teaching, 11 years Athletic Director, mostly in Washington public schools, but also in private schools and schools in other countries

Education

B.S. Biology, M.A. Zoology, current K-12 teaching certificate for Washington State

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

Goals – To insure a safe school environment and to prepare every student for whatever path they may take in their future.

Contact

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**Jenny
Poole**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Six years teaching secondary English and ESL in the California public school system; District Curriculum Council Representative and Waste-Free Schools Program Developer. Current substitute teacher in the Lopez Island School District. Owner and financial manager of local business.

Education

BA in English and Masters of Education in Teaching, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Community Service

Preschool Treasurer and active volunteer at the Lopez Elementary school.

Statement

I have always been committed to public education, believing that our schools enrich and support our communities. I have pursued my interest in education professionally and spent many years as a secondary English teacher. With my two children currently enrolled in the Lopez elementary and middle schools, I would like to continue my involvement and support of public education as a school board representative.

I believe that our diversity of perspectives and voices is a strength of our community. I value the collaboration between students, parents, teachers, and administration in developing educational opportunities that support a variety of needs. I support the school and community's commitment to providing unique and engaging learning opportunities through travel, experiential education, the arts, and extracurricular activities. If elected, I will focus on listening, learning, and collaborating in order to bring academic excellence to our schools.

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submitted

Carol
Steckler
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

No information submitted.

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No photo
submitted

Rebecca (Becky)

Smith

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

I have served as a Fire Commissioner for 18 years (3 terms). Lopez Island School Board many years ago.

Other Professional Experience

I worked as a Visiting Nurse, manager of the Lopez Chamber of Commerce, and currently bookkeeper for Decatur Northwest Community Association and manager of Hamlet House Adult Family Home.

Education

2 years at WSU then graduated from Merritt Hospital School of Nursing in Oakland, CA

Community Service

I have served on numerous community and non-profit boards.

Statement

I am proud of the high level of skills our personnel and volunteers bring to our citizens. Lopez Island Fire & EMS (LIFE) has experienced many changes in the delivery of our emergency services in the past 2 years creating unique challenges. I would like to continue working in a leadership role to ensure our high level of care remains available for the future.

Contact

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Duane
Bordvick
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

This is my first general election candidacy.

Other Professional Experience

36-year professional career centered on Environmental Protection, Health and Safety, Emergency Response, Public Affairs and Government Relations for public service and private industry sectors.

Education

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering – University of Washington.

Community Service

Since 2003 I've served through appointment to public and private boards including: SJC Salary Commission, currently 7th year and Chairman; North Lopez Service Board, a private association providing drinking water to over 60 households on Lopez, currently serving my eighth year; Lopez Island Community Center Board, four years including two as Chairman; Lopez Island Yacht Club Board for five years.

Statement

I look forward to this opportunity to further serve San Juan County and Lopez island. I believe the combination of my extensive board experience coupled with my past professional experience in Health, Safety and the Environment provides an excellent foundation to serve the community as a Fire District Commissioner.

Contact

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Kenn
Aufderhar
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Port of Lopez, Commissioner

Other Professional Experience

Commercial Construction Contractor – 40 yrs, Dental Office Business Manager, Rental Properties Manager

Education

Business, Walla Walla University

Community Service

Treasurer for non-profit, Medical flights for Lopez Community, Logistics Team of the Lopez Fire Department.

Statement

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Lopez Community as Port Commissioner these last several years. We have a fantastic, dedicated team that puts the Port first and I have been privileged to be a part of that team.

Accomplishments include: Our first ever Lopez Island Airport Day. A celebration for the local community.

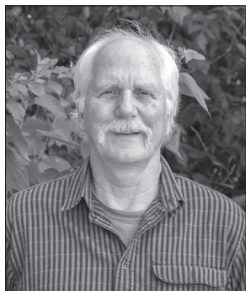
Completing the airport master plan update that provides for continued operation of this valuable and essential resource.

Airport lighting upgrade that now makes the port a net provider of electricity.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve this community as we work for additional marine access, continued improvement of the airport for better access in bad weather by emergency medical flights and sound financial planning.

Contact

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Stephen K.

Adams

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

I am a retired HS science and technology teacher including, 30 years at Lopez School. I volunteered 20 years with the Lopez Fire Department as firefighter, EMT and Commissioner. As a long time pilot, my experience has been valuable in making responsible decisions for our airport in 8 years as Port Commissioner. We have solved serious safety issues for landing aircraft. Our recent improvements have enabled the Port to become a "net zero" electrical user. We purchased our first public marine access, the popular Fisherman Bay Day Park. We have made long term investments, assuring financial security. We completed our first comprehensive FAA master plan. We maintain one of the lowest Port taxes in the state. Our newest challenge is to develop an instrument approach that will enable safe Med Evacs during poor weather. I will continue the tradition of the airport serving our community while being fiscally responsible.

Contact

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No photo
submitted

Rebecca
Presley
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

No information submitted.

Contact

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**Albert
Berger**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

I have been a Commissioner of the Lopez Island Hospital District (SJ County PHD #2) since its inception.

Other Professional Experience

I am a retired UW School of Medicine faculty member. For over 35 years I taught students biomedical science courses. At UW I headed a biomedical research laboratory that was grant funded from the NIH. For 5 years I directed the Office of Research and Graduate Education, where I had administrative and oversight responsibility for all research at UW Medicine.

Education

I have two Ph.D. degrees, one in Chemical Engineering from Princeton and in Physiology from the University of California, San Francisco.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

Lopez needs an excellent primary care medical facility. As an incumbent, my goal remains to make sure this need is met.

As Commissioner I serve as Chair of the District's Finance Committee. I have focused my efforts on making sure our property taxes are spent wisely. I am involved in monitoring the contract with UW Neighborhood Clinics (UWNC) to ensure that the Lopez Clinic is operated in a fiscally responsible manner. During my first term, we have paid off our loans from the Catherine Washburn Medical Association and San Juan County. Your Board has set up a Reserve Fund, and during our initial term, we had an excellent financial audit by the State of Washington. Also we have timely made our contractual payments to UWNC for Clinic operations. I hope that you will let me continue to serve, so that basic medical care remains available on Lopez Island.

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submitted

Dean E.
Anderson
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

No information submitted.

Contact

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No photo
submitted

Kenneth C.
Jennings
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

No information submitted.

Contact

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Lauren
Stephens

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

6 years Fisherman Bay Sewer District Commissioner; 10+ years Lopez Island School District Board Member

Other Professional Experience

Property Manager

Education

BA American History University of Utah plus 1.5 years post-grad work in Masters Degree program.

Community Service

Catherine Washburn Medical Association Board
2016-present.

Statement

I am running for a second term as sewer commissioner because I believe that accountable management of public utilities is important. During my tenure FBSD has required replacement of failed systems, replaced failing sewer lines, and worked to protect the environment and aquifer. We have set rates and spent district revenues responsibly.

I have 15 years of board service on the Fisherman Bay Sewer Board and the Lopez Island School Board. I have experience budgeting, levy and bonding campaigns for operations and capital projects. I worked extensively on rate setting, contract negotiation, policy development, risk management and personnel issues.

My focus is responsible fiscal management and customer service. I advocate board participation with staff to make decisions that serve the agency and the customer. I believe that responsible management includes maintaining adequate reserves, keeping costs in line with services rendered, and spending to maintain system infrastructure.

Contact

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**Lopez Library District
Proposition No. 1****Levy Lid Lift**

The Board of Trustees of the Lopez Island Library District adopted Resolution No. 02 - 2019 concerning an increase to the District's regular property tax levy. This proposition would authorize the District to increase its current levy from \$0.39 to \$0.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value upon all the taxable property within the district for collection beginning in tax year 2020, and allows an increase in the amount of the levy each year thereafter, as authorized by Chapter 84.55 RCW, for normal operation and maintenance of the library.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Randall K. Gaylord
San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney

The Board of Trustees of the Lopez Library District has proposed to increase its regular property tax levy in the year 2020 by way of a one-time levy lid lift of nine cents (\$0.09) per \$1000 assessed value to a total of 48 cents per \$1000 of assessed value, and then use the 2020 amount for subsequent years, subject to the limit factors set out by state law.

The new levy increase is expected to generate about \$565,000 in the year 2020. This is a one-time levy lid lift, and future increases of the levy amount will be subject to the limit factors set out in Chapter 84.55 RCW. The limit factor is typically limited to one percent (1%) plus add-ons including new construction, and subject to maximum limits.

The purpose of this levy is to cover the costs of normal operations and maintenance of the library.

A simple majority of the voters is necessary to approve this measure. A "yes" vote is to approve the measure, a "no" vote is to reject the measure.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

Argument For

Your vote to approve will support the beautiful Lopez Island Library by providing stable and adequate funding for operations and maintenance of the Library. The value of the Library to the community is evident daily by robust Library usage.

Funds are needed to continue innovative programs and services. Community requests, such as expanding opening hours to include Sundays, can be considered. The Library can also address community requests by redesigning meeting space, creating locations for collaborative work inside the library for learning and sharing, providing separate space for young adults, and protecting a quiet reading area. Environmentally conscientious maintenance of the historic library building requires investment in energy-efficient technology and alternative energy sources.

While grants and private donations help fund special programs and small capital projects, they cannot pay for general operation. Only levy funds provide the necessary, stable income stream.

Lopez Island Library earned for the 9th consecutive year, the coveted Star Library status. This is a source of community pride and a reflection of a well-managed library. This year, of 7361 U.S. public libraries, only 257 received this distinction, four of them in Washington State. Your vote will help assure a bright future.

Please vote "Approved." Together, our Lopez Community can do this!

Written by

Advocacy Committee for the Lopez Island Library:
Robert Buchholz, Chair Library Board of Trustees,
Barbara Orcutt, Chair of the Friends of the Lopez Library

Iris Graville, Lopez Island Author

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Argument Against

No information submitted.

**Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District
Proposition No. 1
Excess Property Tax Levy**

The Governing Body of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District adopted Resolution No. 25-2019 concerning an excess levy for the district. This proposition would authorize the district to generate \$105,000 by continuing a levy of excess taxes upon all taxable property within the district in an amount estimated to be \$0.10131 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in one year -- 2020 -- for the purpose of funding operations and capital improvements of the district.

Shall the proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Randall K. Gaylord
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 2020, the amount of the tax revenue that is budgeted is \$105,000, which is the same amount as in the year 2019.

The governing board has adopted Resolution No. 25-2019 calling for an election to approve the one-year property tax measure to generate \$105,000. If adopted, the property tax for the Solid Waste District will remain the same as the levy from 2019 expires and it is replaced by the a levy of approximately \$0.10131 per \$1,000 of assessed value for taxes imposed for the year 2020. This amount is a replacement of the tax in the same amount for the current year (2019).

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

The solid waste levy must be approved by voters every year.

From January through June, 2019 volumes increased by 17%. We recycled over 151 tons, reclaimed 55 tons of glass, hauled 345 tons of garbage off island, and diverted over a ton of materials per day from landfills to reuse through Take It or Leave It. Over 28,000 customers will visit in 2019. Volunteers are providing over 3,750 hours of support annually.

This year we expanded recycling/garbage hours by 6%, paved, and improved parking, hired a District Manager and Assistant Facility Manager, added security cameras, added safety improvements to the Take It Or Leave It, and initiated a program with the Lopez school to find higher-value uses for recycled plastics.

The Lopez Dump will continue with free self-separated recycling and \$8 per garbage can. Ours is the lowest cost solid waste facility in the county.

Garbage fees alone cannot support our system. Skagit fees increased this year while product prices remain depressed. This levy of \$0.10131 per \$1000 of assessed value will provide us \$105,000 - a small price to pay for a well-managed, award-winning program that helps keep our beautiful rural island healthy and clean.

Vote for Lopez Proposition 1 to keep our Lopez Dump and Take It Or Leave It operating under local control and managed according to Lopez values.

Written by

Chom Greacen

Larry Eppenbach

Kim Norton

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Argument Against

No information submitted.



Shirley Sprenger

Lange

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Previously elected to Waldron School Advisory Board

Other Professional Experience

Waldron School Substitute Teacher; Licensed Mental Health Counselor; worked as Social Worker and Counselor for families and children in Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish and Island Counties.

Education

MA Psychology

Community Service

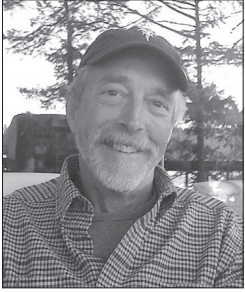
Shaw Island Library volunteer, Public School volunteer, 4-H Leader

Statement

I have been a registered voter in San Juan Co for over 45 years. I believe the public schools are the backbone of our island communities and I see public education as our most important challenge. I am interested in all our children, and in fostering personal responsibility as the best way to show respect for one another and our fragile environment.

Contact

PO Box 109, Shaw Island, WA 98286



John M.

Bogert

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

OPALCO Board of Directors; Shaw School Director; NPC
HOA Director

Other Professional Experience

Engineer; Company executive; Blue Water Sailor

Education

Bachelor's Degree; Masters of Engineering

Community Service

Shaw Island Tinkerer

Statement

I am committed to continue the educational excellence that Shaw School has demonstrated for its students. Small public school districts like Shaw School have an opportunity to challenge, mentor and motivate students while instilling a life long love of learning. That is my goal.

Contact

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Jon
Shannon
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

I have been on the school board for long time. I am still not tired of it. Shaw Island has the best public school in Washington, and it is an honor to serve as a director. Please give me the privilege to serve for another term. Thank you!

Contact

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Jennifer
Swanson

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

I have served two terms as a school district director for the Shaw Island School District #10.

Other Professional Experience

I was an elementary teacher for seven years prior to moving to Shaw Island. I currently serve as Named Superintendent for the Shaw Island School District #10.

Education

I have a B.A. in Latin American Studies and a K-12 teaching endorsement.

Community Service

I have served on the Shaw Island Library and Historical Society board, volunteered as a librarian, and I will soon be serving as an EMT for the Shaw Island community.

Statement

It has been very meaningful to serve as a director for the Shaw Island School District. I have been entrusted with an important responsibility to serve our island school population, and I remain dedicated to ensuring a high quality of instruction for our Shaw students and maintaining our historic island school. I appreciate your support as I embark on a third term.

Contact

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Corinne
Storey
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

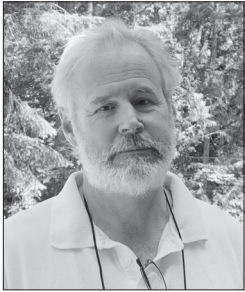
No information submitted.

Statement

No information submitted.

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**Matthew
Pierce**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

Construction and outdoor recreation.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

Two-year resident of Shaw Island. Hiker, biker, boater, and avid gardener.

Foster a community vision for Shaw property owners that preserves the rural values of our island community through local control for Shaw's recreational amenities. Create and support community based recreational opportunities such as: trails, parks, marine facilities, and recreational programs for children and adults and other issues that are important to islanders. I also will work to ensure safe public spaces for Shaw Islanders that takes into account seasonal and year-round needs.

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**Stephanie
Buffum**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Environmental planner, community economic development, public administration.

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

Shaw property owner since 1998 and full-time resident since 2001. I enjoy sea kayaking sailing, biking, swimming, running, tennis, baseball, hiking, foraging, and gardening.

Creation of a Shaw Island Parks and Recreation District will provide Shaw Islanders a formal organization to solicit public and private funding for areas of interest to the community such as docks, mooring buoys, car parking, trails, recreational programs and facilities for adults and youth.

Contact

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Sharon
Wootton

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

Science educator, recreation program manager, foster parent, writer, umpire, referee, gardener, 1,000-mile hiker. Live on family property owned since 1933; full-time Shaw resident since 2000.

Preserve Shaw's recreation opportunities for the greater good of our community and future generations. Preserve Shaw's environment through local control of Shaw's recreational amenities. Enhance the community's access to opportunities such as parks and recreation programming for adults and children, with access for all through scholarships; marine facilities, multi-purpose field activities, transportation planning, public and private access to our marine amenities, and other issues that the Shaw community identifies.

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submitted

Jonathan
Hogue
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Excavation, maintenance and construction. Store management.

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

Lives on a family farm owned for two generations. Full-time island resident since 2014.

Preserve Shaw's unique environment through local control for Shaw's recreational amenities.

Contact

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**Shaw Island Park & Recreation
District**

Proposition No. 1

**Formation of Shaw Island Park and
Recreation District**

The San Juan County Council adopted Resolution No.4-2019 regarding the formation of the Shaw Island Park and Recreation District. If approved, a park and recreation district would be formed pursuant to RCW 36.69.010 et. seq. with a boundary of all of Shaw, Canoe and Blind Islands 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 the district.

Shall the park and recreation district be formed?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Randall K. Gaylord
San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney

A petition was submitted to the San Juan County Council requesting that the voters consider a proposition to establish the Shaw Island Parks and Recreation District pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.69.010 et. seq. The district boundaries are all of Shaw Island, Canoe Island and Blind Island.

If approved by a majority of those voting, this measure will establish a parks 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 Shaw Island.

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

This is a petition for formation of the park and district and separately there is a ballot measure for initial financing of the district. The petition initiating the formation of the requested voter approval for financing the activities of the district with a levy, which is a separate ballot measure.

A “yes” vote is in favor of the formation of a parks and recreation district. A “no” vote is against the formation of a parks and recreation district.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

Argument For

The idea for creating a park and recreation district on Shaw Island was born in response to the potential sale of the Portal Property, the land adjacent to the Shaw Island ferry terminal. Although this initial motivation is, at present, no longer an issue, the proposed Park and Recreation District will also be able to accomplish many other things that benefit the Shaw Community: programs for kids and seniors, recreation facilities, community facilities, trails and parks are all possibilities for the future. The District also provides the community with an ongoing public entity for negotiating assistance and cooperation with the County.

By statute, the district will be managed by 5 elected commissioners who are residents and registered voters on Shaw Island. The commissioners will hold monthly public meetings so that members of the community can share their ideas, and advise the commissioners on priorities and limitations for projects and the budget.

Vote YES! For a park and recreation district for Shaw.

Written by

Jon Shannon

Brian Lynch

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Argument Against

This proposed new tax district initially was to create a source of funds to “Save Our Store” by purchasing the property at the ferry landing—referred to as the “Shaw Portal.” However, since the petition to establish the taxing district was filed and approved for the November Ballot, the store has been “saved” and it and the other property have been taken off the market. The opponents now want us to approve this Park District for undefined “recreational” purposes. This should be rejected.

This proposition could impose a tax of 60-cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. It would place in the hands of three of five commissioners the freedom to decide how to spend \$686,000 in tax dollars without a levy or any further agreement of the island community. And for what? Who knows. The answer is as simple as whatever three commissioners decide.

When the Shaw community met to discuss the proposed tax district on August 10th, none of its primary advocates attended to answer questions to explain their new plans. That should serve as a warning that approving the proposition would both raise taxes and lower accountability.

For decades, Shaw has funded community projects— notably the community center, library/historical society, Shaw Landing, the ball field, and ambulance—through voluntary donations of time and money. Creating this new entity, for no defined purpose, will change the volunteer foundation of the Shaw community.

Join us in voting “no” on the proposed Park District

Written by

Hardy Schmidt

Keith Gerrard

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**Shaw Island Park & Recreation
District**

**Proposition No. 2
Authorization for Excess Levy**

Will the Shaw Island Park and Recreation District be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of sixty cents (\$0.60) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years or less?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

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The petition for the formation of the Shaw Island Park and Recreation District included a provision for financing of initial operational and capital expenses with a regular property tax approved by the voters.

If approved by the voters, this regular property tax is authorized by RCW 36.69.145 in the amount of sixty cents or less per thousand dollars of assessed value. The funds received for the district will be budgeted and appropriated by the commissioners to be elected to the district.

The duration of the regular property tax levy is six years or less, unless voter approval is made for an additional duration.

This excess levy is being proposed for authorization in this vote. Pursuant to RCW 84.09.030, the imposition of the levy will only be made if the district is formed and the boundaries established and if the commissioners set out a request for the imposition of the levy, all as provided by law.

A “yes” vote is in favor of the levy. A “no” vote is against the levy. A three-fifths majority is necessary for approval.

(Author’s note: This unique language of Proposition 2 per RCW 29A.35.210 and RCW 36.60.145 and RCW 84.09.030)

Argument For

The district is funded by a local tax levy of up to \$0.60 per thousand dollars of assessed value. The levy must be voted on by Shaw Island voters and pass with at least 60% approval (60% of the number corresponding to 40% of those voting in the previous general election).

The actual amount of the levy each year is determined by the following process:

1. The Board holds a public hearing on the proposed budget to gather input from the community. They can then modify the budget, or not, and pass a resolution adopting the budget.
2. The budget resolution gives the total revenue needed to operate for the following year and the amount of cash projected to be on hand at the end of the year.
3. The "levy" is the same as the total amount of revenue needed from the budget in total dollars.

The ability to collect the yearly levy must be reauthorized every 6 years. The commissioners may also put a bond on the ballot, if a purchase of a property is agreed on. A bond levy also requires a 60% approval of the voters.

This levy will be managed by the commissioners, elected by and responsible to the community members of Shaw Island (as detailed above).

Vote YES! For the funding of a park and recreation district for Shaw.

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Argument Against

A levy for .60 per thousand requested by the proponents of the Park District would raise nearly \$700,000 over the six year period the levy would run. The Park District also has access to \$686,000 without a levy. This would leave the Park District with about 1.4 million dollars. The board is not even formed yet and we have heard nothing about how the money is to be spent.

This levy is premature. If the Park District passes, it would be appropriate for the board to determine its course, then present tax payers specifics about how it plans to proceed. In particular, what is the project, how long will it take to complete, and how much will it cost. We are not in favor of a blank check looking for a purpose.

Join us in voting no on the Park District levy.

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Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

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Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

No information submitted.

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