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Odd-year elections are local elections. Local measures, local candidates, local issues. This one contains an especially local – and rare – issue: the opportunity to change the County’s charter. Some counties in Washington State, including San Juan County, have adopted “charters,” sort of like county constitutions. Charters allow counties to structure their governments differently from other Washington counties and/or create requirements for the operation of government beyond those required in the State constitution.

Like the State Constitution, a county’s charter can be amended only by a vote of the people. The most common way charter amendments are proposed is by a Charter Review Commission. A Charter Review Commission elected last year has proposed six charter amendments for the 2021 general election. You, the San Juan County voter, will decide if they become local law.

In addition to the Charter amendments and three statewide Advisory Votes, this ballot contains four other local ballot measures, all of which touch on the quality of life in San Juan County. SJI Fire & Rescue is proposing a levy to fund EMS services; SJI Hospital District is proposing a levy to provide long-term care; Orcas Island Park & Rec is seeking renewal of its regular tax levy; and Lopez Solid Waste is seeking approval of its annual property tax levy.

Not just those particular measures, but also who governs local jurisdictions within the county will be determined by this election. Commissioners of port, fire, park & rec, hospital, cemetery, school, sewer, and water districts, as well as Friday Harbor’s mayor and two of its Council members, are all on the ballot.

The operations, actions and decisions of these local jurisdictions affect your lives. This is your opportunity to influence them. Read carefully, consider thoughtfully, and vote. We’re counting on you.

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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.

**Cover photo: Camas at South Beach, San Juan Island
Courtesy of Greg Lee, San Juan County Resident**

Voting Instructions

How to vote

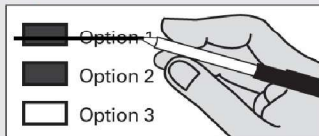


Use a dark blue or black ink pen to completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.

Do not use pencil.

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

If you make a mistake



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

Do not use white-out.

Optional write-in



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

- 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 2:

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 2, 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 2:

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 at the elections office for the General Election, beginning Friday, October 15, through Election Day, November 2.

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 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 2, 2021 General Election. Not all races and measures listed here will be on your ballot.

Countywide Measures

San Juan County Charter Review Commission

Charter Amendment Proposition No. 1

Proposition No. 1 concerns the introductory provisions to the County Charter. Proposition No. 1 would amend the first part of the County Charter to repeal the existing Preamble, add an Acknowledgment to the Coast Salish people and recognize their ancestral lands and water, and treaty rights; add a new Preamble which refers to self-governance, equal protection, the economy, and the natural world; and add a Declaration of Community Values concerning community, economy, climate and ecosystem.

Should this measure be:

- Approved
- Rejected

San Juan County Charter Review Commission

Charter Amendment Proposition No. 2

Proposition No. 2 concerns term limits for council members. Proposition No. 2 would amend Section 5.20 of the San Juan County Charter to provide that every council member would be limited to three consecutive full terms of office but would, after concluding a third full term, be able to file for the position of County Council member after three years have expired or be appointed to County Council member after four years have expired.

Should this measure be:

- Approved
- Rejected

San Juan County Charter Review Commission

Charter Amendment Proposition No. 3

Proposition No. 3 concerns a climate and environment commission. Proposition No. 3 would establish a new nine-member commission appointed by the County Council to: 1) provide oversight over the department of Environmental Stewardship regarding the department's duties as to climate change and environmental protection, 2) recommend executive or legislative action to the County Council regarding compliance with certain laws, 3) recommend hiring for the director of the department, and 4) develop an action plan, conduct meetings, and provide an annual progress update.

Should this measure be:

- Approved
- Rejected

San Juan County Charter Review Commission

Charter Amendment Proposition No. 4

Proposition No. 4 concerns initiatives and referendums. Proposition No. 4 would amend Title 6 of the San Juan County Charter to remove the requirement that initiatives provide for new or additional sources of revenue needed to implement the initiative, to reduce the signature qualification requirement for San Juan County initiatives and referendums from 15 percent to 8 percent of votes cast in the county in the last gubernatorial election, and to add a display requirement identifying paid signature gatherers.

Should this measure be:

- Approved
- Rejected

**San Juan County Charter Review Commission
Charter Amendment Proposition No. 5**

Proposition No. 5 concerns nondiscrimination in exercise of powers and performance of county duties. Proposition No. 5 would provide that the county will not discriminate in the provision of government services on account of listed protected classes including those under state and federal law but also including body type, age, marital status, care provider status, certain veteran discharges, and gender identity or expression, and further provides for adherence to the same nondiscrimination provisions by the county in professional services contracts, except contracts with public entities.

Should this measure be:

- Approved
- Rejected

**San Juan County Charter Review Commission
Charter Amendment Proposition No. 6**

Proposition No. 6 concerns a justice, equity, and inclusion commission. Proposition No. 6 would establish a new eleven-member commission appointed by the County Council to provide advice and support on matters concerning justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. The Commission will provide for citizen engagement and transparency and recommend action to advance San Juan County Council Resolution No. 31-2020 concerning a safe and inclusive community and county, state, and federal laws regarding nondiscrimination.

Should this measure be:

- Approved
- Rejected

Town of Friday Harbor

Mayor

- Ray Jackson
- Farhad Ghatan

Council Member 3

- Anna Maria de Freitas
- Susie Schneider

Council Member 4

- Howard Rosenfeld
- Mason Turnage

San Juan Island

San Juan Is School District No. 149

San Juan Is School Dist No. 149 – Dir 1

- Sarah Werling Sandwith

San Juan Is School Dist No. 149 – Dir 2

- Barbara Nash Bevens

SJC Fire Protection District No. 3

SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 3 – Comm 2

- Bob Jarman
- Dwight T. Colley

Port of Friday Harbor

Port of Friday Harbor – Comm 3

- Greg Hertel
- Victoria Compton

San Juan Is Park & Recreation District

San Juan Is Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 2

- Shannon Miniken

San Juan Is Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 3

- Scott Zehner

San Juan Is Park & Recreation Dist – Comm 5

- Allison M. Moalli

SJC Cemetery District No. 1

SJC Cemetery Dist No. 1 – Comm 2

- Kim Sundstrom
- Linda M. Francis

SJC Cemetery Dist No. 1 – Comm 3

- Rex Guard
- Daniel Miller

SJC Public Hospital District No. 1

SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 1 – Comm 3

- Everett Clary

SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 1 – Comm 5

- Trish Lehman

Cape San Juan Water District**Cape San Juan Water Dist - Comm 1** Roger Hill**Cape San Juan Water Dist - Comm 2** Ken O'Brien**Cape San Juan Water Dist - Comm 3** David Rumolo**Cattle Point Water District****Cattle Point Water Dist - Comm 2** Mark L. Prugar**Cattle Point Water Dist - Comm 3** Doug Musgrove**SJC Fire Protection District No. 3****SJC Fire Protection District No. 3****Proposition No. 1****Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy**

Will the San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 3 be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of \$0.50 or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, commencing in the year 2023?

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

The Board of Commissioners of San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1 (the "District"), adopted Resolution No. 2021-552 concerning a proposition to authorize the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$0.70 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (an estimated increase of \$0.36 per \$1,000 over the current levy) for collection in 2022, and the resulting levy dollar amount would thereafter be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050.

Should this proposal be approved?

 Yes No**Orcas Island****Orcas Is School District No. 137****Orcas Is School Dist No. 137 – Dir 1** Chris Sutton**Orcas Is School Dist No. 137 – Dir 2** Bridget Broderick**Orcas Is School Dist No. 137 – Dir 3** Linda Sheridan**SJC Fire Protection District No. 2****SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 2 – Comm 2** Wesley H. Heinmiller Patrick Shepler**Port of Orcas****Port of Orcas – Comm 1** Jason Laursen**Port of Orcas – Comm 2** Michael D. Triplett**Port of Orcas – Comm 4** Robert Hamilton**Orcas Is Park & Recreation District****Orcas Is Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 1** Dennis Dahl**Orcas Is Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 2** Bob Eagan**Orcas Is Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 3** Barry Madan**Orcas Is Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 4** Justin Paulsen**Orcas Is Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 5** Deborah Jones**SJC Cemetery District No. 3****SJC Cemetery Dist No. 3 – Comm 1** Patricia Resch**SJC Cemetery Dist No. 3 – Comm 2** Leith Templin**SJC Public Hospital District No. 3****SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 3 – Comm 2** Pegi A. Groundwater**SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 3 – Comm 5** David Zoeller

Eastsound Sewer & Water District
Eastsound Sewer & Water Dist – Comm 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Ayers
Orcas Island Park & Recreation District
Orcas Island Park & Recreation District Proposition No. 1 Six Year Property Tax Levy Will the Orcas Island Park and Recreation District be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of 15 cents or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years beginning in 2022? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Lopez Island
Lopez Is School District No. 144
Lopez Is School Dist No. 144 – Dir 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Rabel
Lopez Is School Dist No. 144 – Dir 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Kirman Taylor
Lopez Is School Dist No. 144 – Dir 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Kelli Carrier
SJC Fire Protection District No. 4
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 4 – Comm 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Phil Paige
Port of Lopez
Port of Lopez – Comm 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Henriksen
SJC Public Hospital District No. 2
SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 2 – Comm 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Christa Campbell
SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 2 – Comm 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Steven Greenstein <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Hattman
SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 2 – Comm 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Iris Graville
MacKaye Harbor Water District
MacKaye Harbor Water Dist – Comm 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Walt Krumbholz <input type="checkbox"/> Dean Anderson

Fisherman Bay Sewer District
Fisherman Bay Sewer Dist – Comm 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Christopher R. Ledbetter
Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District
Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Proposition No. 1 Excess Property Tax Levy for 2022 The Governing Body of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District adopted Resolution No. 20-2021 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 \$0.081201 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in one year -- 2022 -- for the purpose of funding operations and capital improvements of the district. Shall the proposition be approved? Shall the proposition be approved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Shaw Island
Shaw Is School District No. 10
Shaw Is School Dist No. 10 – Dir 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley Sprenger Lange
Shaw Is School Dist No. 10 – Dir 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Klohr
Stuart Island
SJC Cemetery District No. 2
SJC Cemetery Dist No. 2 – Comm 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Cheryl L. Opalski <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Olson

San Juan County Charter Review Commission

Charter Amendment Proposition No. 1

Proposition No. 1 concerns the introductory provisions to the County Charter. Proposition No. 1 would amend the first part of the County Charter to repeal the existing Preamble, add an Acknowledgment to the Coast Salish people and recognize their ancestral lands and water, and treaty rights; add a new Preamble which refers to self-governance, equal protection, the economy, and the natural world; and add a Declaration of Community Values concerning community, economy, climate and ecosystem.

Should this measure be:

Approved

Rejected



You are voting to Approve or Reject the charter amendment by the Charter Review Commission

Approved - you favor the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission

Rejected - you do not favor the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission

Explanatory Statement

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

This proposed amendment to the San Juan County Charter has been submitted by the Charter Review Commission.

The San Juan County Charter begins with a preamble concerning the benefits of a home rule charter. This proposition would repeal the existing preamble and replace it with three parts. The first part would begin the County Charter with an acknowledgment that we who live in San Juan County reside on the ancestral lands and waters of the Coast Salish people and that we honor inherent, aboriginal and treaty rights. The second part is a new preamble which would acknowledge the intent to secure rights granted by law for self-governance, equal protection and the recognition of a healthy community, a resilient economy and a vibrant natural world. The third part would set forth a declaration of community values on the topics of inclusive community, an economy that encourages sustainable growth and development, the natural world, and responsible stewardship including protection and preservation of public lands and undeveloped lands, and the strong enforcement of codes and regulations.

Generally, the introductory topics to a county charter are not legally binding and do not alter existing law. Under existing law, the County Council evaluates and reviews every ten years many of the topics in the Declaration of Community Values. This review is undertaken by the County Council as mandated by the Growth Management Act, a set of state laws that require the County to develop and periodically review the County's comprehensive plan, vision statement, development regulations and other rules and regulations. These existing laws provide a comprehensive regulation of uplands and shorelines, land use, private and public development, and preservation of open space. The existing laws also provide for administrative and legal action for code enforcement where the primary intent of all enforcement actions is to educate the public and to encourage the voluntary correction of violations.

This proposition will become part of the County Charter if it is approved by a majority of those voting. A fiscal note was not prepared for this proposition.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

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Statement For Proposition No. 1

This proposed Charter Introduction Amendment combines the addition of an Acknowledgement of the Coast Salish People, a replacement Preamble, and a newly created Declaration of Community Values.

The Acknowledgement recognizes the important history of the Coast Salish people in our county and region, reminding all who live here that these lands were the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish People. This Acknowledgement is offered in the spirit of community and abiding fellowship and was developed by county staff working with tribal representatives.

The new Preamble reminds us of: 1) why we adopted our Home Rule Charter (to maximize our right to govern ourselves locally); 2) the importance of equal protection under the law for everyone; and 3) our place as a part of the natural world around us.

The Declaration of Community Values gives credit to values we hold in common, including a safe and welcoming community, a resilient economy, and a flourishing ecosystem and sustainable environment. Such values are derived from the contributions of numerous activists and from our conversations with many members of the public. They serve as a guiding light for our county leadership in navigating our future. These values provide a yardstick with which to measure the success of the local government, and indeed, our collective community, in living up to our highest aspirations.

We ask that you read through this Introduction, recognize its worth, and join us in voting yes.

Argument For Written by:

Robert O'Connell - Lopez
 Kyle Davies - San Juan
 Liz Lafferty - Lopez

Statement Against Proposition No. 1

The purpose of the Charter Review Commission is to make recommendations to our County Council related to governance. The preamble is used as an introduction. Rather than simply altering the preamble, the CRC wishes to include an Acknowledgment and a Declaration of Community Values. Both of these are philosophies that not all voters would agree with, yet they are grouped together, forcing voters into an all or nothing vote.

This is concerning when the Acknowledgment uses language that potentially could lead to claims of appropriating land that we 'took' from the Coast Salish. Voting on an acknowledgement that says we reside on land belonging to them is opening land owners up to unforeseen problems. It is an admission that we unjustly occupy Coast Salish land. This threatens private property rights. The existing Treaty of Point Elliot recognizes the ancestral history of the Coast Salish in our area. It stands strong after 160 years.

The Charter Review Commission has no reason to 'Declare Community Values' outside of the County Council's framework. They can recommend the Council include these goals in a resolution. It does not need to be a part of this amendment. The only logic behind grouping agreeable language into an amendment like this would be to pass an un-agreeable portion of it. This should raise red flags regarding the intentions of the CRC.

Vote 'no' to keep the existing preamble in effect and save good hearted islanders from unintentionally voting away their property rights.

Argument Against Written by:

Rene Polda
 Erika Christensen
 Koshi Holt

Complete Text

San Juan County Charter Review Commission
Proposition No. 1

Concerning the Acknowledgment, Preamble, and
Declaration of Community Values

The PREAMBLE shall be amended to read as follows:

PREAMBLE

~~We, the citizens of San Juan County, in order to secure the benefits granted to a Home Rule Charter County under the laws of Washington State and to assert greater control by the people [over] County government, adopt this Charter.~~

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Let us acknowledge we reside on the ancestral lands and waters of the Coast Salish people who have called this place home since time immemorial and let us honor inherent, aboriginal and treaty rights that have been passed down from generation to generation.

PREAMBLE

We, the people of San Juan County, Washington, establish this Home Rule Charter, securing for ourselves the rights granted by law and the responsibilities of self-governance.

All persons within our county are equal under the law and afforded equal protection under those laws.

We recognize the interdependence between a healthy community, a resilient economy and a vibrant natural world.

DECLARATION OF COMMUNITY VALUES

The people of San Juan County, Washington, declare our commitment to a safe and inclusive community, resilient economy, flourishing ecosystem and sustainable environment.

Community:

We value a vibrant, inclusive, just, and diverse community that fosters peace, mutual tolerance, and respect for each other's dignity, privacy, freedoms, and responsibilities, including the rich heritage, culture, and contributions of the region's indigenous peoples. We also recognize that affordable, accessible, and high-quality healthcare, education, and housing are the foundations of community resilience and stability.

Economy:

We value an economy that encourages sustainable growth and development within our agricultural, tourism, and other sectors, while creating viable livelihoods for community members, improving the food security of our county, and encouraging the conservation of resources and the minimization of waste.

Climate and Ecosystem:

We value the natural world and the beauty that surrounds us, and the climate and ecosystems of our county, including air, water, soil, and the region's remarkable biodiversity. We recognize the need for responsible stewardship of our county for the good of both our community and nature, including the protection and preservation of public lands and undeveloped lands and the strong enforcement of codes and regulations.

San Juan County Charter Review Commission

**Charter Amendment
Proposition No. 2**

Proposition No. 2 concerns term limits for council members. Proposition No. 2 would amend Section 5.20 of the San Juan County Charter to provide that every council member would be limited to three consecutive full terms of office but would, after concluding a third full term, be able to file for the position of County Council member after three years have expired or be appointed to County Council member after four years have expired.

Should this measure be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

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

This proposed amendment to the San Juan County Charter has been submitted by the Charter Review Commission.

Under existing law, there are no term limits for the position of County Council Member and each full term is a period of four years. If adopted, no person will be eligible to be elected or appointed to more than three consecutive full terms for the position of County Council Member. This limitation on eligibility for the office of Council Member expires three years after the end of the third full term for purposes of filing for office, and four years after the end of the third full term for purposes of appointment to office.

This Proposition will become part of the County Charter if it is approved by a majority of those voting. A fiscal note was not prepared for this proposition.



You are voting to Approve or Reject the charter amendment by the Charter Review Commission

Approved - you favor the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission

Rejected - you do not favor the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

Statement for Proposition No. 2

In its history, San Juan County has had few Council/Commissioners in office for more than three terms. However, we are looking to the future and the unknown possibilities our County may face. We support term limits because we believe that this will prevent people from becoming too powerful as a County Council member and will better reflect the will of the voters.

We support three consecutive four-year terms, a total of twelve years. Term limits are a vital political reform that will bring new, fresh perspectives and better incentives to local government. Three terms, or twelve years, is plenty of time for an elected official on the County Council to find their footing, deliver results and leave office with a positive legacy. Changing leadership encourages a rising generation of political leaders, fresh ideas and possible policy changes. With term limits, Council members will become more responsible to their constituents because one day they will have to live under the laws they created while in office.

Vote Yes on Term Limits and strengthen San Juan County democratic institutions and democratic process.

Argument For Written by:

Maureen See, District 1
Sharon Abreu, District 2
Robert O'Connell, District 3

Statement against Proposition No. 2

I know that opposing term limits is like opposing eternal life but hear me out. Everything that government does is a conflict between two lots of private interests, that of the politicians and that of the civil servants (staff), each strategizing to maximize their own personal advantage at the expense of the rest of society. There is even a branch of economics devoted to this idea, Public Choice Theory.

The impetus for term limits grows out of an intuitive understanding that politicians may engage in self-serving behavior after being in place for too long; however, we fail to recognize that unelected staff and bureaucracies also do the same. This is why bureaucracies fall into the trap of endlessly "focusing" on problems but never "solving" them. It is not in their interest to solve problems. This is one reason why wars go on forever, environmental cleanup goes on forever, and affordable housing problems go on forever.

By placing restrictions on the terms of the elected part of this conundrum without commensurate restrictions on the unelected component, we will tip the balance of power in favor of the unelecteds who run our government. Term limits alone won't actually solve anything, and they are likely to make things much worse, as unelected bureaucrats/staff outfox or simply outlast electeds who may want to bring change that voters want. Why would voters restrict or prohibit a candidate who the voters want?

Don't limit your own participation in democracy. Vote 'no' on term limits.

Argument Against Written by:

Erika Christensen

Complete Text

Concerning Term Limits for Council Members

The San Juan County Charter Sections 5.20 shall be amended to read as follow:

Section 5.20 – Qualifications; Residency for County Council Members

Each county officer holding an elective office shall be, at the time of appointment or filing a declaration of candidacy for election, at the time of election, and at all times while holding office, a citizen of the United States and a resident and registered voter of San Juan County. In addition, County Council members must reside in the district to which he or she seeks or holds office at the time of appointment or filing a declaration of candidacy for election and at all times while holding office. No person shall be eligible to be elected or appointed to more than three consecutive full terms for the position of County Council Member, regardless of which district the Council Member resides, provided that this term limit eligibility requirement shall expire three years after the end of the third term for purposes of filing for office but shall remain in effect for an additional one year for purposes of appointment. No County Council residency district boundary change shall disqualify the County Council member from holding office for the remainder of the term of office.

San Juan County Charter Review Commission

Charter Amendment

Proposition No. 3

Proposition No. 3 concerns a climate and environment commission. Proposition No. 3 would establish a new nine-member commission appointed by the County Council to: 1) provide oversight over the department of Environmental Stewardship regarding the department’s duties as to climate change and environmental protection, 2) recommend executive or legislative action to the County Council regarding compliance with certain laws, 3) recommend hiring for the director of the department, and 4) develop an action plan, conduct meetings, and provide an annual progress update.

Should this measure be:

Approved

Rejected



You are voting to Approve or Reject the charter amendment by the Charter Review Commission

Approved - you favor the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission

Rejected - you do not favor the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission

Explanatory Statement

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

This proposed amendment to the San Juan County Charter has been submitted by the Charter Review Commission.

Under existing law, the San Juan County Council has established a department of Environmental Stewardship which is responsible for climate change, stormwater, solid waste utility, marine programs, and other topics involving environmental protection. A separate department, established pursuant to the Growth Management Act, handles land and development and State Environmental Policy Act topics. Existing law also provides that hiring and supervision of department heads is carried out by the County Manager on behalf of the County Council.

This proposition adds a new commission to the County with nine members, all county residents, except for the Coast Salish Tribal member, appointed by the San Juan County Council. The duty of the commission would be to provide oversight and support for the Environmental Stewardship Department and to participate in the hiring of the director of that department. The commission members would meet with the director of the Environmental Stewardship department monthly, write and update a Climate and Environment Action Plan and release annual updates of the Action Plan including progress or lack of progress by county departments and elected officials. The commission also would have authority to recommend executive and legislative actions be taken with respect to Resolution 20-2020, a Resolution of the County Council to Respond and Adapt to Climate Change, and the activities of the Environmental Stewardship Department to ensure conformity with laws and regulations concerning climate change and environmental protection.

A fiscal note was not prepared for this proposition, but the proposition provides that “the commission shall be funded with an appropriate budget and given support from County Staff.”

This Proposition will become part of the County Charter if it is approved by a majority of those voting.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

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Statement For Proposition No. 3

The Charter Review Commission (CRC) responded boldly to calls for action here in the San Juan Islands and around the world with a proposal to establish a San Juan County Climate and Environment Commission to advance climate action, protect our environment and more effectively carry out San Juan County resolutions passed by the County Council in 2020 and 2008.

Following the CRC's lead, the County Council created a county Department of Environmental Stewardship in June. The CRC did not think it was enough to simply make the existing Environmental Resources division a department. The public said the department must have more autonomy, strength, citizen involvement and more transparency to be effective. Climate change is "Code Red" for everyone.

This Commission will support the department and staff, review activities and recommend actions. The Commission will annually develop and update a Climate and Environmental Action Plan and an annual report to the public on the implementation of the action plan and performance of the county departments and elected officials. It will meet with the department director in an oversight role and conduct future searches for the department director to recommend to the County Council to hire.

The Commission will be appointed by the County Council and shall include representatives of environmental organizations, business, youth, county committees, a Coast Salish tribe and others.

The County Council has already created the new department. Your vote for the new Commission will simply make that department more effective and more transparent. We urge a yes vote.

Argument For Written by:

Anne Marie Shanks, Orcas
Ron Zee, San Juan
Richard Grout, San Juan

Statement Against Proposition No. 3

Imagine an expensive permit to have a garden, or no more gasoline powered vehicles being allowed in the islands, and higher property taxes to pay for implementation of this resolution. If Proposition #3 passes, a new authority will rule over your individual lives. There will be a new unelected, appointed, and salaried Director of Climate and Environment with unlimited powers over individuals and county departments, plus authority over the county Environmental Stewardship department, duplicating its efforts. There will also be a volunteer 9-person Commission to review and enforce county and individual adherence to new restrictions. Imagine our individual citizens having property rights stifled, personal freedoms diluted, and unending regulations imposed.

Almost everyone living in the San Juan Islands cares deeply about our environment. Our County Council is capable of assessing needs, gathering expert information, and making policy. There is no need for another layer of government with its added salary and expenses. Outlined need must exist before such extreme action is inflicted upon the County.

This Proposition was put to public vote by the Charter Review Commission whose majority has lost sight of what the Charter Review is all about. It plans to push an Agenda as if in Seattle. Are we asking to be like Seattle? Many San Juan County citizens need more than one job to exist here, and should not have to fund this intrusive expansion of government. How can we afford something that is not needed? Please Reject Proposition #3.

Argument Against Written by:

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Rene Polda
Lauren Cohen

Complete Text

The San Juan County Charter Article 4 – Administrative Departments shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 4.60 – Climate and Environment Commission

1) The people of San Juan County establish the San Juan County Climate and Environment Commission to advance climate action, the protection of our environment, and the implementation of San Juan County Resolution 20-2020 by providing oversight and support to San Juan County's department responsible for environmental stewardship and reduce and mitigate the impacts of climate change. The San Juan County Resolution to Respond and Adapt to Climate Change, 20-2020, charges the County with the responsibility of leading the community in reducing its carbon footprint and adapting to changing ecological and economic conditions. The resolution targeted building management, transportation and fleet/equipment, green purchasing and waste management, environmental restoration and health, and green energy production and independence, along with the encouragement of individual practices to promote sustainability. The Climate and Environment Commission will provide a mechanism for citizen engagement and transparency in the County's efforts to address climate change and protect our natural environment.

2) The Climate and Environment Commission is hereby established and includes nine members who are not county employees. The County Council shall appoint the membership of the Commission. The Commission will select a chair from its membership to manage operations and communications and the Commission shall meet on a monthly basis at the direction of the chair. All members of the Commission shall be residents of San Juan County with the exception of the Coast Salish member. All members shall be registered voters, with the exception of the Coast Salish member and the youth member if that person is under the age of eighteen (18). Members shall serve four-year staggered terms. The Commission established by this Charter shall supersede any previous commission/s created to advance climate action, the protection of our environment, and the implementation of San Juan County Resolution 20-2020 and/or advise the department with these responsibilities.

3) One person shall be appointed from three of the four following entities:

- The Marine Resources Committee
- The Salmon Recovery Committee
- The Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- The Agricultural Resources Committee

4) Additional members of the Commission shall include:

- A representative from an environmental nonprofit organization based in San Juan County
- A professional contractor with experience in residential construction
- A youth (age 16-25 inclusive) who is active in climate change and environmental protection activities
- An enrolled member of a Coast Salish nation or tribe who is not necessarily a resident of San Juan County
- Two members serving at-large

5) The Commission shall have oversight over the department in San Juan County responsible for environmental stewardship and reducing and mitigating the impacts of climate change. Oversight is defined as the duties and responsibilities described herein. The Commission will review the activities of said department and recommend executive or legislative action to support the implementation of San Juan County Resolution 20/2020 20-2020, and ensure conformity with Charter, county, state, and federal laws and regulations concerning climate change and environmental protection. The Commission shall conduct all searches and vet future candidates for the director position and make a recommendation to the County Council. The Commission shall be funded with an appropriate budget and shall be given support from County staff, including the the staff of said department to:

- Develop and update annually a Climate and Environment Action Plan
- Conduct monthly public meetings with the director in an oversight role for the department
- Release annual updates to the public on the implementation of the Action Plan, including progress, or lack of progress resulting from the activities of County departments and elected officials

San Juan County Charter Review Commission

Charter Amendment Proposition No. 4

Proposition No. 4 concerns initiatives and referendums. Proposition No. 4 would amend Title 6 of the San Juan County Charter to remove the requirement that initiatives provide for new or additional sources of revenue needed to implement the initiative, to reduce the signature qualification requirement for San Juan County initiatives and referendums from 15 percent to 8 percent of votes cast in the county in the last gubernatorial election, and to add a display requirement identifying paid signature gatherers.

Should this measure be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

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

This proposed amendment to the San Juan County Charter has been submitted by the Charter Review Commission.

Proposition 4 would remove the requirement that when an initiative requires the expenditure of additional funds for an existing or new activity it will provide specifically for the additional source of revenue to pay for such activity. Proposition 4 also reduces the number of signatures to qualify a local initiative or referendum for the ballot from 15 percent to 8 percent of the votes cast in the County in the last gubernatorial election. This proposition will also add a new provision requiring paid signature gatherers on San Juan County initiatives and referendums to display that they are a “paid signature gatherer.”

This Proposition will become part of the County Charter if it is approved by a majority of those voting. A fiscal note was not prepared for this proposition.



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Approved - you favor the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission

Rejected - you do not favor the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

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Argument For Proposition No. 4

The most empowering aspect in the charter is the right of initiative and referendum. Current requirements to place issues on the ballot are excessive and act as deterrents to citizen involvement. The bar is prohibitively high for petitioners to get an issue on the ballot. This amendment strengthens the initiative process and encourages a grassroots political culture that welcomes community engagement.

Our current signature requirement of 15% is the highest of all WA home rule charter counties. (Others range from 7 to 10%.) This amendment will align signature requirements with Washington State's 8%. This percentage gives us the benefit of community members bringing forward critical issues with a solid level of interest to warrant getting onto the ballot.

Money can have undue influence on initiatives. Outside signature gatherers can falsely tip the scale of what was designed to be a local democratic process. Requiring paid signature gatherers to be clearly identified, voters can distinguish who a paid signature gatherer is and help shape the conversation.

Our power to self govern is diminished by the current misplaced requirement to identify a funding source within the language of the initiative. Financial responsibility is paramount but rests with the county government. The requirement that initiatives provide for sources of revenue needed to implement the initiative presents a huge stumbling block for citizens who don't have access to complex interwoven grants, federal funding, and budget information.

Vote for this amendment to reinforce community participation and self governance in San Juan County.

Argument For Written by:

Patty Garcia, San Juan Island
David Anderson, San Juan Island
Liz Lafferty, Lopez Island

Argument Against Proposition No. 4

Proposition 4 is irresponsible and dangerous because it hides the costs of initiatives from the voters.

This proposed amendment rolls up three topics regarding initiatives by combining two relatively innocuous changes (reducing the number of required petition signatures and identifying paid signature gatherers) with a third that disconnects the initiative proponents from any obligation to disclose costs or source of funds, thereby blinding the voters to the financial consequences of a successful initiative.

The proponents of this proposal claim that they should be relieved of the burden of a cost analysis— a burden that applies to every other governmental cost in advance of expenditure. This proposition omits this absolutely necessary step in responsible governance.

Unfettered initiatives are detrimental to responsible governance. Budgets are zero-sum games: a “never mind the cost, we want it” initiative destabilizes county finances, can result in the reallocation of funds for things that matter more, and in extreme cases impair our county's credit rating (due to exposure to uncontrolled initiative-induced expenses) thereby increasing county borrowing costs.

The innocuous reduction in the number of required signatures only makes such misadventures more likely.

Our County Charter wisely gives us the right to petition to change our local laws but balances that right with the obligation to disclose costs and sources. This is the same responsibility our County Council and Auditor have in developing a budget. Initiative proponents should be required to exercise the same level of responsibility for costs to be imposed upon the taxpayers.

Argument Against Written by:

Bill Appel
Bill Bangs
Richard Ward

Complete Text

The San Juan County Charter Sections 6.21, 6.22, and 6.41 shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 6.21 – Initiative – Limitations

- (1) No initiative shall contain more than one (1) issue.
- (2) No initiative proposal requiring the expenditure of additional funds for an existing activity or of any funds for a new activity or purpose shall be filed unless provisions are specifically made therein for new or additional sources of revenue which may thereby be required.
- (3) (2) Redistricting of the County Council Residency districts shall not be subject to the initiative process.

Section 6.22 – Initiative – Procedures

- 1) Any legal voter or organization of legal voters of San Juan County may file an initiative proposal with the County Auditor, who within five (5) working days shall confer with the petitioner to review the proposal as to form and style. The County Auditor shall register the initiative by giving the proposed initiative a number, which shall thereafter be the identifying number for the measure.
- 2) The County Auditor shall then transmit a copy of the proposal to the Prosecuting Attorney, who within ten (10) days after receipt thereof, in consultation with the petitioner shall formulate a concise statement, posed as a positive question, not to exceed seventy-five (75) words, which shall express and give a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the measure. Such concise statement will be the ballot title.
- 3) The petitioner then has one-hundred-twenty (120) days to collect the signatures of the registered voters in the County equal in number to at least fifteen (15) percent (8) percent of the votes cast in the County in the last gubernatorial election. Each petition shall contain the full text of the proposed measure, ordinance or amendment to an ordinance and the ballot title.
- 4) The County Auditor shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition and, if it is validated, submit the proposal to the people at the next general election that is at least one hundred and twenty (120)

5) The County Council may choose to enact the proposal without change or amendment. If the County Council does not adopt the proposed measure and adopts a substitute measure concerning the same subject matter, the substitute proposal shall be placed on the same ballot with the initiative proposal.

6) The voters shall be given the choice of accepting either or rejecting both. The voters shall then be given the choice of accepting one and rejecting the other. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for accepting either, then the measure receiving the majority of the votes cast on the second issue shall be deemed approved. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for rejecting both, then neither measure shall be approved regardless of the vote on the second issue.

Section 6.41 – Referendum – Procedures

- 1) Any legal voter or organization of legal voters of San Juan County may file a referendum proposal, against any enacted ordinance or portion thereof, with the County Auditor. The proposal shall be presented to the County Auditor within forty-five (45) days after the ordinance is passed by the County Council.
- 2) Within five (5) working days, the County Auditor shall confer with the petitioner to review the proposal as to form and style. The County Auditor shall register the referendum by giving the referendum proposal a number, which shall thereafter be the identifying number for the measure.
- 3) The County Auditor shall then transmit a copy of the proposal to the Prosecuting Attorney, who within ten (10) days after receipt thereof, shall formulate a concise statement, posed as a question, not to exceed seventy-five (75) words, which shall express and give a true and impartial statement of the measure being referred. Such concise statement will be the ballot title.
- 4) The petitioner then has one hundred and twenty (120) days to collect the signatures of registered voters of the County equal in number to at least fifteen (15) percent (8) percent of the number of votes cast in the County in the last gubernatorial election. Each petition shall contain the full text of the measure being referred and the ballot title.

5) The County Auditor shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition and if validated, submit the measure to the people at the next general election that is at least one hundred and twenty (120) days after the registering of the petitions.

Section 6.80 – Paid Signature Gathering

Paid signature gatherers collecting petition signatures for San Juan County initiatives and referendums must visibly display a statement showing they are paid, to each person from whom they receive a signature. This may be fulfilled by posting a legible and conspicuous sign, or placard, or wearing a badge stating, “Paid Signature Gatherer.”

San Juan County Charter Review Commission

**Charter Amendment
Proposition No. 5**

Proposition No. 5 concerns nondiscrimination in exercise of powers and performance of county duties. Proposition No. 5 would provide that the county will not discriminate in the provision of government services on account of listed protected classes including those under state and federal law but also including body type, age, marital status, care provider status, certain veteran discharges, and gender identity or expression, and further provides for adherence to the same nondiscrimination provisions by the county in professional services contracts, except contracts with public entities.

Should this measure be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

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


This proposed amendment to the San Juan County Charter has been submitted by the Charter Review Commission.

Under existing law, the County and all employees and officials in the performance of their duties are required to comply with state and federal laws with respect to the nondiscrimination provisions and protection of certain classes, subject to limited exceptions.

This proposition would add a new section to the San Juan County Charter which will list the classes which are protected from discrimination. That list includes several classifications that are the same as state and federal law such as sex, race, color, national origin, religious affiliation, age over 40, pregnancy, sexual orientation, and status as a veteran who was honorably discharged. In addition, this proposition adds the protected classes of body type, status as care provider for dependents, marital status, gender identity or expression, age under 40 except minimum age, and discharge from the military due to sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. No exceptions are stated.

Under existing law, contractors with the County are subject to applicable state and federal laws. This measure requires contracts for professional services to provide that the County will adhere to the grounds for nondiscrimination in the County Charter as described above. Further, in contracts with vendors to provide goods, the County will adhere to the nondiscrimination requirement of the County Charter to the maximum extent possible. An exception is made for contracts and grant agreements with public entities, which will abide applicable state and federal laws.

This Proposition will become part of the County Charter if it is approved by a majority of those voting. A fiscal note was not prepared for this proposition.



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Approved - you favor the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission

Rejected - you do not favor the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission

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Argument For Proposition No. 5

The need to enact Proposition 5 is overdue. The guiding structural framework of our Home Rule Charter has been established but a commitment to critical principles and values now requires our focus. Among these, our San Juan County Home Rule Charter makes no mention of justice, diversity, equity, or inclusion. Our county is one of two among the State's seven charter counties without a localized foundation to guard against marginalization and disenfranchisement of members of our community.

As the national spotlight on discrimination, prejudice, and bigotry has intensified, many residents can cite local examples of racism and intolerance. In the conduct of its business, our local government must ensure that such injustice has no place in the treatment of our county's residents, employees, and visitors.

We have an opportunity to achieve this by including an essential safeguard in our County's Charter. Voting in favor of Proposition 5 reinforces our county's responsibility to provide a safe and inclusive community for all, and expands protected classes identified in State and Federal law to further eliminate barriers and broaden diversity.

Proposition 5 will support county leadership in upholding our shared values of respect and equity. The benefits of this amended Charter include a pathway to greater opportunity for more of our neighbors and better recognition of those too often held apart and left behind. "Inclusion is not a matter of political correctness. It is the key to growth" -- Rev. Jesse Jackson. The time for Proposition 5 is now.

Argument For Written by:

Jane Fuller - Lopez Island
 Kyle Davies - San Juan Island
 Sharon Abreu - Orcas Island

Argument Against Proposition No. 5

Vote No, Reject Proposition 5!

With or without this Proposition, every San Juan County resident is already PROTECTED by State and Federal anti-discrimination laws.

With or without this Proposition, San Juan County and every employer is already BOUND by State and Federal anti-discrimination laws.

This Proposition, while reflecting important human values, is redundant and unnecessary to the Charter as it repeats the protections already enshrined in our State and Federal Constitutions and laws. (See, for example, RCW 49.60, www.hum.wa.gov/employment, for employment protections.)

The Proposition is further complicated by its muddling of County contracting requirements. Again, all potential vendors are already obligated to comply with all State and Federal anti-discrimination laws. The contracting section is poorly written and raises serious questions about how it will be implemented and enforced, especially against small local contractors.

In fact, the SJC Prosecutor's office recommended removal of Proposition 5 because it is felt it will be easy to contest by project bidders. We all know what that will mean -- more red tape for our businesses and more tax dollars spent by the County!

This Proposition adds unnecessary complexity to the County Charter and further bureaucracy to a County government already struggling to enforce excessive rules and regulations.

Vote No! Reject Proposition 5!

Argument Against Written by:

Koshi Holt
 Margaret M. Manning
 Mike Carlson

Complete Text

Concerning Nondiscrimination in the Exercise of County Powers and Performance of its Duties

A NEW SECTION shall be added to Article 10 – General Provisions on Non-Discrimination in the Exercise of County Powers and Performance of its Duties to read as follows:

1) In the exercise of its powers and in the performance of its duties, the county shall ensure that no person is discriminated against in hiring and conditions of employment, compensation, or termination of county officers or employees, or in the treatment of residents and visitors in the provision of government services on account of sex, race, color, national origin, religious affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, pregnancy, body type, age except by minimum age and retirement provisions, status as a care provider for dependents, military status, or status as a veteran who was honorably discharged or who was discharged solely as a result of sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression. The County Council, department heads, and elected officials shall take all steps necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section consistent with the county, state and federal constitutions, laws, and regulations.

2) In the contracting of professional services with any person, firm, organization, corporation, or other non-governmental entity, the County shall ensure adherence to the grounds listed in clause (1). For the purchase of goods, and those services and goods acquired through cooperative purchasing, the County should direct vendors to adhere to clause (1) to the maximum extent possible. This restriction does not apply to contracts and grant agreements with public entities.

San Juan County Charter Review Commission

Charter Amendment Proposition No. 6

Proposition No. 6 concerns a justice, equity, and inclusion commission. Proposition No. 6 would establish a new eleven-member commission appointed by the County Council to provide advice and support on matters concerning justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. The Commission will provide for citizen engagement and transparency and recommend action to advance San Juan County Council Resolution No. 31-2020 concerning a safe and inclusive community and county, state, and federal laws regarding nondiscrimination.

Should this measure be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

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

This proposed amendment to the San Juan County Charter has been submitted by the Charter Review Commission.

In 2020, the San Juan County Council adopted Resolution No. 31-2020 which concerns a safe and inclusive community. Under existing law, the County Council may form a commission to advise on the implementation of Resolution No. 31-2020 and to appoint members accordingly.

This proposition would add a new section to the San Juan County Charter to establish a new commission of 11 persons to provide advice and support to all elected and appointed officials, except the superior court and district court judges, and is intended to be a mechanism for citizen engagement and to advance the core values expressed in Resolution 31-2020 and other county, state and federal laws regarding nondiscrimination.

The commission will be appointed by the County Council and be composed of 11 members from residents of the county with staggered, four-year terms with representation of women, minorities, diverse communities and one member of a Coast Salish tribe who may not be a county resident.

This Proposition will become part of the County Charter if it is approved by a majority of those voting. A fiscal note was not prepared for this proposition.



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Rejected - you do not favor the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission

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Argument For Proposition No. 6

In recent years, social movements focused on gender, diversity and inclusion have generated large protests, marches, and awareness-campaigns. Progress through #MeToo, Black Lives Matter (BLM) and other movements have heightened community understanding of the need to address gender, racial, ethnic, and religious discrimination across the United States, and in this County.

In the wake of the BLM movement last year, the County Council unanimously passed Resolution No. 31/2020 Affirming a Commitment to a Safe and Inclusive Community. Few are aware of this important resolution as it is not law.

Unlike the other six Charter Counties in the State, the San Juan County Charter is silent on values such as justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion. We are a County of compassionate people who are concerned about the well-being of everyone. Yet there are no mechanisms through which the local population can engage with the County government on these issues and ensure accountability and transparency in the performance of elected and appointed officials to uphold these values for the benefit of all residents.

Proposition No. 6 establishes a Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Commission and brings residents into meaningful dialogue with the government to ensure non-discrimination, equity and inclusion can be experienced by everyone.

A vote for this proposition will demonstrate how our County can be a model and lead by example when it comes to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. This proposition will allow the voters of the County to be the change we want to see.

Argument For Written by:

Jane Fuller - Lopez Island
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Kyle Davies - San Juan Island
Janet Brownell - Orcas Island

Argument Against Proposition No. 6

Just like our island communities, our county government adheres to a set of accepted values which include justice, equity and inclusion. Their commitment to a more equitable island environment has been commendable. County Council passed Resolution No. 31-2020 'Affirming Commitment to a Safe and Inclusive Community' to guide them in situations of injustice. We can continue to trust our elected officials to uphold these values. Creating a new commission of up to 11(!) members to ensure this resolution is followed is excessive and unnecessary. The Charter Review Committee is overstepping its role by micromanaging our county council.

The plans for this new commission are not clear, specific or measurable. Are they to accomplish anything or simply exist? Are members compensated? If so, from what budget? Appointing an unelected commission with undefined powers and unlimited access to government is risky, leaving many unanswered questions. This could've been a recommendation to County Council to utilize in their decision-making processes. It did not need to be a charter amendment.

A solution to achieve the goal of a more equitable county government would be to fill vacant seats of existing commissions with women, minorities, Coast Salish and other diverse members. There are plenty of opportunities to do so. Our county would be stronger for it.

The Charter Review Commission has proposed a new commission that will undermine the County's pre-existing commitment to equity, justice and inclusion. Vote "no" to stop the CRC from inflating our government with more redundancy and unknowns.

Argument Against Written by:

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Koshi Holt

Complete Text:

A NEW SECTION shall be added to Article 10 –

General Provisions on the subject of the Justice, Equity and Inclusion Commission to read as follows:

Section 10.60 – Justice, Equity and Inclusion Commission

There is hereby established a Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Commission which shall provide advice and support to, and collaborate with the county government, elected and appointed officials and county employees, with the exception of the county's Superior and District Court judges, on matters concerning justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. The Justice, Equity and Inclusion Commission will provide a mechanism for citizen engagement and transparency, and may recommend executive and legislative actions to advance the core values of the San Juan County Council Resolution No. 31-2020 entitled "Affirming Commitment to a Safe and Inclusive Community," and other county ordinances and resolutions, and state and federal laws and regulations regarding non-discrimination.

The Commission shall have a maximum of 11 members and include representation of women, minority, and diverse communities in the county, and at least one member of a Coast Salish tribe. All members of the Commission shall be residents of the county, with the exception of the Coast Salish member(s), with at least one representative from each County Council district. All members shall be registered voters, except for a youth member if that person is under the age of eighteen (18), and shall serve staggered four-year terms. The Commission shall have representation from each branch of the county government (executive, legislative and judicial). The Chair of the Commission, or a designee from the Commission, shall be a resident who is not a county employee and serve on the county's Law and Justice Council. The County Council shall appoint the membership of the Commission.



Ray
Jackson

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

American Legion Post 163, 2nd Vice Commander 2021, San Juan Masonic Lodge #175, Worshipful Master 2018-19

Other Professional Experience

3 Time Veteran- US Army, US Navy, US Air Force, Owner of Island Satellite and Internet LLC since 2010

Education

Associates degree in Telecommunications Technology from Clover Park College, 1990

Community Service

Member of San Juan Masonic Lodge #175, Member/officer American Legion Post 163, and Honorary member of the Cutthroat Pirates of Friday Harbor, WA

Statement

Ray Jackson is the man you know and trust to listen to the concerns of the town and to represent them collectively when interacting with the town council. Ray has been a successful businessman and resident of Friday Harbor since 2010 and during that time has built strong relationships with not just the residents of San Juan, but also with many of the local businesses and community organizations. Ray Jackson seeks to promote town unity as his primary mission. Ray Jackson believes strongly that an island divided achieves very little, but that a united, informed and proactive township possesses the power to make long lasting and positive changes which serves to benefit the town. It is for that reason; Ray Jackson has chosen this moment to seek the candidacy of the office of Mayor of the town of Friday Harbor. Thank you for supporting Ray Jackson for Mayor.

Strength Through Unity! !

Contact

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Farhad
Ghatan

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Mayor Ghatan has served Town government for 15 of his 30 years here. As chair of the Planning Commission for six years he led the Town's compliance with the Growth Management Act. He served on the County Housing Advisory Board and was Councilmember for four years prior to being elected Mayor in 2017. In addition to regular mayoral duties, he chairs the FH Arts Commission and serves on the County's Housing Advisory Committee. Farhad is longtime member of the FH Soroptimists Club and Secretary of the SJ Island Sculpture Park.

Other Professional Experience

Entrepreneur, Contractor, Innkeeper, Piano Tuner

Education

BA University of Washington- Economics

Community Service

See below

Statement

I am looking forward to serving my community for another four years as Mayor. My first term has seen unprecedented improvements to the Town. Many challenges and opportunities lay ahead. I have the experience, knowledge and support of the Town Council to lead us toward the best possible outcomes. My many years of active service to our community through Soroptimists, Rotary, the Chamber, SJ Nature Institute, County Housing Boards, Town Planning Commission and Council, Sculpture Park, Arts Commission, Family Resource Center and the Food Bank, places me in an ideal position to leverage the goodwill and resources of our Island community for everyone's benefit. As Mayor I worked to fund our local EDC's Trades Training Programs building a more diversified economy. I will continue finding grant monies to offset the costs of rebuilding our infrastructure and will persevere in my advocacy for parks, public art and Affordable Housing.

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**Anna Maria
de Freitas**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Completing 13 years of service on Friday Harbor Town Council.

Other Professional Experience

Successful small business owner, Harrison House, Tucker House Inn, Coho Restaurant & Island Special Event Catering since 2005, current Board President, San Juan Island Visitor's Bureau, former chair San Juan County Housing Commission, pilates instructor and avid scuba diver enjoying underwater exploration.

Education

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

Community Service

President of Board, San Juan Island Visitor's Bureau. Former Chair San Juan County Housing Commission

Statement

It has been an honor to serve on the Town Council. As I reviewed my statement from 2017, it was gratifying to recount what we accomplished - water main replacement, Blair Street and Tucker Avenue reconstruction, Breezeway Pocket Park, road improvements including Spring Street, Marguerite, Park, First and Mullis, and major upgrades to the sewer treatment. This was completed while maintaining strong fiscal health with significant reserves. We need to continue to invest in our utility infrastructure while being mindful of the environmental impact of our ecosystem; work collaboratively to address our need for workforce housing; address transportation and the impact of increased growth; support sustainable tourism, one of the key drivers of our economy. My work as a council member is not finished. I want to complete the projects incubated by our current council. I pledge to continue to work to chart a smart course for our Town's future.

Contact

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No photo
submitted

**Susie
Schneider**
(Nonpartisan)

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

No information submitted



Howard
Rosenfeld

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

San Juan County Council 2006-12, Chair, Ferry Advisory Committee 2006-11, Friday Harbor Town Council 2000-06

Other Professional Experience

Chief, Friday Harbor Fire 1994-8; District 3 Fire, officer 1981-1994, Owner, Friday Harbor Art Studio 1994-present; Owner, Atelier Gallery 1988-1994; Whale Museum Director 1985-7; San Mateo County Public Health 1968-1970; Communicable Disease Center 1963-5 and 1967-8; Peace Corps, Malaria Eradication 1965-7; Artist 1969-present; Sailing West Coast, Mexico and Hawaii 1969-1978; Amateur Radio Ham 1952-present; San Juan Island Resident 1981-present; Married to Carrie Lacher.

Education

University of Connecticut 1963, WHO Malaria Eradication Certification 1965

Community Service

Volunteer Fire 18 years, Trails Committee 5 years, Ferry Community Partnership 10 years, SJC Amateur Radio Emergency Service 40 years, Town Planning Commission 2 years

Statement

We love our unique community but we do have livability issues that include affordability, availability of services, jobs and some things harder to define that go to quality of life. I enjoyed my previous terms on the Town Council and feel I have more to contribute. Vote for me if you think my experience with public health, Town fire chief, County Council, ferries, and business (30 years local retail) are needed now to address these issues. Town infrastructure and basic services have been going well. They need to continue going well with upcoming management changes while we make sure we're prepared for an increasingly uncertain future. Finally, of critical importance to both me and my wife, former mayor Carrie Lacher, is providing good governance that follows proper procedures in a transparent, collaborative, and civil manner. I would be honored to serve you.

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Mason
Turnage

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No prior elected experience

Other Professional Experience

Customs Brokerage Agent for an International Logistics Company, Lead Counselor then Family Support Services Coordinator for a company supporting people with different levels of cognitive and physical ability, Server and Bartender for multiple restaurants in Friday Harbor, Paraeducator and Substitute Teacher for the SJISD, Lab Technician and Quality Assurance Manager for Luxel Corporation in Friday Harbor

Education

University of Washington, Seattle, Wa / Université de Nantes, Nantes, France

Community Service

SJISD: District Levy Committee Member / San Juan Community Theater: Acting, sets, lights / American Legion: Historian for the Sons of the American Legion

Statement

Mason Turnage is a small town man with big city experience. He grew up in Ellensburg, participating in a diverse range of extracurriculars. In 2004, his family made Friday Harbor home and he quickly fell in love with the community. As an undergraduate at the University of Washington, he studied abroad in Peru and France, becoming fluent in Spanish and French. His work experience has taught him Sign Language and Braille. Language and culture are two of his passions; he sees these subjects as bridges that unite all walks of life. He empowers those who need it, and will allow voices small and large to be heard. Mason and his Fiancée are now starting their own family in Friday Harbor and this thrills him because he sees young, working families as the future of this island. He respects the heritage of our special town and is excited about its future.

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Sarah

Werling Sandwith

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Sarah was elected as a San Juan Island School Board Director Position #1 in 2017.

Other Professional Experience

Sarah has fifteen years of experience serving as San Juan Head Start Center Manager and Family Service Coordinator. She is currently enrolled in the University of Denver's Master of Social Work program where she holds a behavioral health internship at Peace Health Medical Center.

Education

BA Evergreen State College 2002-2006; AA in Early Childhood Education at Skagit Valley College 2006-2008; MSW University of Denver 2020-present.

Community Service

San Juan Island School Board Director, San Juan County Early Childhood Consortium Member, Family Umbrella Group Board Member, SJI Service Scholarship.

Statement

Whether it be in my fifteen years of advocating for the children and families of San Juan Head Start, or in my current experience as an elected school board director, my leadership and commitment to being responsive to the beliefs, values, and priorities of our community is consistent with my work. I steadily prioritize education, and I will always promote high excellence. I believe viable solutions are strong and necessary for equitable access to resources, and social-emotional development that supports the whole child. I am dedicated in preserving and improving the quality of our local district, and I will ensure decisions are fiscally responsible and in line with the interests of the entire school community. With your vote, I will honor and serve the San Juan Island School District by remaining true to the mission and vision, and I vow to always put the best interest of our children first.

Contact

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Barbara
Nash Bevens

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

3+ years as a San Juan Island School District Board Member, 1+ years as Board Chair

Other Professional Experience

Barbara spent twelve years as a teacher, seven in the San Juan Island School District. She served as the Home School Liaison/Alternative Learning Coordinator with Griffin Bay Schools. District-wide she served as the State Testing Coordinator. She was active in the state-wide initiatives concerning Alternative Learning Experiences during the 2008-2013 school years.

Education

B.A. Linfield College; MIT Seattle University

Community Service

Barbara currently serves on the San Juan County Fair Board, after more than 20 years of volunteering at the Fair. She also served as a San Juan County 4-H Leader and as Leaders Council Treasurer for several years.

Statement

Having had two daughters, two cousins and a multitude of honorary children graduate from Friday Harbor and Griffin Bay Schools, I am still passionate about good education. We have very, very good schools here, we offer an excellent education for students, and we have even greater opportunities moving forward. My first career in business (20 years) and my second career in education (16 years) along with my most important career as a parent (30 years) puts me in a unique position to see the various sides of many issues facing today's schools. I bring those perspectives to the San Juan Island School Board and help make our schools and our students even more successful. I would be honored to have your vote and together we can make the best better.

Contact

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Bob Jarman
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

I have served as District 3 Fire Commissioner since 2003 and a Board Chair since 2019. In 2013 I was elected a County Councilman. Due to Charter Revision, I was re-elected and served a full term.

Other Professional Experience

30 years with local telephone company as telephone technician, business office supervisor, area plant supervisor. In 2008 I launched a successful telecommunications business. Certifications in leadership and management practices.

Education

Industrial Arts, CA Poly; Business and Management training, Kansas State University.

Community Service

Kiwanis; Relay For Life; Dollars For Scholars; San Juan Senior Board; Golf Classic; San Juan County Fair

Statement

I have lived and worked in San Juan County since 1975. I have played a key role working with County Commissioners, Emergency Responders, and citizen groups establishing and implementing emergency 911 and 911E programs in the islands. My leadership has created key partnerships with the Town of Friday Harbor, the County, and Port. As a commissioner, I listen to residents' input as SJI Fire and Rescue focuses on comprehensive emergency service to everyone in our communities. As part of Dist. # 3 Fire Department, our citizens have incredible First Responders, including Fire Fighters, EMTs, Paramedics, great volunteers, staff personnel and the leadership of Chief Collins. Our service area now includes the outer islands and the Town of Friday Harbor. If re-elected, I will help maintain our motto of "doing the right thing" through a high level of commitment to you, and providing excellent, accessible, fiscally responsible service.

Contact

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Dwight T. Colley
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

U.S. Marine, police officer/narcotics detective; U.S. Secret Service Special Agent; Special Agent for U.S. Department of Justice (Retired); Private psychology practice – 20 years

Education

Doctor of Psychology

Community Service

Board of 5-county mental health agency (6 years, 2 as Chair); County Police Advisory Board (2 years as Chair); Board of Community Homeless Shelter (5 years), Current Chair of San Juan County Human Services Advisory Board, Emergency Medical Technician, SJI Emergency Medical Services; Substitute Teacher, SJI SD

Statement

Big changes are happening at Fire District 3: Annexation of the town, Integration of the Island's Emergency Medical Services, new Levies – all needed for the Fire Commission to be run smoothly and with complete transparency. As a person in life-long public service and dedicated to the health of my community, I bring a wealth of community board experience. Previously, 6 years (2 as Chair) on the governing board of a 5-county mental health agency, 2 years as Chair of a county police advisory board and 5-year board member of a community homeless program. After permanently moving to San Juan, I again invested in my community – becoming a substitute teacher, and EMT and Chair of the County Human Services Advisory Board. The demanding task of integrating Fire and EMS services will be challenging due to their different cultures and will require a skilled and experience bridge builder.

Contact

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**Greg
Hertel**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

I have been a Port Commissioner for 30 years, I also served as a Freeholder on the first Charter committee in 2005.

Other Professional Experience

I was an instructor for the San Juan School system from 1974 until 2003. I have also been a science instructor at Skagit College and I currently teach part of the naturalist course at the Whale Museum. I am a licensed captain and operate a small charter business.

Education

I have a BS in Geology from Portland State and a MEd in Natural Science from WWU.

Community Service

No information provided

Statement

I am currently working with Port Staff and my fellow commissioners to guide the Jensens Shipyard and Shipyard Cove acquisitions in a way that will best benefit the local community. I want to focus on local trades and housing. We have a need for both permanent and seasonal housing that is not being met by the market. I want to direct the resources of the Port to help with this. At the same time, it is crucial that we maintain the existing infrastructure that we have invested in so that it continues to build our community. The marina and the airport are major community assets. The Downriggers building is Port owned. The Fire station and the college are on Airport land. Jacksons Beach is a Port owned and maintained park. I ask for your support to continue this work.

Contact

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**Victoria
Compton**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

SJC Planning Commission (appointed)

Other Professional Experience

Executive director of the Economic Development Council (EDC) since 2009. Previously: Executive Director Westcott Bay Institute, founder At Home in the San Juan Islands magazine, Journal of the San Juan Islands advertising director. Proud owner of a 1957 Skagit Express cruiser. More: www.linkedin.com/in/victoriacompton, www.comptonforport.com.

Education

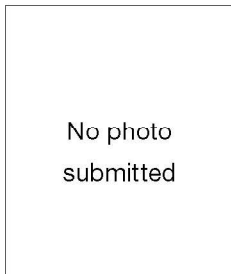
BFA, Drew University; Fundraising Management Certificate (Indiana University); ISSP Sustainability Practitioner; Institute of Leadership Management
Community Service: Over my three decades as an islander, I have served with Soroptimists, SJI Chamber of Commerce (Vice-President), SJI Visitors Bureau, Town Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, FH Elementary School (volunteer), SJC Planning Commission.

Statement

The Port of Friday Harbor has a mandate to spur island-appropriate economic development and sustainable commerce. To me, this means jobs creation. We critically need family-wage jobs for islanders, in innovative industries that complement our current economic base. We also need a strengthened commitment to existing Port stakeholders – the business tenants, boaters, pilots, and island community the Port serves. My history with our community spans over 30 years, including as a business owner and currently as the director of the Economic Development Council (EDC). I am deeply committed to supporting our local businesses, pilots, boaters and a sustainable future for our island. The Port has been guided by the same policies for decades. It's time to open new doors to economic resilience, jobs for our families, and stronger commitments to existing stakeholders. I ask for your vote to make this happen. Join me at www.comptonforport.com to learn more.

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Shannon
Miniken
(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

No information submitted



Scott
Zehner
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

12 years as Island Rec Commissioner

Other Professional Experience

Self employed as building contractor

Education

BA Lehigh University

Community Service

Youth baseball, basketball and soccer coach, FH Historic Preservation Review Board

Statement

After being on the Island Rec board for 12 years I am excited as ever by the quality of our programs & parks and about what the future may bring to our special island community. Thank you for your support of Island Rec over the years.

Contact

(360) 378-8015



Allison M.
Moalli
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

San Juan Island Park and Rec, Commissioner 5 - 2019 - present

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

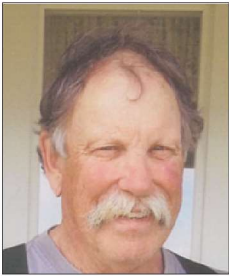
Assistant Coach for the FHHS girl's basketball team - 5 years. Athletes-As-Leaders program mentor for the FHHS girl's basketball team - 3 years. Co-President and President of the FHES PTA/PTO - 2 years; I facilitated the transition from PTA to PTO and wrote grants for a new Pie Booth.

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 six 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 continue supporting 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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Kim Sundstrom
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information provided

Other Professional Experience

No information provided

Education

No information provided

Community Service

No information provided

Statement

I am seeking re-election to the San Juan Cemetery District #1, Commissioner No. 2. I have served in the position since September of 2018. 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 proud of the current level of maintenance to the church and cemetery, which preserves it for present and future generations and honors the pioneer spirit of our ancestors for whom it was established. I will continue to do my very best to serve our community in this capacity and truly appreciate your support.

Contact

No information provided



Linda M. Francis
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information provided

Other Professional Experience

Career in Biotechnology and Biomedical Research as a Cell Biologist. Managed and built facilities which used mammalian cells as models for disease. These could be further used to develop pharmaceuticals. Owned Historical Bed and Breakfast

Education

Bachelor's of Science in Microbiology

Community Service

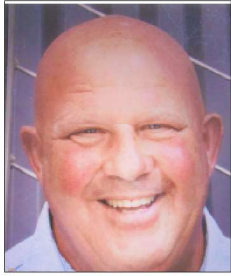
Used my business, Evensong Soap, to sell my soaps and lotions at the Elementary School Holiday Faire. I donated their recommended amount to the graduate's art scholarship from 2011-2018.

Statement

Since arriving in Friday Harbor 21 years ago, it has always been my sincere desire to serve the community in various ways. I became involved in business. I owned a B&B, and began a life of service. I later began another round of service as a soap maker. I sold my goods at markets where I could donate for a good cause. Which leads me to this point. I have always wanted to share my time in the Cemetery District. The tasks of the Cemetery District will be challenging. Given my past education and experience in science, and work ethic, I will be an asset and excellent problem solver. I hope you'll be there to support me.

Contact

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**Rex
Guard**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information provided

Other Professional Experience

No information provided

Education

No information provided

Community Service

No information provided

Statement

I have lived my entire life on San Juan Island and graduated from Friday Harbor High School in 1978. I went to work for Orcas Power & Light Co. in June of that same year and have worked there ever since and do a little farming on the side. I reside on the same farmland that I grew up on. The Valley Church and Cemetery have always been a special part of my life and I was honored when I was asked to serve as interim commissioner. I am pleased with the current level of maintenance and management and will continue to serve to the very best of my ability and deeply appreciate your support.

Contact

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**Daniel
Miller**
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information provided

Other Professional Experience

Worked with Public Policy

Education

A graduate of Friday Harbor High School who latter Studied Public Policy and Environmental Science

Community Service

No information provided

Statement

The valley church and cemetery are very historical and a important part of Island history and are currently used to this day, I think they are well maintained but pulling the weeds around the graves sites would be a good idea!. Using the historical former Presbyterian valley Church for a community Christmas program is something to consider and making sure the old organ is working. Also try to run operations with out raising taxes . Perhaps putting another bench down by the far cluster of trees would be good and also putting more gravel on the parking lot seems to be in order. Please vote for Daniel Miller a for cemetery District.

Contact

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No photo
submitted

Everett
Clary
(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

No information submitted



**Trish
Lehman**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

San Juan County PHD #1, Hospital Commissioner since November 2019

Other Professional Experience

Retired RN formerly with Hospice of the NW, Case Manager with Island Hospital Home Health, RN and supervisor at Island Hospital, Director of Nursing at Islands Convalescent Center, Staff Development Coordinator at Life Care of the San Juans, Marysville Care Center, and Moderncare Nursing Home; Manager of San Juan Travel, Eastsound, WA.

Education

Graduate of Tacoma General Hospital School of Nursing, 1976 and simultaneously attended University of Puget Sound; ongoing annual continuing education for professional development.

Community Service

Volunteer with San Juan County Public Health to administer Covid-19 vaccines, Fundraising auctioneer for 20+ years for local non-profit organizations in San Juan County, Kiwanis Club

Statement

I have served as a San Juan County Public Hospital District Commissioner since November 2019 and feel deeply committed to remain in this role to assure San Juan Island continues to have the highest quality of pre-hospital emergency care possible. I will continue to work to assure that if EMS integrates with San Juan County Fire and Rescue District #3 that we have the same level of advanced life support services without compromise. With the need for Aging in Place in our county, I am committed to working towards finding solutions for the care of our senior citizens and am hopeful our hospital district will provide support for this need.

Contact

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Roger Hill
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Cape San Juan HOA board member for Architecture.

Professional Experience

Founded and ran an engineering company for 25 years

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Physics and Doctorate in Engineering from University of Oxford, England.

Community Service

Boy Scouts of America volunteer

Statement

I was appointed as Commissioner 1 when Clark Munroe retired in February 2020. As a commissioner I have strived to ensure that your water supply remains as plentiful, safe and inexpensive as possible. In addition to performing those normal oversight duties, I have created new emergency response procedures and started training volunteers who will help preserve our water system in the event of a major earthquake. I also coordinated the upgrade of our emergency generator to improve our ability to pump water in the event of an extended power outage. I look forward to continuing the training of volunteers and improving the resilience of our water system.

Contact

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Ken
O'Brien
(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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**David
Rumolo**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Cape San Juan HOA

Other Professional Experience

40 years working in the utility business focusing on utility planning, financing, rates, and regulation. Retired professional engineer licensed in Arizona, California, Colorado, and New Mexico.

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering, Bachelor's Degree in Business Finance from University of Colorado

Community Service

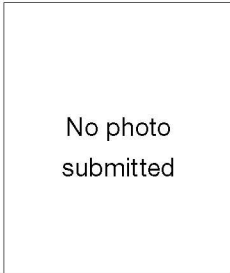
Cape San Juan HOA Pool Director

Statement

I believe that volunteering and participating in Cape activities are things we should all be willing to do to keep our sense of community strong. I will use my years of utility experience to help manage our scarce and precious water supply and supply system. I strongly support the recent Water Board actions to plan for contingencies such as disruptions such as earthquakes.

Contact

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Mark L.
Prugar
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

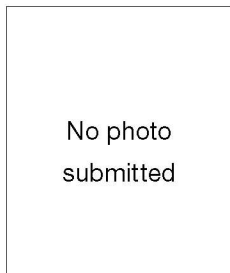
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Statement

No information submitted

Contact

No information submitted



Doug
Musgrove
(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

No information submitted.

SJC Fire Protection District No. 3**Proposition No. 1****Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy**

Will the San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 3 be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of \$0.50 or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, commencing in 2023?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Joseph F. Quinn, attorney for SJC Fire Protection District No. 3

The Board of San Juan Island Fire District No. 3 has passed a resolution requesting an election to authorize a property tax levy in an amount not to exceed fifty cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, each year for six (6) successive years, commencing in 2023. The hospital district, which currently employs several paramedics providing advanced life support (ALS) services to San Juan Island, is transferring those employees over to the fire district. This levy would provide sufficient EMS revenue to fund the fire district's brand new paramedic program, including the salaries, equipment and medical supplies of firefighter paramedics, and the cost to deliver critical ALS care and emergency ambulance transport service.

The vote on the levy is required by RCW 84.52.069. This tax revenue may only be used for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and facilities needed to provide such services to all of San Juan Island and near islands within the existing district.

If approved, the EMS tax on a \$500,000 assessed value property would be \$250 each year or approximately \$20.83 per month. Since this is the first ever EMS levy for District No. 3, it requires 60% approval of the electorate. However, the hospital district has agreed to no longer have an EMS levy, so this EMS levy will replace that.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

Argument For Proposition No. 1

This proposed levy will fund the consolidation of emergency medical, fire and rescue services into a single emergency service agency.

A single emergency services agency is the national model, proven to be the best way to provide efficient, high quality and cost-effective emergency services. The ability to provide these critical services has been challenged by new population growth throughout our islands. An appointed citizens advisory group strongly recommended consolidation, and this has been supported by the elected boards of Hospital District #1 and Fire District #3.

The boards have worked together to consolidate emergency services and enable San Juan Island Fire and Rescue (SJIF&R) to continue providing advanced life support (paramedic) and ambulance transport services. The people and equipment of San Juan Island EMS will be combined with the people and equipment of SJIF&R, allowing a single agency to responsible for the operation of medical, fire, rescue and marine rescue capabilities.

We are asking you to support, for six years beginning in 2023, a general tax on taxable property in the district in an amount up to \$0.50 (cents) per \$1000 of true and fair assessed valuation to the Fire District. By consolidating, the total cost being paid through property tax levies for all emergency services will only be approximately \$0.94 (cents) per \$1000.

Join us in voting yes on this important public safety levy needed to maintain and improve our islands' emergency services for our families and our neighbors.

Argument For Written by:

- Dan Paulson - Chair
- Becki Day
- Bob Brunkow

Argument Against Proposition No. 1

No information submitted.

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

The Board of Commissioners of San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1 (the "District"), adopted Resolution No. 2021-552 concerning a proposition to authorize the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$0.70 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (an estimated increase of \$0.36 per \$1,000 over the current levy) for collection in 2022, and the resulting levy dollar amount would thereafter be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050.

Should this proposal be approved?

Yes

Explanatory Statement

Written by Peter Ruffatto

Attorney for SJC Public Hospital District No. 1

San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1 (the "District") seeks voter approval to authorize an increase of its regular property tax levy to \$0.70 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2021 (with collection beginning in 2022), which is an increase of approximately \$0.36 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This levy is the primary funding source for medical services provided by the District. Voter approval of Proposition 1 will help maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the District, including plans to provide long-term medical care.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

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Argument For Proposition No. 1

Caring for the aging population in our community is in crisis. Our only convalescent center closed in 2017. There are no adult family homes currently functioning on the island and a limited supply of in-home care givers. Right now, islanders are limited to a choice of expensive private care (in home or at The Village) or a stressful move to the mainland.

Public Hospital District #1 is responsible for the health care needs on San Juan Island. It proposes to purchase Village at the Harbor, add Medicaid beds, and stabilize the Village workforce through improved wages and benefits for its employees. As a community owned enterprise, it could accept public and private funding to help expand services and provide more affordable care options.

With the Village as a foundation, the District envisions a center for training home care aides and a home care provider system for islanders needing more assistance. The home care system could provide support services including light housekeeping, assistance with meals, home safety checks, referrals to other resources, monitoring medication compliance, and similar services. It will allow islanders to age in place by staying in their homes as long as is practicable.

It will be significantly cheaper to purchase the Village, an existing structure, than to start from scratch. Funds generated by this levy would allow the District to build viable, community-owned, long term care resources that will benefit San Juan Islanders; this is a win-win for us all.

Vote YES on this levy!

Argument For Written by:

Kathryn Clary, Registered Nurse

Louise Dustrude, Citizen Advocate for Health Care

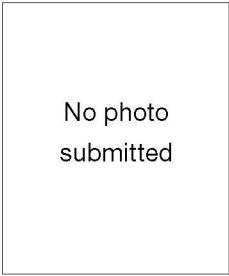
Barbara Sharp, Former PHD Commissioner.

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360-317-7637

Argument Against Proposition No. 1

No information submitted.



Chris
Sutton
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

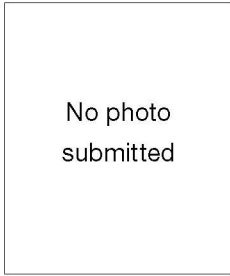
No information submitted.

Statement

No information submitted.

Contact

No information submitted.



Bridget
Broderick
(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

No information submitted.



Linda
Sheridan
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

School Board Director for Orcas Island School District #137 (Director 3)

Other Professional Experience

Special Projects Manager at Four Winds*Westward Ho, 2013-current, Director of Orcas Island Parks and Recreation, 2009-2010, Interpretive Specialist at Moran State Park and Director of Moran Outdoor School, 2005-2009

Education

BA, Outdoor Recreation, University of Minnesota Duluth

Community Service

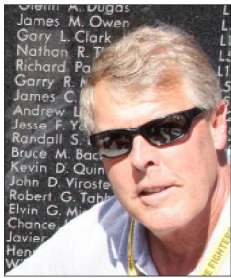
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Statement

I was originally appointed to the School Board in the spring of 2019 and was elected to office in November that same year. I have served as Vice Chair and am currently serving as Chair. Serving on the School Board before and during the pandemic has been a unique challenge like none other that I could have imagined and I have been humbled by the chance to serve my community in this way. I am extremely proud of what our School District has accomplished during the pandemic and I could not be more grateful for the teachers and staff who work with our students each and every day. We still have a long way to go before school will seem “normal” again, but by working together we can overcome any challenge thrown our way. Strong leaders who have experience and integrity are what we need right now, and that is why I am running again to be on your School Board. I have lived and worked on this Island for 17 years, and my husband and I are raising our two girls to be positive role models in our community. I would be happy to continue to serve our community as a School Board Director should you choose to put your faith in me in this upcoming election.

Contact

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Wesley H. Heinmiller
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

6-years Fire Commissioner District #2

Other Profession Experience

I have been a property owner on Orcas Island since 1994. Since 1968 I have been the owner and operator of marine repair, piloting and management companies, Atlantis Society and White Light Charters.

Education

Graduate of San Diego Naval Training Center Fire Fighting School, San Diego Maritime Institute with 1,600 ton Masters License with Standards of Training Certification, Watch Keeping, Sailing and Towing endorsements. Community Service: Deer Harbor Plan Review Committee, Chair; SJC Marine Resources Committee, Member; United States Coast Guard Foundation, Charter Member; Driftwood Condominium Association, President; OIYC, past Commodore. Board Member Deer Harbor Community Club

Statement

I strive to give back to my community in a manner that assists in improving quality of life for all community members. As your Fire Commissioner for the past 6 years, my endeavors are and have been to offer the tools needed for OIFR to operate efficiently, effectively, safely, respectfully, inclusively and in budget. I always strive to keep the public's safety and comfort first. I have excelled in my businesses due to my integrity, diligence, and loyalty. Owning a business over 40 years has taught me to navigate difficult situations and several economic downturns, a pandemic, always ending up afloat. As a member of the LGBTQ community, I am immensely proud of Orcas Island for electing me on my first term as Fire Commissioner and hopeful to be reelected to a second term. I am also enormously proud of OIFR for their inclusiveness within the LGBTQ Community.

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Patrick Shepler
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Eastsound Water Users Association; 2015-present. City of Clearwater Pension Advisory Board, March 1996-2000. Past-president, San Juan County Firefighters and Paramedics Association, Local 3911. Past-president, Clearwater Firefighters Association, Local 1158. Past-president San Juan County EMS & Trauma Council.

Other Professional Experience

Subject Matter Expert International Board of Specialty Certifications, developing criteria for Community Paramedic recertification. NAEMT representative to American College of Emergency Physicians committee for public education of Atrial Fibrillation.

Education

Bachelor of Science, Healthcare Leadership, National-Louis University, Tampa, FL. Feb. 1997 A.S., Fire Administration and Emergency Medical Services, St. Petersburg Junior College, 1997 June 1997.

Community Service

Founder Dalmatian Rescue Tampa, Guest speaker, Vaccine clinic volunteer

Statement

Paramount to the role of Commissioner is to be a good steward of public trust; both fiscally and through transparent governance. The main duty of a Commissioner is the selection, mentoring, support, and leadership of the Fire Chief. Commissioners must empower the Chief to ensure the safe, efficient, and harmonious running of day-to-day operations that support the Mission of the department.

The future of the department depends on fostering an inclusive leadership style, capable of maximizing the talents and resources available. This includes recruitment and retention of staff and volunteers. Success will be achieved by following the recommendations and timelines set forth in the recently established Strategic Plan. Implementation is an "All hands" effort. Success will require excellent communications, trust, and shared accountability, both internally and externally. I sincerely believe my 40 years in all aspects of public safety can help guide the department in a positive, responsible, inclusive direction.

Contact

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**Jason
Laursen**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information provided.

Other Professional Experience

Business owner of Laursen LLC and Deserthill Investments, previous owner of Gordys Garage and OI Rides.

Education

Friday Harbor Highschool Graduate, Shoreline Community College Applied Associates of Science and ASEP Certification of General Motors Corp. National Aviation Academy Airframe and Powerplant Maintenance, Private Pilot Certification, Landmark Independent Leadership Program

Community Service

Mercy Flight Pilot and Homes For Islanders North Beach Project

Statement

Having lived in the San Juan Islands most of my life, watching the way our community has grown, I recognize the need and ways for it to continue growing in a positive way. I have declared to myself the possibility of becoming part of that growth for the community. With the love I have for aviation and airports I feel I can help with promoting general aviation to the community and get more people interested and involved. If anyone who has taken a flight with Kenmore Air, San Juan Airlines, or perhaps myself they have experienced the greatness what the Islands have to offer from the skies above. Remember change is inevitable not probable so let's change together and keep this wonderful community and county advancing forward and providing wonderful experiences for years to come for all.

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Michael D.
Triplett
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

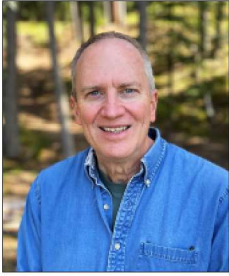
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Statement

No information submitted.

Contact

No information submitted.



Robert
Hamilton

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Port of Orcas Commissioner 2020-Present

Other Professional Experience

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

Education

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

Community Service

Served as the Washington Pilots Association KPAE President and have been awarded by the Experimental Aircraft Association with their highest honor, the Freedom of Flight Award. Eighteen years volunteering in K-12 in classrooms and in the performing arts, Cub Scout Leader, church volunteer and leader, and United Way Volunteer

Statement

Three generations of my family have been owners and citizens on Orcas since the early sixties. It is an honor to serve alongside your other Commissioners in our Trusteeship, responsible to all the Orcas taxpayers who own the airport. This airport is a prized community asset. When landing at other small towns around the country, it is surprising and sad to see many neglected airports clearly unappreciated by their communities. My goal is to keep the Orcas airport as a gem of the island; to maintain and be a steward of its facilities without expanding it into something it is not. Quality over Quantity. My priorities for the airport are: community safety, logistics, commuting, and recreational piloting. Thank you to my Orcas supporters, neighbors, and friends: Rick Christmas, Helen Bee, Sadie Bailey, Fred Klein, Bill Dunn, Bea vonTobel, Mia Kartiganer, Pierrette Guimond, Doug Rea, and Charlie.

Contact

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Dennis
Dahl
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Appointed Orcas Island Park & Recreation District
Commissioner

Other Professional Experience

Teacher and coach at Orcas Island School District 1990-
2012

Education

BA in Education from Central Washington University

Community Service

Volunteer fire fighter for Orcas Fire and Rescue, Orcas
Food Bank volunteer

Statement

I was appointed to fill this position and would like to
continue. Orcas Island Park & Recreation is a valuable
asset to our community offering activities for all ages. I
would appreciate your vote.

Contact

(360) 378-7563



**Bob
Eagan**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

OIPRD Board since its' inception in 2009

Other Professional Experience

Coldspring Resource Management, Inc. licensed well driller (0122), WDM2 water system manager. Specialize in ground water investigation and testing. Water system management.

Education

High school graduate, Santa Barbara 1974

Community Service

Children's House Board, Orcas Landing subarea committee, Orcas Rec committee, Islands Little League Board, SJC WIRA 2 committee (water shed planning)
OIPRD Board 2009 - current

Statement

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with OIPRD and look forward to continuing to serve the community this next term. I have worked diligently to manage the community's funds to get the most out of our taxes, including shepherding our improvements at Buck Park. I will continue to work hard to be available for "side bars" if you have questions or concerns. So don't hesitate to interrupt my serenity when you see me to voice your concerns, or to say how much you like OIPRD.

Contact

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Barry
Madan
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

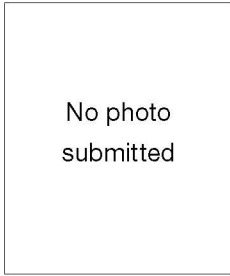
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Statement

No information submitted.

Contact

No information submitted.



Justin
Paulsen
(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

No information submitted.



**Deborah
Jones**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Orcas Island Parks and Recreation District 2015-Present; Suncrest Homeowner's Association 2006-2014; Rico, Colorado Town Council Member 2004-2007; The Rico Center Board of Directors, a community foundation, 2003-2007

Other Professional Experience

The mother of two boys, Logan and Calder, Real Estate Broker, Orcas Island Realty; Bluebird Builders LLC, 2003-2018; Artist, DH Jones Design, 2008-present.

Education

Los Altos High School, Los Altos, CA; University of Oregon B.A. in History, 1992.

Community Service

Coached youth soccer for 2010-2014; volunteered for the Orcas Island Children's House Mayoral Fundraiser Campaign 2009-2011; volunteer at the Orcas Island School District

Statement

I believe that I am an excellent candidate to continue to serve the Orcas Island Community on the OIPRD board of commissioners. I would like to continue my involvement in order to improve Buck Park and to try to find solutions in order to expand the park system and facilities. I will work to ensure that our community's recreational resources are available to all of our residents. A main goal of mine is to keep youth programs viable. Strong recreational programs create healthy communities. Thank you for considering me for this position.

Contact

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Patricia
Resch
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

I have been a Cemetery Commissioner for the last 8 years.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

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

Community Service

Board member of the American Legion Auxiliary and on the American Legion Color Guard

Statement

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

Contact

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Leith
Templin
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

San Juan Cemetery District Cemetery Commissioner #2

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

Past Orcas Island Library Trustee, Current Chair of
Eastsound Planning Review Community

Statement

Since my family goes back several generations on both Orcas and San Juan I have always been interested in the history of San Juan County. Back a number of years ago I helped with the reorganization of the records of Woodlawn and Mt. Baker Cemeteries to make them more accessible and accurate. I have served for the last two years as a cemetery commissioner and would very much like to continue serving the community of Orcas as their commissioners.

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Pegi A.

Groundwater

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

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Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

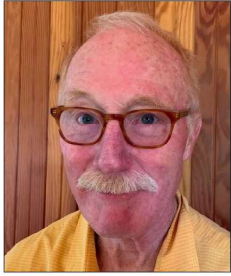
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Statement

No information submitted.

Contact

No information submitted.



**David
Zoeller**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information provided

Other Professional Experience

Paramedic and EMS Supervisor, Orcas Fire & Rescue,
Paramedic, Skagit County Medic One

Education

St. Meinrad College, BA English; Washington State
Teaching Certificate; National Registry and WA State
Paramedic Certification

Community Service

Volunteer service with: Orcas Island School District, The
Exchange, The Funhouse, Orcas Island Medical Building
Association, Moran State Park and Orcas Center

Statement

As an Orcas resident since 1973 and a paramedic since 1984, I have witnessed the evolution of the health care situation on Orcas from the outside and from within. While many have worked very hard and accomplished much, the island has not been able to mount a stable, affordable, and responsive practice at our medical clinic for some time. I feel that the current Health Care District commissioners have done admirable work in getting community input into the needs of the island and attempting to meet those needs with the establishment of Island Primary Care. My interests are in working towards excellent patient care in a stable and responsive practice within our budget. I look forward to continued input from islanders and more collaboration between providers on Orcas, including MD's, Orcas Fire, home health, hospice and others. I am very hopeful for the future of medicine on the island.

Contact

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**Greg
Ayers**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Commissioner, Eastsound Sewer & Water District (present) • Precinct Committeeman (past)

Other Professional Experience

Entrepreneur, biotech industry; Manager of small businesses; Lecturer and Advisor – small business development; Physician; Inventor

Education

Purdue University – BS and PhD – Biomedical Engineering; Indiana University School of Medicine - MD

Community Service

Present • Eastsound Sewer & Water District Commissioner • Orcas Island Fire & Rescue Firefighter/EMT • Actor's Theater of Orcas Island Member

Past • Eastsound Planning & Review Committee • Orcas Island Medical Foundation • Island Reproductive Health, Founding Member & Clinical Director • Marine Resource Committee • Northwest Straits Commission Representative • Northwest Straits Foundation, Board Member & Treasurer • Orcas Grange Member

Statement

As an ESWD Commissioner for the last 12 years, I have enjoyed working with my fellow Commissioners and our district staff to help ensure that our wastewater is managed responsibly and efficiently. We have spent years planning for the upcoming plant expansion and I look forward to working with my fellow commissioners in implementing this much needed project. Additionally, I will assure that we, as a utility provider, take into consideration the needs and lifestyle of our rural island residents and businesses. I will work with neighboring jurisdictions to support our island environment, economy, and people together in a responsible and forward-thinking manner. I look forward to continuing to serve our community and build sustainable waste-water infrastructure for our Eastsound community.

Contact

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Orcas Island Park and Recreation District

Proposition No. 1 Six Year Property Tax Levy

Will the Orcas Island Park and Recreation District be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of 15 cents or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years beginning in 2022?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by Amy Vira
San Juan County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Orcas Island Park and Recreation District (“Orcas Rec”) was formed in 2009 and two years later, in 2011, the voters in the district approved its first regular property tax levy. A Park and Recreation District must seek voter approval of its regular levy every six years. When the 2011 levy expired it was renewed with a levy at the rate of fifteen cents per \$1,000 assessed value. This proposal will cancel the levy for the year 2022 and replace it with a property tax levy at the rate of fifteen cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation for a period of six years beginning in 2022 and ending in 2027.

The levy would generate approximately \$450,000 in 2022. Future increases are subject to the limit factor in RCW Chapter 84.55. This amount is well below the statutory limit of sixty cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

The district funds its programs, activities, services, staffing, and property improvements with a combination of money from fees and tax revenue. The purposes for which the tax revenue will be spent are described in RCW 36.69.130 and include facilities, improvements to facilities, programs, services, and activities involving park and recreation.

The executive director of the district estimates that each year approximately 120 programs are offered that serve about 1900 adults and children. The district owns and manages Buck Park, and the revenue is expected to be used to operate, staff, provide programming and maintain and improve facilities there, including but not limited to, fields, pickleball and tennis courts, fences, irrigation, skatepark, playscape, parking lot and other facilities as approved by the Board.

To the extent allowed by law, a portion of the funds may be placed into a reserve account dedicated to planned replacement of infrastructure, courts and facilities when they reach the end of their useful life.

This measure requires approval by 60 percent or more of those voting at the election.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

Argument For Proposition No. 1

Voting YES for the Orcas Island Park and Recreation District (OIPRD) Levy will continue to fund programs and maintain Buck Park, both of which add to the quality of life on Orcas Island. In 2016, voters authorized a renewal levy in the amount of \$0.15. As the current levy expires in 2022, OIPRD is asking to renew the levy at fifteen cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation for the next six years.

Buck Park land was a gift to Orcas Island from the Buck family. State money developed the park. Caring for it properly is our legacy to Orcas Island and future generations.

Vote YES so that OIPRD can continue to staff, improve, maintain and repair Buck Park, including the dog park, skatepark, pickleball courts, tennis courts, playground, high school baseball and softball fields, Little League field, soccer fields, water fountains and portable toilets.

Vote YES so that OIPRD can continue to offer robust and diverse programs including art, dance, youth sports, adult sports, camps, clinics and special events.

Vote YES for the renewal of the OIPRD Levy to preserve the programs that keep islanders of all ages healthy and engaged.

Without levy funding, OIPRD will cease to operate, and Buck Park will not be maintained.

OIPRD is required to get 60% approval to pass the levy. This is a very difficult threshold to reach. YOUR ONE VOTE can make the difference between pass and fail.

Please vote to Approve the OIPRD Levy.

Argument For Written by:

Bob Eagan
Deb Jones
Suzanne Olson

Argument Against Proposition No. 1

The Committee Against Recreational Petrification (CARP) respectfully requests that Orcas voters reject the current levy. While well-intended, the levy is so limited that it hardly scratches the surface of viable recreational opportunities on this, our lovely isle.

The meager 15-cent per \$1000 levy might fund a few new signs, and provide for the care and feeding of parking-lot potholes, but we've got to think larger, perhaps—more inclusively, certainly.

Most Park and Recreation programs are targeted at residents. Perhaps some programming aimed at tourists would be feasible? Courses such as “How to Bicycle Single-File” and “Prune Alley Jaywalking 101” might fill up quickly in-season.

CARP recommends two long-term goals:

1. Development of a lung-shaped rail line around the island, with stops attended by locals serving ice cream, wool, oysters, firewood, orca-shaped-knick-knacks, local grass-fed llama steaks, artwork, etc.
2. Development of a more inclusive activity site to mitigate the barking and yelping coming from the dog park, namely in the form of an ATV track so that local gear heads have a public opportunity to shred mounds with their knobbies.

CARP advises island residents to take a forward-thinking perspective--one that might expand island recreational opportunities, rather than simply maintain them.

Indeed—we don't just need a few new signs to existing attractions: we need signs that direct us to the Cascade Falls kayak training watercourse, the lead-free blindfold-only skeet range, and the island-vehicle demolition derby track! Which are all within our grasp. Vote!

Argument Against Written by:

Maurice Austin



Sarah
Rabel
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Lopez Island Home & Hospice Support Office Manager.
Freelance editor.

Education

BA, Washington State University.

Community Service

Volunteer Coordinator for Community Shakespeare Company. Board member of Lopez Island Community Scholarship Foundation. Past community involvement includes participation on the LCCA Board, Lopez Locavores, LISD Parent Advisory Committee, and (2019-2020 school year) LISD budget committee.

Statement

My family and I have been part of the Lopez Island School community for 12 years. I have one son in the elementary school and one who is a senior. We have embraced both the brick-and-mortar, traditional education as well as the Parent Partner Program and alternative learning opportunities that LISD offers. The Lopez School community has and continues to face issues ranging from financial (mainly due to legislative restraints) to trust. I support open communication and honoring all perspectives on issues and paths forward. If elected, I will work collaboratively on clear communication; on compassion and trust-building; and on supporting high academic standards, career and vocational training, and a diversity of educational opportunities.

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Kirman
Taylor
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Social Work, Real Estate, Contracting

Education

University of Rochester, BA, History; University of Michigan, MSW (Social Work) Community Service On Lopez: Lopez Island Community Tennis Association, - president; Lopez Ham-let - Board Member (Building Committee); Lopez Community Trails Network - Cofounder; Catherine Washburn Medical Association - Board member (Building Committee)

Statement

Children are our future. The Lopez School has a rich curriculum, amazing camaraderie, and travel opportunities. I will support and expand these virtues to grow students' critical thinking skills, socialization and exposure to our world. A School Board provides public access to the education process with transparency and responsiveness for our community. I will work to fulfill that responsibility. A Board is also responsible for the school budget. Today there is a crisis created by the Levy Lid. As a former citizen member of the Budget committee in the past, I will bring that experience to bear on developing resources that fully support our school.

Contact

No informatin submitted



**Kelli
Carrier**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Lopez Island School District, Director 5 - Appointed 2021

Other Professional Experience

Early childhood educator, Headstart Teacher, Labor and Delivery Doula, Administrator at Lopez Island Clinic, Substitute Administrator at Lopez Elementary School

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education, Extensive trainings/certifications in Doula work

Community Service

3 years on Grace Community Church Board, active PTSA member and volunteer, active volunteer for various school functions; including the Task Force for Safety in the Workplace

Statement

I am a parent to two children attending Lopez School and have been serving on the School Board since March in an appointed position. My outlook on life is to approach each situation with creativity and curiosity, and to allow an evolutionary process within the grit. I am invested in understanding and contributing to the unique challenges and opportunities that our school and community face together. Richard Rohr says, "How you do anything is how you do everything." With that in mind, my vision for Lopez Island School District includes helping to create an equitable, sustainable, and informed system that amplifies marginalized and underserved community members. It will take hard and consistent work. I believe Lopez Island has the ability and resources available to make great changes in the lives of our youth. It would be my pleasure and joy to continue on the journey with our school community.

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**Phil
Paige**
(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 lived full time on Lopez Island since retiring from the fire service in 2014. I started as a Firefighter/EMT in 1980 and progressed through the ranks to eventually serve as Fire Chief. Education includes a Master's degree in Public Administration.

When I moved to Lopez, I started my relationship with the Fire District by signing up as a volunteer firefighter and attending the recruit academy from the beginning again. After a couple years as a volunteer, I took leave to help with parental health issues. When a commissioner resigned from an unfulfilled term, I was appointed to serve the remainder of his term.

I am running for a new term, with the following goals in mind. First, I want to maintain the high level of Fire and EMS services that we enjoy. Second, I want to develop a stable funding system for the services, and provide for upgrading the aging fleet of equipment. And finally, I hope to work with the other commissioners, the community, and the volunteer and full time staff to develop plans to deal with future challenges.

Contact

(360) 622-9100



Paul
Henriksen

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

I have been elected to several boards over the years. I currently serve on The Lopez Port Commission, and 2 non-profit boards: Camp Nor'wester and the Lopez Island Historical Society.

Other Professional Experience

Camp Nor'wester - Facilities Manager - 11 years and co-Director- 22 years.

Education

BS in Microbiology and Wildlife Biology. Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. Community Service: Lopez School District: Project Design Advisory Team, PIP (Play Intervention Program) for 4 years, Nicaragua Trip Chaperone and Fundraiser - 11 years, Substitute Bus Driver-40 years. FLIP Building Committee. Past Commodore- Lopez Island Yacht Club. Past Volunteer Firefighter/First Responder, IOSA volunteer, Past San Juan Audubon Society President.

Statement

I moved to Lopez in 1978, married and raised two children; co-directed Camp Nor'wester from 1989 -2012; re-located it to Johns Island in 2000, managing a \$10 million capital campaign, working with Board members, staff, campers, parents, contractors, and governmental agencies. I bring management experience, local knowledge, and ability to listen and work with different people. Lopez Airport is a vital link for our community, sustaining the local economy. I have worked the past 3 ½ years to retain the Port as a viable facility for local pilots, airlift operations, disaster preparedness and as a link to other islands and the mainland. I applied for and received two \$100K grants for a pumpout vessel, helped remove several derelict boats from Fisherman Bay. I am interested in Lopezians' views for marine related projects. I will help the Port Commission continue these fiscally responsible efforts to enhance the Lopez community.

Contact

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**Christa
Campbell**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

4 years - Commissioner for SJC Public Hospital District;
11+ years - Director for Lopez Island School District Other
Professional

Experience

Director Lopez Island Chamber of Commerce May
2015-February 2021. Co-director for Camp Nor'wester
1989-2012. Consulting Dietitian 1983-1989.

Education

BA in Business Administration, University of San Diego;
BS in Clinical Dietetics, University of Washington

Community Service

Past volunteer work includes Lopez Senior Lunch
program, charter member of the Lopez Community
Center Board, Lopez Island Solid Waste, Primary
Intervention Program at Lopez Elementary and Catherine
Washburn Medical Association Board of Directors.
Currently a member of Lopez Lions Club, and San Juan
County Land Bank Commissioner since 2016.

Statement

I want to continue my work to ensure the availability of
quality health care for our remote, island community.
While our population is small, our health needs are
broad – primary, acute, urgent, and emergency care,
physical therapy, prescriptions, mental health support,
senior and end of life care, etc. The District has matured
and recently launched our first strategic planning
process. This effort will solicit feedback from health care
stakeholders and members of the community to help us
create the framework for the District's focus over the next
several years. The process will prepare us to address
the opportunities and challenges over the next 3-5 years,
including how to create a financially sustainable model for
the long-term. The strategic plan will guide the Board's
work now and into the future, and I would like to be part
of such an important activity to inform and assist future
Commissioners.

Contact

No information submitted



**Steven
Greenstein**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Lopez Island Hospital District - Commissioner 2

Other Professional Experience

Vice President of Sales & Marketing, Printing and Packaging, retired Director of Sales, Western region for an International Manufacturer 30 years Information Technology (IT) Support for EMR System— Primary Care Clinic, Redmond, WA 5 years

Education

San Francisco State University, Bachelor of Arts degree

Community Service

Various

Statement

I am currently Commissioner #2 for Lopez Island Hospital District. I was nominated in June-2020, replacing a retired commissioner. My financial business background of the last 45 years and understanding the inner workings of a primary care clinic, finance model and computer systems has been my contribution to the hospital district board for the last year. I am a permanent resident of Lopez Island and will continue contribute to the community of Lopez.

Contact

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**Karen
Hattman**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No Information provided

Other Profession Experience

I have been a Registered Nurse since 1969 and am currently employed at Lopez Clinic part time and as the Lopez Island School Nurse three days a week. I have worked in various nursing positions in my career. I have been an emergency room nurse, managers of several alcohol and mental health units and Risk Management.

Education

Associate of Science in Nursing and I am a registered Nurse

Community Service

President for many years and now Vice President of Lopez Artist Guild.

Statement

Having worked in the medical field since 1969, I have seen and worked in the system which has done incredible good as well as incredible harm and inefficiency. My intent in running for this office is to contribute to the wellbeing of our Island population. Our location lends itself to some difficult problems in the delivery of good medical care. I will bring my experience and skills to help identify problems and work in collaboration with other members of the Hospital Board to solve the problems and work toward the future needs of the community. We need an inclusive medical system to continue to provide excellent medical care on the island. I believe I can provide insight into some of the issues that interfere with our great medical care and I will contribute to the resolution of those problems.

Contact

No information provided



**Iris
Graville**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Hospital District Commissioner, District #2

Other Professional Experience

Forty-year nursing career in hospitals, county and state public health departments, early childhood settings and schools, and education for nurses and the public. Twenty-five years as a writer: past editor of Health Matters, quarterly newsletter of Lopez Island Medical Clinic. Author of three nonfiction books.

Education

MFA, Creative Writing – Northwest Institute of Literary Arts, Master of Nursing – University of Washington, BS, Nursing – University of Evansville

Community Service

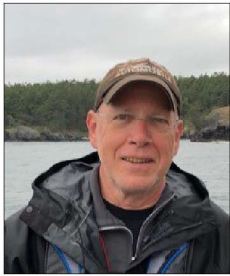
Chimera Artists' Cooperative Board, Lopez Community Land Trust Board Chair, Washington State Child Care Coordinating Committee, Washington State Public Health Association, Vice-President

Statement

I look forward to a second term with the Public Hospital District to maintain and strengthen health care services for our community. My forty-year nursing career in hospitals, county and state public health departments, early childhood settings and schools, and education for nurses and the public, as well as four years of service as a commissioner, form my foundation to promote health and prevent and treat illness. As a provider, advocate, and policy-maker, I've acquired skills to listen, solve problems, and advocate for health. During my twenty-five years on Lopez, I've gained understanding about our community through service on boards of Lopez Community Land Trust and Chimera Gallery; volunteering with several Lopez non-profits; and writing about people and issues here, including the Lopez Medical Clinic. Equally important are values for equality and justice, compassion, and a sense of humor. I'd be honored to serve Lopez again in this role.

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Walt Krumbholz
(Nonpartisan)

No photo submitted

Dean Anderson
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information provided

Other Professional Experience

Commercial Banker, Attorney (WA & OR) and Small Business Owner (Marine & Environmental Testing, Inc) - 42 years

Education

BS University of Washington - Geology, MBA Seattle University - Finance, JD Lewis & Clark Law School - Commercial Law

Community Service

Craft3 (a Community Development Financial Institution) - Director (current), "R" Dock LLC - President (current), Agate Beach Maintenance Association - President (past), Vice President (current)

Statement

My wife's father built our Agate Beach home in 1965. When I started coming to Lopez with her in 1971, Barlow Bay was filled with fishing boats, Salmon Point was uninhabited and our water came from an old well next to the Hughes' house. Water pressure was unreliable and quality was consistently poor. Hooking up to MacKaye Harbor Water (MHW) in 1984 significantly improved our lives and I sincerely appreciate the importance of the quality water MHW now provides. MHW has served its customers well but the system needs repairs and the water line serving Agate Beach and customers south must be relocated. These projects will place increasing demands on MHW's Commissioners. I am committed to MHW's success and am confident my banking, legal and business background will add depth to the Board and better assist MHW in financing and overseeing upcoming projects.

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Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

No information submitted.

Contact

No information submitted.

No photo
submitted

**Christopher R.
Ledbetter**
(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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Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District

Proposition No. 1

Excess Property Tax Levy for 2022

The Governing Body of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District adopted Resolution No. 20-2021 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 \$.081201 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in one tax year – 2022 – for the purpose of funding operations and capital improvements of the District.

Shall the proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

**Written by Amy Vira
San Juan County Deputy 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 2022, the amount of the tax revenue that is budgeted is \$105,000, which is the same amount as in the year 2021.

The governing board has adopted Resolution No. 20-2021 calling for an election to approve the one-year property tax measure to generate \$105,000. If adopted, the property tax rate for the Solid Waste District would be an amount of approximately \$0.081201 per \$1,000 of assessed value for taxes imposed for the year 2022. This amount is a reduction of the levy rate charged in the current year.

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 Proposition No. 1

It's that time of year again when the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District must put its levy on the ballot as required annually by state law. Our award-winning local facility handled over 295 tons of recyclable materials last year. Local drivers hauled off 760 tons of garbage on our District roll-off truck, a 7% increase over the previous year, and removed 137 tons of glass from the waste stream. Skagit's mainland garbage fees on LSWDD have increased 20%. LSWDD can no longer recycle paper on the mainland free of charge. Both San Juan and Orcas charge for recycling but LSWDD continues to opt for free recycling, including paper and glass. Additionally LSWDD created the Remakery so that more of Lopez's cast-offs can be made into useable products and not go into the garbage. Take It or Leave It is still free for shopping and dropping. Garbage fees alone cannot pay for our unique and innovative system. This year's levy is again at \$.08 cents per \$1,000 value of property. That is approximately \$20 a year for a \$250,000 property, a great value for the yearlong services. Vote for Lopez Proposition No. 1. Keep our Lopez Dump and Take It Or Leave It operating under local control and managed according to Lopez values.

Argument For Written by:

Breton Carter
Tracey Cottingham
Bruce Botts

Argument Against Proposition No. 1

No information submitted.

No photo
submitted

Shirley Sprenger

Lange

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Previously elected to Waldron School Advisory Board and Shaw Island School District 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

No information submitted



**Shannon
Klohr**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

B.A. English Literature, Tufts University

Community Service

President, Shaw School Foundation

Statement

I was fortunate to attend a wide array of public schools throughout my childhood in the urban Midwest, both in my neighborhood and across town, as part of the school desegregation efforts of the 1980's. These were formative and expansive experiences that sparked my commitment to public schooling and to the availability of an excellent public education for all children.

I am proud to send my child to the Shaw Island public school, and I would be proud to serve the school and the wider community as a member of the Shaw Island School Board. Thank you!

Contact

No information submitted.



Cheryl L.
Opalski
(Nonpartisan)

No photo
submitted

Michael
Olson
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information provided

Other Professional Experience

No information provided

Education

No information provided

Community Service

No information provided

Statement

I have had the honor of being a Stuart Island Cemetery Commissioner for the past twelve years. I filed for re-election unaware that another Stuart Islander was ready and willing to take on this position. I am happy to "pass the torch." Please vote for Michael Olson for Stuart Island Cemetery Commissioner!

Contact

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Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

No information submitted.

Community Service

No information submitted.

Statement

No information submitted.

Contact

No information submitted.