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# Voters' Pamphlet

August 6, 2024 Primary Election



**Look for your ballot July 16 - 23**

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Message from Auditor

It's an exciting time for San Juan County elections as we head into the August 6, 2024 primary. Primary elections are an important part of the voting process, where voters decide which candidates will appear on the general election ballot in November. When there are two or more candidates for a partisan office, all candidates are listed on the primary ballot. The top two candidates with the largest vote totals for each position will appear on the general election ballot, irrespective of political party.

This is particularly interesting for the 2024 primary as Washington has 28 candidates for governor, and several other state and local offices with two or more candidates. At the local level council positions for districts 1 and 2 have three candidates each. Even though the top two candidates will proceed to the general, please only 'vote for 1' for each office.

With a larger ballot and 28 candidates for governor alone, you may experience 'voter fatigue.' You are not alone - voter and election fatigue occur frequently when we are asked to vote often or fill out lengthy ballots. We hear daily election talk on the news, see political feed on our social medias, pass signs on our drives to town, then we sit down to read through this voters' pamphlet, and finally select our votes on a multi-page ballot. The August primary is the county's fourth election this year, and we're not done yet.

Despite potential fatigue, I am proud to say that San Juan County is often ranked among the highest voter turnout in the state. Thank you for researching candidates and measures; talking to your friends, family, and neighbors; having respectful conversations with the opposition; and most importantly, for casting your vote. Your commitment to your civic duty is recognized and appreciated.

Natasha K. Warmenhoven, San Juan County Auditor

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## Register to Vote

### Qualifications

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

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



### How do I register to vote?

**Online:** You can register online, 24 hours a day, at [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov).

**By Mail:** Download and print a registration form from [sanjuancountywa.gov/elections](https://sanjuancountywa.gov/elections) and mail to San Juan County Elections. It must be received by July 29 to vote in the 2024 Primary.

**In Person:** Visit our office at  
San Juan County Elections Office  
55 Second St., Ste. A, Friday Harbor  
M–Th 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Election Day 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Registration Deadlines

By mail or online: Your application must be received no later than July 29.

In person: Visit our office no later than 8 p.m. on August 6.

## Have you moved?

Your ballot will be returned by the Post Office if your address is out of date. Don't assume that your ballot will be forwarded.

Updating your address is easy:

- Login to [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov)
- Email [elections@sanjuancountywa.gov](mailto:elections@sanjuancountywa.gov)
- Call (360) 378-3357
- Stop by the Elections Office



### Replacement Ballots

To replace a lost or damaged ballot:

1. Contact SJC Elections as soon as possible at:

Phone: (360) 378-3357

Email: elections@sanjuancountywa.gov

OR

2. Download a replacement ballot:

- Go to [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov)
- Sign in with your name and date of birth
- Click on *Your Ballot & Voting Materials* then *Get a Replacement Ballot* in the right-hand column
- Follow the instructions for voting and returning your ballot

#### Has my ballot been counted?

**Tracking your ballot is easier than ever!**

Sign up for text notifications when you register or update your info at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov).



### Accessible Voting

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

The accessible voting unit will be available at the Elections office Monday through Thursday, beginning Thursday, July 18, and through Election Day, August 6.



## Returning Your Ballot

### Ballot drop box

**Drop-boxes are open 20 days before Election Day. They remain open 24 hours a day until 8:00 PM Election Night!**

**Return your ballot to a ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, August 6:**

#### San Juan County Elections Office

55 Second St., Ste. A, Friday Harbor

M–Th 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Election Day 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### San Juan County Courthouse

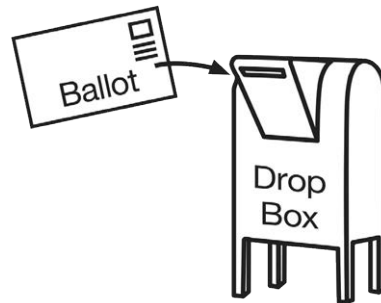
Second St. Entrance, 350 Court St., Friday Harbor

#### Lopez Island Fire District Office

2228 Fisherman Bay Rd., Lopez Island

#### Orcas Island Senior Center

62 Henry Rd., Eastsound



### By mail

**No Stamp Needed!** Place your ballot in the mail before the deadline. Your ballot must be postmarked on or before August 6, in order to count.

### Voter tip:

The ballot return envelope has free postage, but don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.



### In person

The Elections office is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., M–Th, and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, August 6:

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

## Voting Instructions

### How to vote

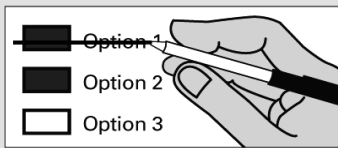


Use a dark blue or black ink pen to completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.

Do not use pencil.

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

### If you make a mistake



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

Do not use white-out.

### Optional write-in



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

- Tear off the stub at the top of the ballot and discard.
- 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.*

***You can vote and return your ballot as soon as you receive it.***

# Vote It - Sign It - Send It

## Why is my signature important?

**Your signature is needed to make sure your ballot gets counted.**

The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. Trained election officials verify each and every signature.

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If your signature is missing or does not match your voter registration record, the county elections office will contact you by mail **before results are certified**. They may call or email if you gave them this info.

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If you registered to vote online or through Department of Licensing, the signature from your driver's license, permit or state ID will be on your voter registration record.

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Voters can track and check their ballot status at **VoteWA.gov**.



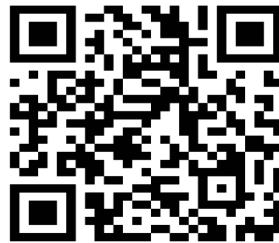
# YOUR *Signature* MATTERS

Each time you submit a ballot, we compare the signature on your ballot to the signature on your voter record. We can only count your ballot if your signature matches.

If you register to vote online, your signature from the Department of Licensing becomes your voter registration signature. Take a moment and look at the signature on your drivers' license or state ID.

The signature on your ballot does not need to be perfect or in cursive. It just needs to be consistent and match what we have on file.

If you are not sure what signature we have on file, you can update your signature by scanning the QR code below and email the signed form to [elections@sanjuancountywa.gov](mailto:elections@sanjuancountywa.gov)



You can also print out a registration form at [sanjuancountywa.gov](http://sanjuancountywa.gov) and email us the form with your new signature.

*Every  
Vote  
Counts*

## Federal & Legislative Qualifications & Responsibilities

Except for the President and Vice President, all federal officials elected in Washington must be registered voters of the state. Only federal offices have age requirements above and beyond being a registered voter.

### **U.S. Senator**

Senators must be at least 30 years old and citizens of the U.S. for at least nine years. Senators serve six-year terms. The Senate has 100 members: two from each state.

The Senate has several exclusive powers, including consenting to treaties, confirming federal appointments made by the President, and trying federal officials impeached by the House of Representatives.

### **U.S. Representatives**

Representatives must be at least 25 years old and citizens of the U.S. for at least seven years. Representatives are not required to be registered voters of their district but must be registered voters of the state. Representatives serve two-year terms.

The House of Representatives has 435 members, all of whom are up for election in even-numbered years. Each state has a different number of members based on population.

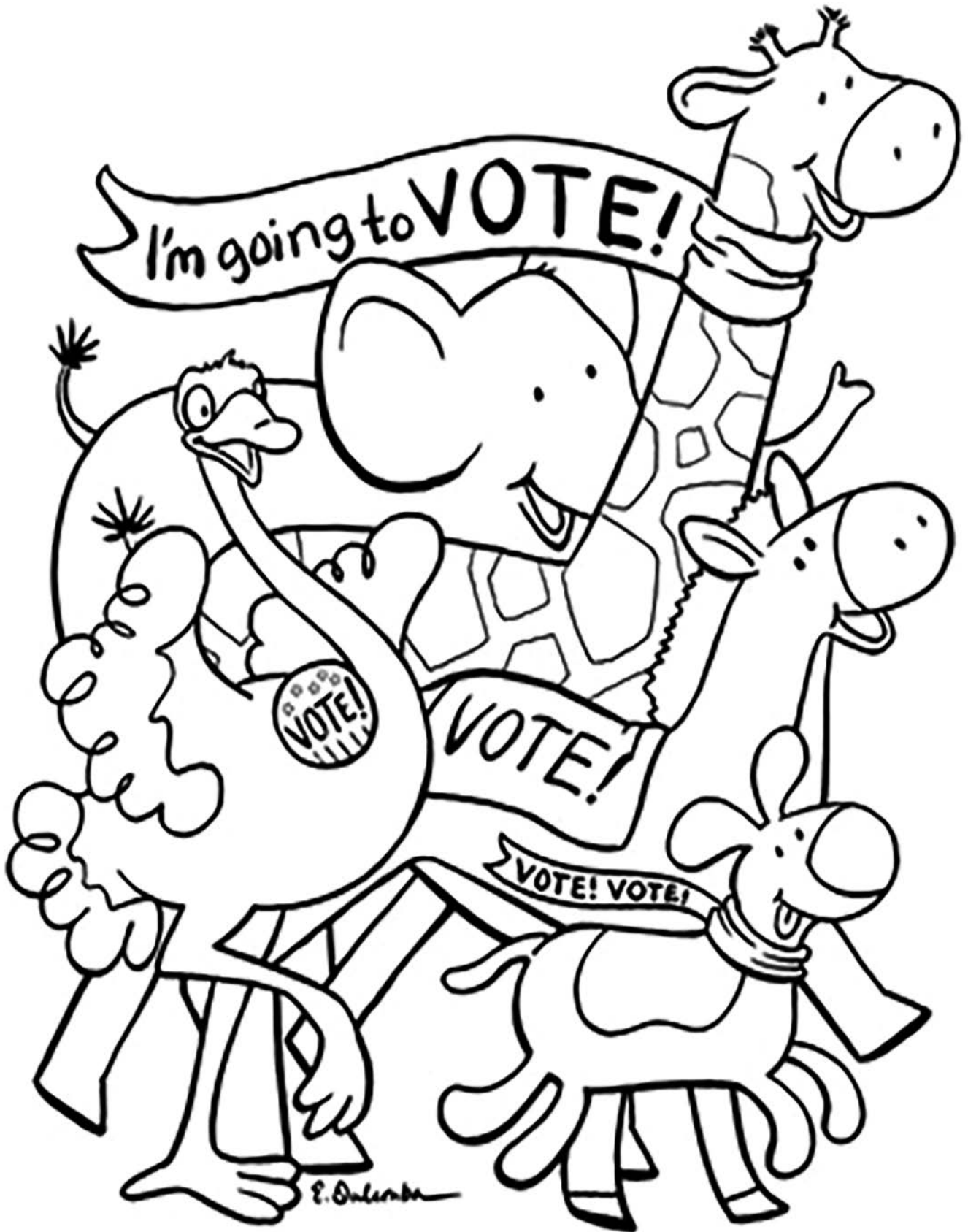
### **Secretary of State**

The Secretary of State leads the state Elections Division, Corporations and Charities Division, state Archives and Library, and other programs and services. The Office of the Secretary of State manages corporation and charity filings, collects and preserves historical state records, and governs the use of the state flag and seal. The Secretary of State is second in line of succession for Governor.

### **State Representative**

The State House of Representatives has 98 members; two from each legislative district in the state. Representatives are elected to two-year terms, so the total membership of the House is up for election each even-numbered year.

Legislators propose and enact public policy, set a budget, and provide for the collection of taxes to support state and local government.



## Video Voters' Guide for Candidates

### State Offices



TVW is producing a Video Voters' Guide for candidates who filed for US Senate, Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Public Lands, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and State Supreme Court.



Scan the QR code above with your smartphone and you will be taken to the TVW Video Voters' Guide.

([www.twv.org/video-voters-guide](http://www.twv.org/video-voters-guide))

This ballot checklist shows all State and San Juan County candidates and measures approved for inclusion on the ballot for the August 6, 2024, Primary Election. Not all races and measures listed here will be on your ballot.

### Federal Races

#### U.S. Senator - 6 Year Term

- o Mel Ram  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Dr Raul Garcia  
(Prefers GOP Party)
- o David Tilton  
(Prefers Non-Partisan Party)
- o Maria Cantwell  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Chuck Jackson  
(Prefers Independent Party)
- o Isaac A Holyk  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Henry Clay Dennison  
(Prefers Socialist Workers Party)
- o Scott Nazarino  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Paul Lawrence Giesick  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Thor Amundson  
(Prefers Independent Party)
- o Goodspaceguy  
(Prefers Republican Party)

### Congressional District 2 Races

#### U.S. Representative - 2 Year Term

- o Edwin Stickle  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Daniel Miller  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Cody Hart  
(Prefers MAGA Republican Party)
- o Leif Johnson  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Rick Larsen  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Devin Hermanson  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Jason Call  
(Prefers Green Party)
- o Josh Binda  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Washington State Races

#### Governor - 4 Year Term

- o Jim Daniel  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Cassondra Magdalene Hanson  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Jeff Curry  
(Prefers Independent Party)
- o Alex Tsimerman  
(Prefers Standup-America Party)
- o Mark Mullet  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Martin Lee Wheeler  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Jennifer Hoover  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Andre Stackhouse  
(Prefers Green Party)
- o EL'ona Kearney  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Ricky Anthony  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Bob Ferguson  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Chaytan Inman  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Micahel DePaula  
(Prefers Libertarian Party)
- o Dave Reichert  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Don L Rivers  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Jim Clark  
(States No Party Preference)
- o Fred Grant  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Leon A Lawson  
(Prefers Trump Republican Party)
- o Edward Cale IV  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Frank Dare  
(Prefers Independant Party)

## Washington State Races - Continued

**Governor - 4 Year Term - Continued**

- o William Combs  
(Prefers Independent Party)
- o Alan Makayev  
(Prefers Nonsense Busters Party)
- o Brian Bogen  
(Prefers Nonpartisan Party)
- o A. L. Brown  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Brad Mjelde  
(States No Party Preference)
- o Bill Hirt  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Rosetta Marshall-Williams  
(Prefers Independence Party)
- o Semi Bird  
(Prefers Republican Party)

**Lt. Governor - 4 Year Term**

- o Patrick "Pat" Harmon  
(Prefers Liberal Republican Party)
- o David Griffin  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Bob Hagglund  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Dan Matthews  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Denny Heck  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Secretary of State - 4 Year Term**

- o Marquez Tiggs  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Dale Whitaker  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Damon Townsend  
(Prefers No Labels Party)
- o Steve Hobbs  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

## Washington State Races - Continued

**State Treasurer - 4 Year Term**

- o Mike Pellicciotti  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Sharon Hanek  
(Prefers Republican Party)

**State Auditor - 4 Year Term**

- o Matt Hawkins  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Pat (Patrice) McCarthy  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Attorney General - 4 Year Term**

- o Pete Serrano  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Nick Brown  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Manka Dhingra  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Commissioner of Public Lands - 4 Year Term**

- o Alan Lebovitz  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Jamie Herrera Beutler  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Dave Upthegrove  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Sue Kuehl Pederson  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Patrick DePoe  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Jeralee Anderson  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Kevin Van De Wege  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Washington State Races - Continued****Superintendent of Public of Instruction - 4 Year Term**

- o Reid Saaris
- o Chris Reykdal
- o John Patterson Blair
- o David Olson

**Insurance Commissioner - 4 Year Term**

- o Patty Kuderer  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Chris D. Chung  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Jonathan Hendrix  
(States No Party Preference)
- o Bill Boyd  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o John Pestinger  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Tim Verzal  
(States No Party Preference)
- o Phil Fortunato  
(Prefers Republican Party)
- o Justin Murta  
(Prefers Republican Party)

**Legislative District 40 Races****State Senator - 4 Year Term**

- o Elizabeth (Liz) Lovelett  
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- o Charles Carrell  
(Prefers Republican Party)

**State Representative Pos. 1 - 2 Year Term**

- o Debra Lekanoff  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

**State Representative Pos. 2 - 2 Year Term**

- o Alex Ramel  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

**San Juan County Races****Council Residency District 1 - 4 Year Term**

- o Adrian Kilpatrick
- o Kari McVeigh
- o Stephanie O'Day

**Council Residency District 2 - 4 Year Term**

- o Rick Hughes
- o Justin Paulsen
- o Jonathan Jonnie Welch

**Supreme Court Race****Justice Position 2 - 6 Year Term**

- o Todd A. Bloom
- o Sal Mungia
- o David R Shlevy
- o Dave Larson

**San Juan Island Library District****San Juan Island Library District  
Proposition No. 1 - Levy Lid Lift**

The Board of Trustees of the San Juan Island Library District adopted Resolution No. 1-2024 proposing to increase its regular property tax levy. This proposition would enable the District to maintain current levels of operations and maintenance of the San Juan Island Library and accommodate moderate growth in future years by increasing its regular property tax levy rate to \$0.41 per thousand dollars of assessed value for collection in 2025. The resulting dollar amount of the 2025 levy would be used for the purpose of computing subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be approved?

**Lopez Island School District No. 144**

**Lopez Island School District No. 144  
Proposition No. 1 - Replacement Safety and Tech**

The Board of Directors of Lopez Island School District No. 144 adopted Resolution # 23/24-20 concerning a school facilities levy. This proposition authorizes upgrades to District facilities, including safety and security upgrades, acquisition, installation, implementation and management of technology systems, including related maintenance, staffing and training; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$0.21	\$525,000
2026	\$0.21	\$525,000
2027	\$0.21	\$525,000
2028	\$0.21	\$525,000

All as proposed in District Resolution #23/24-20.

Should this proposition be approved?

**Political Parties**

Washington State Democrats  
PO Box 4027  
Seattle, WA 98194  
(206) 309-8683  
info@wa-democrats.org  
www.wa-democrats.org

Washington State Republican Party  
11811 NE 1st St, Ste. A306  
Bellevue, WA 98005  
(425) 460-0570  
info@wsrp.org  
www.wsrp.org

**Who donates to campaigns?**  
View financial contributors for candidates and measures:

**Public Disclosure Commission**  
www.pdc.wa.gov  
Toll Free (877) 601-2828



Mel

## Ram

(Prefers Republican Party)

### Elected Experience

Ram4usSenate is a public service application at personal risk. When elected office defaulted on "national security" I, we, and works of providence, toiled to keep RF bombs out of US. Please see [www.ram4usSenate.com](http://www.ram4usSenate.com).

### Other Professional Experience

Diverse management. Respectfully areligious with a natural inclination for grasping the foundations and direction of the church. I look forward to progress in eliminating LGBTQ intolerance and elevating women. Likely Vatican, governments, and RF influencer.

### Education

Biochemistry major with coursework in Political Science, Urban Planning, Sociology and Anthropology.

### Community Service

Activism for economic innovation around education, science, technology, and social service. Campaigning to eliminate institutionalized college dece

### Contact

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### Statement

Between 22 and 24 a set of provident social media anecdotes and my efforts were the inspiration behind an intrepid, benevolent force working to prevent a direct US, RF confrontation. To the anonymous, bright spirits devoted to preserving the East, West peace "Mankind to Infinity and to you Eternal Honors." Insight into the activity shielding EU and 300 million American lives from RF retaliation is available on my website: [www.ram4usSenate.com](http://www.ram4usSenate.com).

My political activism began as a UW biochemistry student, with a flier highlighting institutionalized college deception. "The "smart" lie" by 2youtext1 (You Tube) provides argument for economic reform around education, science, technology and social service. Robotics and automation will eliminate the bulk of blue-collar labor. We can choose to control our destiny or allow sparse political actors and decaying systems to dictate poverty, unemployment, substance subterfuge, crime and warfare.

Campaign platform: housing and healthcare; education and economic reform; street and systemic crime; preventing WWIII, mental health and homelessness; the US Constitution and our guaranteed freedoms; easing LGBTQ plight and elevating women.

The war on the poor. The stories laboring to preserve our national security began in a multiplex linked to black mold (currently in public use.) My website explains why I believe the property is an ongoing hazard to past, present and future residents, and the public.

Note: In a nuclear age, there is no intelligent WWIII scenario. We must adopt sustainable solutions. The wars in the east threaten the future of all mankind. In 22 our generals expressed concern the aid packages may be declared a direct provocation by Russia. The caveats were based on solid reason. Ram4USsenate provides insight into how elected office guess gambled P's state of mind and missed. Please love life, protect our future, and share hope, inspiration and this knowledge.



Dr Raul

## Garcia

(Prefers GOP Party)

### Elected Experience

Dr Garcia isn't a career politician. A leader in his field, he has been elected to national medical organizations such as the American College of Emergency Medicine, the American Osteopathic Association, and the Bureau of Interns and Residents.

### Other Professional Experience

Doctor, Emergency Medicine, 25 years. Current Chief Medical Officer, Astria Toppenish Hospital. Past medical practice owner; co-founding Dean, two medical schools; Medical Director, two hospitals.

### Education

Bachelor of Science, Microbiology/Immunology, University of Miami. Graduate, New York College of Osteopathic Medicine.

### Community Service

Co-founder, Partnership for Food Security. Local drives for domestic violence shelter, toys for sick kids, bikes for books, and feeding the homeless.

### Contact

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<https://garciaforwa.com/>

### Statement

This election is an opportunity for the people of Washington to change the way we are governed, to stop the cycle of divisive politics that ignores the best interests of our people.

Serious crises aren't getting the attention they should. Fentanyl is an extremely dangerous drug that is killing Americans indiscriminately. Dr Garcia, an Emergency Room physician, sees far too many overdoses, and knows far too many families who've lost loved ones. Dr Garcia is the only Senate candidate with a plan to seriously combat the Fentanyl crisis, using a proven approach that targets dealers with prison time, and helps addicts with a robust program of treatment and recovery.

Another crisis is the cost of living. Washington is the fourth most-expensive state for groceries, and the eighth most-expensive overall. Many people are at or near the end of their financial rope due to rampant inflation. We can help tackle inflation by stopping reckless federal spending that adds to the national debt, and boost productivity to ease prices for consumers. Dr Garcia will be a voice for fiscal sanity.

As an Emergency Room doctor, Dr Garcia spends his days helping people. As a refugee from Cuba who found a home in America, he loves our country deeply. As a son raised by a single mother, he respects the men and women who work so hard to make a life for themselves and their families.

Dr Garcia isn't a career politician. But throughout his life he has been a leader – in the medical profession and in the community. He serves patients as a doctor, and he will serve the people of Washington as their US Senator.

Our state is a wonderful place that has gone a bit off-track. We can definitely do better, and with Dr Raul Garcia we will.



David  
**Tilton**

(Prefers Non-partisan Party)

**Elected Experience**

No prior elected experience.

**Other Professional Experience**

Senior data analysis team lead spearheading a multinational, cross-functional team empowering multimillion small and large businesses globally; Assistant Manager at a seasonal retail store; Assistant Manager at an apartment complex with 300 units; SSgt veteran of the U.S. Airforce; and a Father to 6 children.

**Education**

The Art Institute of Seattle, B.A. with Honors; Airman Leadership School; Berean School of the Bible; Everett High School

**Community Service**

Active local PTA member, Lake Stevens; Youth group leader at BCA, Everett; Building homes for homeless families in Mexico with FBC, Everett

**Contact**

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**Statement**

I vow to represent your interests, values, and aspirations. I'm running because I believe in a better future for our state and nation. Where everyone has access to quality education, health care, and employment. Where we protect our environment, our democracy, and our constitutional rights. Where we work together to solve the challenges facing us as Americans and global citizens.

I'm a USAF veteran with multiple overseas deployments. I've lived and raised my family in Washington for 20+ years, seeing some of the best and worst of our state. With a background in retail, real estate, youth education, and business data analytics (local and international); I've fought abroad for the nation now I'll fight alongside you to bring our perspectives, knowledge, and experience to Congress.

I'm dedicated to protecting our environment and combating climate change, advocating policies that promote clean energy, conservation, and sustainable development. Access to quality healthcare is a fundamental right. I'll work tirelessly to ensure affordable healthcare, regardless of income or preexisting conditions. Children are the future. I pledge to increase funding for our schools, support our educators, and make higher education more affordable and accessible.

I'll champion policies that create jobs, support small businesses, and revitalize our local economies. Introducing legislation to incentivize businesses to hire locally instead of outsourcing to other countries for cheaper labor. Together, we can ensure a prosperous future. I'm committed to improving law enforcement while promoting transparency, community policing, and criminal justice reform. Rehabilitation for the incarcerated and support for impacted communities is vital to successfully reintegrate them into society, reducing the likelihood of reoffending. I'm committed to responsible and effective budgeting, eliminating wasteful spending, and lowering taxes while ensuring essential services are maintained.

Your involvement is crucial! Together, we can shape a brighter future.



Maria

## Cantwell

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

U.S. Senate 2001-present, U.S. House of Representatives 1993-1995, Washington State Legislature 1987-1993.

### Other Professional Experience

Real Networks, Vice President of Marketing & Senior Vice President of the Consumer Products Division 1995-2000.

### Education

First in her family to graduate college with the help of financial aid. Received B.A. in Public Administration from Miami University.

### Community Service

Henry M. Jackson Foundation, Former Honorary Council of Advisors; South Snohomish Chamber of Commerce, Former Board Member; Alderwood Rotary, Former Board Member; Apollo Alliance, Founding Board Member

### Contact

(206) 682-7328; [info@cantwell.com](mailto:info@cantwell.com)  
<https://www.cantwell.com/>

### Statement

Affordability. Jobs. Rights. Security. That's what I focus on as your representative in Washington, D.C., not hyper-partisan politics.

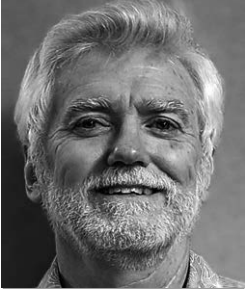
**Affordability:** Food, energy, housing, education, childcare, and prescription drugs all cost way too much. That's why I helped cap monthly insulin costs at \$35 for Medicare enrollees and am fighting drug middlemen that inflate drug prices. My law made manipulating energy markets a crime, allowing the government to claw back billions in ill-gotten profits. I championed tax credits that built millions of affordable housing units and made childcare more affordable.

**Jobs:** Bringing manufacturing and supply chains back home are the key to creating jobs, raising wages, and growing the middle class. I developed a new law that is bolstering STEM education and apprenticeships, and will triple U.S. semiconductor manufacturing capacity. Our agricultural economy is stronger because we stood up to foreign shippers and reopened markets for Washington apples and lentils. We kept freight moving with record new infrastructure investments. I improved access to credit for small businesses and created more opportunities for women- and minority-owned businesses.

**Rights:** Freedoms we once took for granted are under assault. I've been fighting to codify Roe v. Wade, protect access to contraceptives and IVF, and block anti-choice states from prosecuting women. Washingtonians have a right to clean air and water, which is why I led efforts to protect pristine public lands, restore salmon habitat, and transition away from fossil fuels.

**Security:** Fentanyl is devastating too many Washington communities, so my new law declares fentanyl a national emergency and gives local law enforcement more resources to stop it from crossing our borders. Veterans have served our nation, which is why I have fought to protect their health care, including 124,000 Washingtonians exposed to toxic materials.

I am asking for your support in the U.S. Senate race.



Chuck

## Jackson

(Prefers Independent Party)

### Elected Experience

No elected experienced; also not beholden to any Special Interest Groups or Political Action Committees. Not bought off.

### Other Professional Experience

Have been questioning the wisdom of running up the National Debt for over 30 years (\$34.6 Trillion and still rising), have a working knowledge of amortization schedules and the costs incurred when interest rates increase, 2023 interest paid was \$882 Billion, 2024 should easily exceed \$1 Trillion.

### Education

Licensed by United States Coast Guard as Ship Engineer. Over 40 years working on various ships; Military, Research, Tankers, Container and Ferry Vessels.

### Community Service

Websites with information on National and International issues, Business, National Debt, Gerrymandering..

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### Statement

This isn't a game, nor a joke: the Gamblers on Wall Street, the Federal Reserve Bank, the Republicans and Democrats have been blowing smoke up your ass for a long time now, you've been hosed. There is no 15 to 30 second sound bite that can cut through the stench. Reading and math scores in this nation are abysmal, the hand wringing over Fentanyl overdoses, deaths is unconscionable and leaving a \$34.6 Trillion mess for the kids is disgusting. It is past time to clean things up, no more kicking the can (2024 interest on debt \$2.931 Billion per day; last year, \$2.418 Billion).

There are two options here, either the political parties and there minions weren't capable of figuring this out or they didn't care! If they didn't care the question becomes, Why? Which one or combination of the three options was/is it; Power, Control or Greed?

During Reagan's Presidency(R) the deficit increased over 185% from all the years previously (tax cuts & Starve the Beast). Clinton's Presidency(D) gutted Glass-Steagall (unregulating investment banks), The Commodity Futures Modernization Act (deregulated Derivatives).

The only way to stop the Millionaires and Billionaires with their special interest groups and political action committees (PAC's) is the involvement of people who have been steam-rolled by their agenda. The Constitution of the United States starts out with We The People, that means all of us not just the Special Interest Groups and Political Action Committees.

Are we going to continue living this way or opt for change before it is forced upon us. Interspersed throughout the website [InsanityRules.org](https://insanityrules.org) are some solution offered because sincere discussion followed by action will be the only way to get off this highway to hell. Want change, vote differently. These problems are serious, the time for humor is over, participation matters.



Isaac A

## Holyk

(Prefers Republican Party)

### Elected Experience

None, I am not a politician

### Other Professional Experience

Launch Code Alumni, Microsoft Certified Software Developer, Carpenter, CEO, Videographer, and ASP.NET Full Stack Developer.

### Education

Battle Ground High School, Clark College, Microsoft Academy, Launch Code

### Community Service

CCRP Delegate, Children's Cancer Association team leader/volunteer, and I offer my services free of charge to help develop and maintain websites for non profits.

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### Statement

America is at a crossroads. We are a nation in decline. For the first time in our nations history future generations have less opportunities than their parents did. The cost of living is skyrocketing, our country is being invaded and is no longer safe, we are 30 trillion in debt, 70% of Americans think we are on the wrong track, and the current leadership in the U.S. Senate is either America maybe, or America last. I have had enough of America last.

This election we must decide who we are going to be as a people going forward and what it means to be an American. If you are one of the millions of Americans who feel that the current political leadership has abandoned you, my message is simple: you are not politically homeless. America First policy is not 'far right' or 'extreme' - it is common sense. It is time to secure our borders, stop the spending, end the corruption, lower taxes across the board, and create an environment where all Americans can thrive. I have a clear, common sense, legislative plan to get America on the right track.

It is time for a new generation of leadership. It is time for common sense America First policy that Republicans, Independents, and Democrats can all agree on. A government that works for all Americans. We cannot expect our government to represent everyday Americans if there are no everyday Americans in government at the highest levels. With your help, I can change that. I am offering a new path and an America First vision that works for all Americans. Join me. Together we can make America great again and provide a brighter future for our nation.

My name is Isaac Holyk, I am fighting for America, our children, and you.



Henry Clay

## Dennison

(Prefers Socialist Workers Party)

### Elected Experience

No information submitted

### Other Professional Experience

Henry Dennison is a railroad conductor and SMART-TD union member.

### Education

Dennison learned to have deep confidence in the solidarity and fighting capacity of the working class from the Black-led movement that defeated Jim Crow segregation, and through five decades of work in fruit packing plants, coal mines, railroads, steel mills and other industries.

### Community Service

He has recently taken part in solidarity with farm workers, miners, auto workers, flight attendants and firefighters, among others, and joined actions against anti-Jewish attacks, in support of Ukraine's independence, against the US embargo of Cuba, and in solidarity with immigrant workers.

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### Statement

We live in a deeply class-divided country ruled by a handful of billionaire families and their government. Democratic and Republican parties say they speak for workers, but millions increasingly recognize this isn't true.

The global order the US rulers dominated after World War II is coming apart. The economic workings of capitalism are marching the world towards World War III, accelerated by Vladimir Putin's murderous invasion of Ukraine to deny its national rights, and Hamas' October 7 pogrom – orchestrated by the counterrevolutionary rulers of Iran – that slaughtered over 1,200 Jews in Israel. Only the working class has the capacity to halt this trajectory.

Driven by competition inherent in capitalism, corporations continue to pursue more production from fewer workers for less pay. But recent union organizing and strike victories point to the possibility of a different future. The low point of labor resistance is behind us. Working people need to build a labor party that breaks from all collaboration with the ruling class and wages a struggle for workers' power.

Defending constitutional freedoms won in the first American Revolution is a working-class issue. Attempts to jail and silence Donald Trump and criminalize political differences deal a blow to rights working people need. Drop all the charges!

Defend Israel's right to exist as a refuge for Jews in the face of rising Jew-hatred today! Join efforts to defend Jews from attack!

Workers need to fight for a public works program to put millions to work at union scale wages building roads, schools, parks, hospitals and more; for regular cost of living increases, wages sufficient to raise a family and quality housing workers can afford; and for workers control of production to guarantee safety on the job and reverse the profit-driven destruction of the environment.



Scott

## Nazarino

(Prefers Republican Party)

### Elected Experience

Precinct Committee Officer in Sammamish

### Other Professional Experience

32 years in the Financial Services industry. Owned my business since 1995. Estate and retirement planning, family business succession. Private investor; past Seattle Times employee. Served in local politics and ran for multiple offices, including the U.S. Senate in 2016.

### Education

BA, Northwest University; Associate in Arts, Bellevue College; LUTCF, Life Underwriter's Training Council

### Community Service

Served on a church board; Community litter removal; Volunteer on school field trips; Visited shut ins; Personal counseling

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### Statement

If you're like many voters I've met, you believe Congress is broken – the infighting, divisiveness, tribalism, and accusations. It looks bad, and it's getting worse. Meanwhile, people like you and I are losing out on the life we were promised – and the life we've worked for.

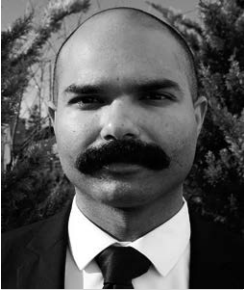
Inflation is killing jobs and eating away at savings. Home ownership is becoming more out of reach – even for people with good jobs and no debt. School safety has eroded. Education hasn't recovered from the learning loss inflicted upon kids by school lockdowns. The Ukraine war is still raging. As all the tensions and wars in the Middle East continue Americans are beginning to lose hope.

I want to change the course of our state and country. No matter your party affiliation or if you're an independent, I will represent you and would sincerely appreciate your support. I will listen to and represent all Washingtonians, not just those with the loudest bullhorns or the biggest wallets.

As your U.S. Senator, I will focus my efforts on three areas. First, to protect our children at school so they can learn in a safe environment by installing National Guardsmen or other officers at every elementary school.

Second, begin a focused national dialogue to deal with the national debt and the approaching fiscal cliff. We're now nearing \$35 trillion, almost \$270,000 per taxpayer. The lives we live, and the dreams we strive for, are in peril unless we act now, before it's too late.

Third, restore hope and focus on academics at our schools. Students are still suffering from what they lost during Covid. We need a rapid revitalization plan to get kids back on track to help them prepare for college. We need solutions to college affordability.



Paul Lawrence

## Giesick

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

I am not a career politician and will not serve more than two terms.

### Other Professional Experience

Currently - Production Manager in the Premium Lifestyle Industry. Previously - USMC (Military Supply Admin.), Aerospace Industry (CNC machinist), City of Everett (Utility Billing).

### Education

Bachelor's Degree in Operations Management, Bellingham Tech. College. Precision Machining Degree, Everett Community College. Diploma, Everett High School.

### Community Service

I serve my community best helping out my family, friends and neighbors where I can. You may see me pulling over to pick up hitch hikers or buying someone in need some food. I pay my taxes in full and on time. are trying to divide us just as the devil wants.

It is time we stand together and stand up for what is right. It is time that the good men and women finally fight more fervently than those who spread evil. It is time we the people are served by our government again. It's time to secure the border, return to sound gold-backed money, stop our reckless federal government spending spree and end our perpetual state of war! It is time for life, liberty, peace and prosperity! God bless the U.S.A.

### Contact

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### Statement

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life. We live in a time plagued with diabolical disorientation. We are in a spiritual battle between good and evil. Our suffering will only increase until we sincerely call upon God for His mercy and grace. The ever-increasing cost of living is pushing American families to the breaking point. All of the wealth is systematically being concentrated to the rich and powerful while the middle class is being wiped out. Americans are being forced to become dependent on big government and relinquish their liberties for a small taste of a false sense of safety. This is all being facilitated by our fiat currency and the Federal Reserve. The career politicians, crony corporatism and bureaucracy in D.C. do not have the interest of the American people at heart. The federal government will continue to borrow, spend and print money endlessly until our currency becomes worthless. We currently have an unsustainable debt of over \$34 trillion, we are in a state of perpetual war and send money to foreign governments abroad and illegal immigrants domestically while our own citizens are left to carry the heavy burden of these inflationary policies.

Propaganda we are fed from the news and social media are trying to divide us just as the devil wants.

It is time we stand together and stand up for what is right. It is time that the good men and women finally fight more fervently than those who spread evil. It is time we the people are served by our government again. It's time to secure the border, return to sound gold-backed money, stop our reckless federal government spending spree and end our perpetual state of war! It is time for life, liberty, peace and prosperity! God bless the U.S.A.



Thor

# Amundson

(Prefers Independent Party)

## Elected Experience

None

## Other Professional Experience

Watching C-Span for 30 years

## Education

High school, Yakima, Washington.

## Community Service

Built fish ladders and state and federal water betterment projects throughout the state.

## Contact

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## Statement

Hi, I'm Thor Amundson, and I am a pro-democracy candidate. Born and raised in Eastern Washington, I've lived and worked throughout the state, and this has given me the opportunity to talk with people in all walks of life, and to consider the variety of issues facing them. I believe that without a little more opportunity for the next generation, we cannot have a healthy civilization.

If corporations move to other countries, they should follow the same rules and labour practices as in the USA. Stop shipping logs, jobs, and clean air and water overseas. Turn off reactor at Hanford and no new reactor; stop making the mess. Replace Hanford with geothermal power generation. Nationwide public internet access for everyone and net neutrality. Ban the use of certain weed killers on federally funded sites like easements, fencelines, ditch banks, and public schools. Overturn Citizen's United.

Picture a state and a nation where your children can afford to live. Federal and State and private land that has been swapped with Federal and State land should be open for off-grid homesteading. A place where elected officials are chosen by the people, not by their financial contributors. Make C-Span more entertaining. Rather than propose campaign reform, I am implementing it. I will lead the United States into the 21st century.

I will go to Washington DC and bring back financing for the Washington state ferries system and for upgrading the irrigation systems of Eastern Washington, and for clean water and clean air. Vote Thor.



# Goodspaceguy

(Prefers Republican Party)

## Elected Experience

25 times a candidate, Goodspaceguy notices the homelessness, poverty, and crime produced by the big spenders,' minimum wage, Command Economy!

## Other Professional Experience

As an amateur economist, small spending Goodspaceguy invested and became prosperous in the stock market. Study economics!

## Education

Goodspaceguy, Minnesota born, was educated in Germany, Sweden, and America. Spaceguy lived and learned in Europe for about twelve years. Spaceguy knows some European languages and earned university bachelors and masters degrees.

## Community Service

Free market Goodspaceguy advocates for our orbital space program and against homelessness and crime caused by the minimum wage. Should we stop the population explosion that is exterminating the wildlife of Spaceship Earth? Should we replace the complicated federal income tax with the simpler head tax?

## Contact

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## Statement

We are still at the beginning of the Space Age! Please think of your Earth as a beautiful spaceship. We are the passengers and crew members on Spaceship Earth. We are traveling in space around our Sun while our Sun travels inside our Milky Way Galaxy. I, Goodspaceguy, predict a prosperous future in space will come through orbital space colonization around our Spaceship Earth and in the Goldilocks Zone around our star, the Sun. Let's start with small space habitats. Also let's save, boost up, and improve the International Space Station.

Using voluntary, competitive, free market economics, let's raise the living standard of the workers. Let's reject the Big Government Command Economy that through force and misallocation produces homelessness, wild spending, and poverty.

Workfare is better than welfare. Welfare is a heavy burden for the workers. Free market economics can rehabilitate Spaceship Earth by transforming problem people into productive people. Worldwide we are struggling between Command Economies and Free Market Economies. Profits grow jobs, but the minimum wage laws reduce profits, which decreases jobs.

The workers create the goods and services that make up the living standard. Then tricky taxation takes from the workers and gives to the welfare recipients. The workers are robbed. The incentive to work is decreased. The minimum wage of the Command Economy creates a stressful work atmosphere and decreases profits. Jobs are lost. Crime and poverty increase. Let's defend the incentive of profits that come from serving you, the consumer. Study Free Market Economics! Abolish the job destroying minimum wage! Economics tell us how to raise the workers' living standard. Work builds up the living standard.

Should we stop the population explosion that is exterminating the wildlife of Spaceship Earth? Should we replace the complicated federal income tax with the simpler head tax?



Edwin

## Stickle

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

Chief of the Medical Staff at Skagit Valley Hospital 2007-2009 and 2019-2022.

### Other Professional Experience

Family Medicine physician and hospitalist in Skagit County for 27 years.

### Education

BIT in Aviation Management from Andrews University. MD degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine with a residency in Family Medicine at Hinsdale Hospital in Illinois.

### Community Service

Hospice medical director at Hospice of the Northwest for 25 years, caring for people in their final illnesses and the last stages of their lives. Assistant Clinical Professor of Family Medicine at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences and attending preceptor at Skagit Regional Health family medicine residency program.

### Contact

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### Statement

The whole system of Medicare and many other aspects of our health insurance system need to be updated and reformed by Congressional action. As someone who for 27 years has seen close-up how Medicare works and doesn't work I hope to represent the people of our area of Washington in the US Congress. My dream is that each voter and resident, many of whom I have had the pleasure of meeting during this campaign, meet their full potential for education, work, health and retirement. My work will be not only to vote in Congress but to explain, speak up, ask questions and listen in Washington DC as laws are changed and decisions are made that affect all of us here in Washington, all of us in this country of great resources, great minds and wonderful hearts. We have come through a draining pandemic crisis with stronger systems, stronger convictions and more awareness of each other and how we all fit into each other's health and well-being. We lost so many loved relatives and wonderful friends. To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, It is for us who remain to learn and to build on those lessons. With my experiences as a physician leader and my perspective as a former airplane mechanic and pilot, I can represent our towns, cities, farms and islands with a well-earned heart, a love for better health and a keen interest in aviation technology here in this land of scenic views, wonderful hikes and life-giving rain. I ask for your vote.



Daniel

**Miller**

(Prefers Republican Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

I have ran and won the primary for washington state Senate. I have worked on several campaigns here in Washington state and California including helping Kathryn Barger on Herr Successful Campaign for L.A County Supervisor.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Businessman and professional Actor. A member of the SAG-AFTRA ( Screen Actors Guild) And The american legion. Former owner of The new england collectibles in friday harbor.

#### **Education**

Attended the University of Washington in Seattle and graduated from the evergreen state college in olympia Washington

#### **Community Service**

My public service includes helping with relay for life and working on community thanksgiving dinners.

#### **Contact**

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#### **Statement**

The Pacific Northwest is a great place to live work and play. I hope to represent the 2nd congressional district in Washington DC. We deserve an economy that works for the people of Washington state. and putting families first with skyrocketing inflation. Childcare, grocery and restaurant prices are. high including Bread, milk and. eggs and gas.and properly taxes. Veteran issues are important including Veteran. Homelessnss. My Dad and Several relatives were veterans. Other issues that need work in D.C are the crisis of ileagle imigration and voter issues. Making sure. freedom and liberty are maintained maintained. Certain evirmental issues and jobs please vote Daniel Miller for U.S Congress 2024-Thank you



Cody

**Hart**

(Prefers MAGA Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

I am a political outsider with years of experience holding corrupt government officials accountable.

**Other Professional Experience**

Small Business Owner, Professional Civil Engineer, American Public Works Association (APWA) Committee Co-Chair, United States Navy Veteran.

**Education**

Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering (BSCE) from the Oregon Institute of Technology including courses from the U.S. Navy and Skagit Valley College.

**Community Service**

From a young age, my parents and grandparents taught me the importance of serving my community. I am most proud of my active duty service in the United States Navy at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and my family's small scale farming sustainable lifestyle.

**Contact**

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**Statement**

As a government watchdog, proud father, Navy Veteran, small business owner, and Civil Engineer I am confident I have the unique background needed to better address the challenges our region and country are facing as Washington States 2nd Congressional District Representative.

I am committed to stopping the criminal invasion at our southern border, restoring election integrity, and ending the excessive spending in Washington D.C. that has resulted in the worst inflation our nation has ever seen. I offer my real experience with election integrity and as a government watchdog identifying hundreds of millions of dollars of waste, fraud, and abuse in our infrastructure system to those who want real accountability.

As a veteran, I oppose America entering into unprovoked wars or that our country needs to act as the world's police force. American security begins at home and having strong borders with a thoughtful immigration system reflects we are a strong nation.

Being a father of three daughters in the public school system, I believe in fighting for parent's rights, fighting for a girl's right not to have to compete with biological males in school sports, and fighting to stop activist teachers from pushing their beliefs in the public school system.

Our nation was founded on the belief Americans have the right to bear arms and in this time of increasing violence and crime I will defend this right to ensure it is not infringed upon.

As a state leader in the election integrity fight, I am ready on day one to fix what has been happening to our nations elections system, stop those who do not want free and fair elections, and restore faith in election results. By supporting me you are supporting accountability, fairness, and rejecting partisan politics as usual – I ask for your support.



Leif

# Johnson

(Prefers Republican Party)

## Elected Experience

Appointed PCO

## Other Professional Experience

I am currently a Lead Manufacturing Engineer and I have a small machine shop. I have taught for AJACs in their Tool and Die program.

## Education

Bachelor of Science in Industrial technology at Southern Illinois University; Ardent Self Study of political science and American History

## Community Service

No Information Submitted

## Contact

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## Statement

I am an everyday hardworking American, with a strong commitment to family values. Happily married to my wife Tammy for 33 years. We raised 4 children and are grandparents to 5 grandchildren. With decades of experience in business and leadership displaying honesty, integrity, consistency, and a record of achievements, I am committed to building trust and integrity in government with the community by advocating for ethics reforms, campaign finance reform, term limits by having signed the term limits pledge, along with improving transparency and accountability in government not only with district 2, but also Washington state and D.C.

I invite the challenging questions and conversations that the community wants to talk about and answer with a fact based and educational approach and have the ability and desire to work with both sides of the isle to achieve the logical goals of all as long as those goals are within the constraints of the Constitution.

Washington State is a destination for jobs, tourism, and global trade. I am committed to growing our economy in a sustainable way for all Washingtonians. Here are the issues that I will tackle as your next Congressperson. Addressing unemployment and underemployment, supporting small businesses, advocating for fair trade policies, promote education in the trades, and working to improve wage/income equality.

Reducing the cost of prescriptions drugs, improving healthcare infrastructure, and advocating for healthcare reforms that help constituents. Advocating for affordable quality education for all, improving early childhood education, and advocating for policies that address keeping education about education, for all students. Promoting renewable energy sources, protecting natural resources/gasses, advocating for environmental regulations, with fair use of resources in a responsible manner. Developing comprehensive immigration reform, border security, and finding a balanced approach to immigration policy. Supporting a strong defense, addressing cybersecurity threats, and promoting international diplomacy.



Rick

## Larsen

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

I began trying to make a difference through public service on the Snohomish County Council, and today, it is my privilege to serve as the Representative for Washington's 2nd Congressional District.

### Other Professional Experience

I was previously employed by the Port of Everett and the Washington State Dental Association.

### Education

I graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in Washington state and have a master's degree from the University of Minnesota.

### Community Service

My parents were an important influence on me, encouraging me to be involved in my local community. Their encouragement continues to be a motivation for my service to our communities.

### Contact

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### Statement

It is an honor to represent Washington's 2nd District in Congress. My family has called Northwest Washington home for over 100 years. My father was a union power line worker and my mom managed the books while raising eight kids in Arlington. They embodied the values that unite us: working hard, caring for each other, and serving the community. My wife and I taught these same values to our two sons and, we are thankful to say, both have launched their own careers.

Our shared values guide my work to serve you - and they are at stake in this election. In the next Congress, I will protect voting rights and reproductive freedom. Healthcare is a right, and I will fight to expand access and lower costs, especially for veterans and seniors. Last Congress, we capped the price of insulin at \$35/month, and we must keep fighting to lower prescription drug costs.

Our economy should work for everyone, but right now, too many hard-working people are struggling to make ends meet. My top priority is to bring economic investments to the 2nd District that create good-paying jobs that support families.

Fentanyl is a growing threat. I believe that addiction is a disease, and I am working to bring funding to local prevention and recovery services as well as strengthen law enforcement's ability to hold accountable those who bring these drugs into our communities.

Washington's environment is vital to our way of life and economy. As the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's top Democrat, I am committed to mitigating climate change and advancing Northwest Washington's leadership in renewable energy.

Serving you in Congress is about fighting for our shared values. I ask for your support to continue to invest in the middle class and stand up for vulnerable communities.



Devin

## Hermanson

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

I am running for office for the first time. As AOC and many others have shown, first time office holders can have major impact. We can't elect the same career politicians and expect a different result.

### Other Professional Experience

I've raised hundreds of millions of dollars to fight poverty and created programs that raised over \$1 billion to empower girls and women. I've also launched multiple startups, including one I helped take public.

### Education

Whitman College, BA in Art, Boston University, MBA, certificate in Public and Nonprofit Management.

### Community Service

Founded Nonprofit TrueUSA, public speaker for gender equity, Stephen Minister, produced programs and film supporting LGBTQ+.

### Contact

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### Statement

This election is the opportunity of our lifetimes. With the critical, record turnout needed to reject Trump's threat to our democracy, we can also elect bold Democrats to finally build an America that prioritizes you and your neighbors over corporations.

My "Case for Hope" includes an ambitious two-year plan to save our democracy, guarantee reproductive rights, keep kids safe from guns, and reform the Supreme Court. Unlike the incumbent in this race, I support the Green New Deal and Medicare for All and will never take a dime of corporate cash.

When the opportunity comes to reverse decades of GOP tax breaks and make corporations pay their fair share, we need a representative who is not beholden to those same corporations. We can't afford baby steps and half measures from corporate-funded, doormat Democrats.

I was raised by my fiercely loving single mom who struggled to keep our little family afloat. There were lots of tears, but Mom was a fighter and taught me to be the same. We need fighters now, in Congress.

With my decades of experience building successful startups and nonprofits and fighting poverty, I'll bring a unique, progressive voice for change to Congress. And I will build upon my many years of activism for gender equality and human rights.

My entire life, I've been told the things I want to do are impossible—and then I do them anyway. This is the kind of vision and fearlessness we need now in DC. We can build an America that is truly great—we can lower costs for you and your family, tackle our homelessness and fentanyl crises, and deliver the high-paying jobs that our community deserves. Local "Hope Heroes" are already fighting for that future, and I'd be immensely proud to do the same as your Congressman.



Jason

## Call

(Prefers Green Party)

### Elected Experience

Marysville Education Association Executive Board member (2012-2014); Washington Democrats State Committee (2017-2020).

### Other Professional Experience

Endorsed by Green Party of Washington, Green Party US, Seattle Greens.

### Education

BA Political Science, University of Washington (1994); BA Education, College of Santa Fe (1999); M. Ed, UW Bothell (2004).

### Community Service

I have been an activist for 35 years, deeply involved in antiwar, healthcare, labor, and climate justice movements. I'm a former public school teacher of 18 years and elected union leader, and 6-year board member of Whole Washington—a leading state-based universal healthcare organization. I have worked on numerous ballot initiatives, including I-502 which legalized cannabis in 2012.

### Contact

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### Statement

I am the only progressive candidate running for this seat that cannot be pressured by the political establishment, AIPAC, the fossil fuel industry, the war machine, the for-profit health industry, or any of the other massive corporations that flood Congress with endless lobbying dollars.

The stakes couldn't be higher. Both corporate-captured major parties are funding and arming the genocide of Palestinians that we witness daily on social media, with a death toll over 35K, including at least 15K children.

Tens of millions of Americans still have no health insurance. Even with insurance, healthcare services are often unaffordable and medical debt remains the single biggest cause of bankruptcy. Housing instability is skyrocketing and 1 in 6 children live in poverty. Every ecosystem on the planet is impacted by the ever-worsening climate emergency. We have already shot past limits established by the Paris Accords. But rather than mitigating climate effects to work towards a livable planet, the political establishment funds the war machine.

I support an immediate and permanent ceasefire for Gaza and an end to all funding for genocide. I support universal health care, a real Green New Deal, and a democracy that works for working people. In my two prior runs for this seat, I earned over 30K votes each time.

As a former labor leader, I will fiercely fight for unions and pledge to donate 30% of my post-tax Congressional salary to strike funds and mutual aid organizations. Big money has corrupted our politics and bought our politicians. The status quo is not sustainable. We must demand better.

Imagine representation that puts people over corporate profit, with a verifiable decades-long history of fighting for justice. This is a strong and vibrant campaign speaking to critical and immediate needs for a sustainable and just future. Vote Jason Call for WA-02.



Josh

## Binda

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

Lynnwood City Councilmember, Democratic Precinct Committee Officer, Lynnwood's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Chair, Council Liaison of Finance Committee.

### Other Professional Experience

Founder, Josh Binda Speaks LLC; Integration Engineer, Blue Origin; Aerospace Mechanic, Boeing; Self Published Author. Awards: 425 Business Magazine 30 Under 30 of 2022; Forbes Magazine 30 Under 30 Nominee of 2023.

### Education

Kamiak High School. Aerospace Engineering Certification from Sno-Isle Tech. Political Science Major at the University of Washington.

### Community Service

Former Sno-Isle Tech Student Body President. Volunteer football & track coach at Kamiak HS. Church youth volunteer. YMCA Youth & Government program mentor. World Affairs Council Community Service Leadership program volunteer.

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### Statement

It's an honor and privilege to serve in this district as a young elected official. This community fills me with courage, compassion, and hope for a better future. I am the product of parents who immigrated to the United States as refugees after escaping war. We fought hard to attain the American dream and move into the middle class. Every second of my life has been lived with the understanding of how precious our democracy is, and how important our workers are to our collective future.

America is at a pivotal point where we need new leaders who will strongly advocate for the issues that matter most. With women's rights under attack, billions of our tax dollars that could be invested in our own communities being used in foreign wars, our teachers and schools in desperate need of funding, the looming threat of climate change, our farmers and farmworkers in need of support, and the worst affordability crisis in generations, it is time to acknowledge that business as usual is not working.

As a proven leader who came into my position against all odds, I spearheaded initiatives in my city that have led to an increase in affordability, accessibility, and that have provided mental health support in area schools. I'm ready to bring the community's voice to Congress. I am running because it's time to pass the torch to the next generation of leaders who are more willing to put the needs of people ahead of the needs of big business, corporations, and wealthy donors. District 2 deserves an advocate who truly understands their needs. I will fight for you, for your rights, and for your values. Let us join together in shaping a future that is defined by progress, unity, and hope.

National Endorsements: TrackAIPAC, Moms Demand Action Candidate



Jim

# Daniel

(Prefers Republican Party)

## Elected Experience

Served 12 years, Hospital Commissioner, Klickitat Valley Hospital, Goldendale, Washington. This gave me opportunity to interface with Federal, State and Local County laws and regulations.

## Other Professional Experience

I worked at the Boeing Company for 26 years as a Manufacturing Engineer. I was a team leader on World Class projects that decreased rework paper flow, reduced labor time and improved quality workmanship by interfacing with five Departments: Quality Control, Liaison Engineering, Project Engineering, Project Planning and aircraft mechanics.

## Education

South Kitsap High School, Portland Community College, majored in Political Science, University of Oregon.

## Community Service

Life member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Trout Unlimited.

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## Statement

Truth, Transparency, Trust, Together! I'm a moderate Republican! 2024-2028 must be years of courage and action to move our State forward. We have a 'financial livability' issue within our state.

First, there is too much taxation for working families! Without thinking of the financial crunch that Covid and Inflation caused, more taxes were levied on us. When times are financially difficult the state must lessen its tax burden upon its citizens. The key is balance with Governor priorities and needs of the citizens.

Seattle, Bellevue and commuters North helped pay for the I-405 road construction via a toll tax in 2015. The still existing toll tax has generated three times its construction cost of \$50.4 million. Still the toll tax remains. It should be removed or have the citizens choose an alternate budget item for it to go to.

Second, our state is the 8th worst for the production of homes. We need 225,000 homes by 2030 to keep pace with economic growth. Housing is key to reducing intergenerational poverty and providing economic mobility to the low and middle class. The housing shortage will continue to crush family incomes, making it harder to stop rising rent costs and increase homelessness. Our governor needs to be more proactive. There is opportunity here to launch an economic and job, housing transformation.

Third, We need to keep our communities safe! First, be tough on crime and second, be tough on the causes of crime. Public safety takes precedence over the inequities of the justice system; that needs addressed afterwards. We need to fund the police and ensure they are well trained. We need creativity in developing programs that lead and reduce all levels of crime.

Fourth, we need to launch an ambitious rollout of technical, vocational and trade schools in our high schools.



Cassandra Magdalene

# Hanson

(Prefers Democratic Party)

## Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

## Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

## Education

Spokane Valley Schools

## Community Services

None have always been too busy working but at this point of my life I am prepared to be a part of serving the community.

## Contact

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## Statement

My name is Cassandra Magdalene Hanson. I was born on April 13, 1972, in Waukegan, IL. At the age of three I moved with my family to Opportunity, WA. I grew up in this area and attended schools here. I have a strong work ethic, and am people oriented. I have gained many work-related skills and worked with a wide variety of people. I have a passion to be the voice of the people and I will stand up for people's needs. I will go up and above to get whatever needs, within reason, are to be met.

I believe every voice needs to be heard and I want the opportunity to hear the voices of the people and work with you and for you. There are families with little to no food. Sometimes the only nourishment children receive is provided by the schools. There is a new federal program and with a push from Senator Patty Murry, this summer program funded from the state legislature will provide families with a \$120 preloaded EBT card for grocery stores and farmers markets. We appreciate the Senators ability to get funding and we are grateful. \$120 is a good start but as many of us realize this amount will not cover the needs because food prices are skyrocketing and if I am voted in as governor, I will fight for this cause.

Harsher laws for drug dealers, peddlers and addicts need to be put in place. If we as a state are concerned about these issues, we need to get involved by contacting our local authorities, law enforcement, governor, and senators. We need safety and we need to protect our children.

Other concerns and issues that need to be dealt with are more drug and alcohol rehabs.



Jeff

# Curry

(Prefers Independent Party)

## Elected Experience

This will be the first time serving in the State of Washington as an elected official, as a member of the FedUp Party.

## Other Professional Experience

Small Business Owner, Commercial Driver, Master Horseman, Master Farrier

## Education

Technology Degree from SPSCC

## Community Service

Established a food bank serving the Grays Harbor, King, Pierce, Spokane, and Thurston Counties, which supplied food to various rehabilitation programs. I am currently serving the Olympia homeless community.

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## Statement

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DIJNUSB0s>

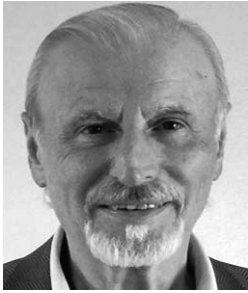
I am proud to be part of a movement in Washington dedicated to eradicating homelessness and addiction. For over 27 years, I've built relationships with homeless individuals through feeding programs and encouraged them to join recovery programs, leading to thousands of successful recoveries and millions of meals served. This includes programs volunteers fund on their own in homes and organizations like Christian motorcycle associations, which are currently unsupported by Washington.

As a school bus driver, I've seen the dangers of fentanyl on school buses. We must protect our children from this threat. We can transform lives and create a brighter future by offering compassion and support. I have a plan to bring lasting change to our schools.

In September 1996, on an island in the Pacific Northwest, I witnessed a horrific event involving a young girl being abused by a group. When I tried to report it, I was threatened by the community and authorities. This terrifying experience exposed the deep-rooted corruption and abuse in our system and ignited my mission to protect the vulnerable.

As governor, I will fight corruption by establishing an independent commission investigating law enforcement and government agencies. I will also implement stronger protections for whistleblowers to safeguard those who speak out.

We must also overhaul our foster care and family court systems and install the parenting evaluation produced by U of W and discarded by our politicians. I will ensure regular audits of family courts and create a task force to combat child trafficking. Additionally, I will expand mental health and addiction services; together, we can make Washington State safer.



Alex  
**Tsimerman**  
 (Prefers Standup-America Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

No Information Submitted

#### **Other Professional Experience**

I have had business consultant experience with multiple companies.

#### **Education**

Master degree in Engineering & Management. Education from living under in Soviet Union fascism & 35 years in King County & Seattle fascist government has taught me both systems are absolutely identical. I was a dissident under the Soviet Union and now a dissident of Washington State and King County. And for the last many years I have the best education with Dem-Nazi-Fascist-Mob-Bandito regime, and this has changed my mind because I did not believe this could happen in America.

#### **Community Service**

No Information Submitted

#### **Contact**

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#### **Statement**

Trump! America First! USA! Standup-America Now! Stop Dem fascism with idiotic face and government anti-Semitism. Stop dirty-dem-nazi-fascism-junta, bandito and killer who has controlled us for 40 year. They make local government corrupt to the bones. For more than 30+ years, I make 100+ complaint to local governments and not one positive answer. We have political police who act like Gestapo and KGB. There are no more 3 separate branches of government; they act like one, just like communist and Nazis. Standup-America! No matter your political view, We the people need to break this dirty chain and bring America back to common sense like we had from the beginning. This is what America is about – common sense. Without dirty-dem-crooks.

I speak now to freaking slaves and happy cows. Stop Democrats who for the last 20-years made our lives miserable and is worse. These happy cows like to pay \$6 for gas, double for rent & housing, triple for food and crime.

Inflation and crime rates have gone through the roof and local dirty government have done nothing to make our situation better. Standup Happy cows and slaves bring America back under constitution and law for everybody!

A One party system is always Fascism. Standup Washington State to bring us back to normal life. We have enough money in the system to make life better for everyone without a penny more from the people. No Taxes for first \$100 spent on anything. We pay \$100 billion for taxes. Enough is enough. Give ordinary people a little bit of air for breathing.

Stop dirty-fascist-rats who drink from fat cat toilet. Make America Great Again. Make Washington State Great Again. Make King County Great Again. Standup-America Now! Vote for Alex Tsimerman.



Mark

## Mullet

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

State Senator from 2012 to present. Current chair of our state construction budget. Current Washington State Investment Board member that manages our \$200 billion of public pension assets. Issaquah City Council 2009 to 2013.

### Other Professional Experience

Own and operate a pizza restaurant and four ice cream shops. Being a small business owner has taught me the importance of not wasting money.

### Education

Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Indiana University in 1994. Master's in Public Affairs from the Evans School at the University of Washington in 2008.

### Community Service

Issaquah Food Bank Board Member from 2008 to 2013. Issaquah Rotary Club 2008 to present.

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### Statement

I'm running for Governor because in the past decade our state has become unaffordable and less safe, which is why we need a change in leadership. My wife and I want our own six children to be able to afford to live in Washington after they finish school. Every Governor for the past three decades has been a lawyer, it is time for a small business owner in the Governor's office so we get value out of current tax dollars rather than asking for new taxes every year.

During my time in the senate I have pushed back on both the extreme right and extreme left. I have a long track record of finding bipartisan solutions to our state's biggest challenges. We need a Governor who will bring people together, not divide them.

I'm endorsed by the mayors of Everett, Ellensburg, Kent, Renton, Lacey, Mercer Island, Woodinville, Snoqualmie, Covington, Maple Valley, and Issaquah, because I'm committed to state investments to improve local public safety. I'm endorsed by law enforcement organizations and Eastside Firefighters (Local 1762) because I'm a public safety champion. I'm endorsed by Seattle Council President Sara Nelson because I led the charge to make sure our state did not decriminalize dangerous drugs like fentanyl. I'm endorsed by our Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, Senator Annette Cleveland, and Senator John Lovick because I always stand up to protect women's reproductive rights (I have four daughters). I'm endorsed by the Realtors because I'm a housing champion. I'm endorsed by our Public School Employees (Local 1948) because I'm a champion of our public schools (my wife is a teacher).

I'm a dad on a mission to keep the state I love affordable and safe for my children. I would be honored to earn your vote so we can change Washington together!



Martin Lee

# Wheeler

(Prefers Republican Party)

## Elected Experience

Fire Department "Vote yes"

## Other Professional Experience

President and Chief Financial Officer of Oak Hills, Inc, works in organic agricultural research, food production, organic medicine. Retired from Pierce County Fire District 7, known as Central Pierce Fire and Rescue, Medic-1, USDA Federal Work. Martin always works for the protection and betterment of those around him through active support.

## Education

Martin Lee Wheeler is a proud graduate of Bethel Senior High and Tacoma Community College. He attended Green River Community College, Whatcom County College and Western Washington University, as well as National Fire Academy. Martin has over 10,000 documented hours of continuing education.

## Community Service

Adopt-a-Road, Adopt-a-Highway

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## Statement

When Martin Lee Wheeler was hired as a professional firefighter, he took an oath to uphold the laws of Washington State, which he did for over 30 years as a public servant. He will continue that pledge as the Governor for our Great State of Washington. Republicans, Democrats, Independents and citizens agree the Governor of the State of Washington needs to be transparent to "We the people" and serve the entire population in all thirty-nine (39) counties. It is no secret a large section of our state border needs protection. He is committed to protecting the State of Washington residents and will provide full support to fire, police, and military personnel. His understanding of corporate and private logistical needs will be shared through his Executive Administrative Team of Directors. He will lead by example, will showcase the natural beauties our great state has to offer everyone, so all can enjoy the flowing waterways, forests, and mountains which must be protected with common sense principles. As Governor, he will bring corporate transparency and viability to the bi-annual budget. Integrity is key to this democratically led republic. He will continue to prioritize all areas of Washington which require safety standards for roads, highways, by-ways, and schools of all denominations. Health Departments are a critical part of the infrastructure of Washington State. However much more needs to be done. That is why I am asking for your vote.

I am committed to Washington State and its management, which must be fair. I will work tirelessly and diligently to answer public requests and keep communication lines open. Together we can balance progress, sensibility, and compassion with collective bargaining. I pledge to the citizens to listen, negotiate and continue to serve you. There is much gratification knowing you support me. "Vote for Martin Lee Wheeler."



Jennifer

## Hoover

(Prefers Republican Party)

### Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

### Other Professional Experience

CEO Eaglets Community Outreach. Teacher Ogden Hall women's shelter, providing counseling for women recovering from distress/homelessness. Instructional Leader: Corbin, Sinto, Evergreen Senior/ Retirement Centers.

### Education

Bachelor's degree: University of Washington/Eastern Washington; Public Teacher

### Community Service

Civil Activist: Fought against pornographic content in school reading material. Successfully petitioning public authorities to increase snow plows during severe storm weather. Instated a more legible way for the Treasurer's office to inform seniors of options to lower property taxes. Volunteering, organized feeding and clothing for the homeless with Mead soup kitchen outreach. Mentorship recovery programs at Dalton halfway houses. Fairchild Air Force Base VBS volunteer.

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### Statement

As an American citizen of Japanese descent, born and raised in Washington State, it is my honor to run for office. As Governor, I have a powerful plan to address a Nationwide problem of drug-related, homelessness that begins in our own Evergreen State. My strategy involves mandatory rehabilitation, community involvement, and medical/psychiatric care, with work-related training programs, promoting self-sustaining futures for each individual.

Public schools that impose sexually mature agendas on vulnerable minds will be held accountable to an appropriate curriculum that includes guardian involvement. Children will not be given the option of making body-altering decisions with a doctor, funded by our taxpayer dollars, especially without parental consent.

My strategy will be to reallocate resources, making housing and the cost of living more affordable, while empowering change! With higher fuel taxes, around 49 cents per gallon, and exorbitant sales taxes imposed by Legislators, I will fight hard for you. I will take radical steps to protect your rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, with improved, 2nd Amendment firearm safety training, while working diligently with our police force and state legislators to reduce unnecessary government spending. Our beloved Veterans and Seniors should never have to wait 5 months, or even 3 hours just to see a doctor!

As your Governor, I will make all Washingtonians a financial priority, with aims on thresholds being heightened, and growing property taxes being capped, so senior citizens are not forced back to work during retirement years, of which social security will be kept safe.

I will prioritize the importance of family, and actively promote Dad's parental involvement, especially with their sons.

As Governor, I plan to bridge the gap between both parties in one united goal; pursuing peaceable solutions that improve a better for us all; who always work better together.



Andre

## Stackhouse

(Prefers Green Party)

### Elected Experience

State & National Democratic Party Delegate (Sanders, 2020). Won a competitive race for Precinct Committee Officer, unable to serve due to an unexpected move.

### Other Professional Experience

Writer, section editor, editor in chief The Daily of the UW and bylines at The International Examiner. Teaching & research assistant at UW. Assistant Producer UWTV. Software engineer at Code.org, Fencing Time, and Microsoft. Nonprofit executive director Whole Washington. Certified coach Rain City Fencing Center.

### Education

Graduated Inglemoor High School with a full IB Diploma (2009) and received a Bachelor of Science in Informatics: Human Computer Interaction from UW School of Information (2014).

### Community Service

Open-source software development

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### Statement

Washington has been a lifeboat in a churning sea of embarrassing national politics. As our country loses freedoms (like Roe V Wade), and is ravaged by pandemic, inflation, ecological collapse, and democratic erosion, the people have held strong defending our state's values and way of life. I'm running for Governor because we can't wait for Congress to secure our own futures in the state we call home.

I'm a lifelong Washingtonian. I was educated by our public schools like Inglemoor High (go Viks) and UW (go Dawgs). I've worked up and down our tech industry from the scrappy Code.org to the multinational Microsoft. I've been a full-time movement leader at Whole Washington organizing marches, leading ballot initiative campaigns, and testifying to commissions in Olympia. If elected, I'd be Washington's first Governor of Viet descent.

Washington has every ability to implement life changing policies like universal healthcare, a housing guarantee, and tuition-free higher education. These universal services will provide immediate relief to millions and ensure nobody is left behind while enabling us to make important transitions in the face of changing technology and global competition. These policies aren't just possible, they are sensible investments in public goods.

Our state has a higher GDP per capita than even the wealthiest nations of the world like Norway and Sweden. It's home to 13 billionaires, leading industries, and top research institutions. But our greatest wealth is the ingenuity, independence, and compassion of our people.

The world we want is possible today in Washington and is only a matter of political will. I aim to be that political will whether through active citizenship or from inside the Governor's mansion. I am your organizer, but you my fellow Washingtonians are the movement.

Get involved at [www.publicstackhouse.org](http://www.publicstackhouse.org). Our future awaits us.



EL'ona

## Kearney

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

Junior Vice Commander vfw1263, U.S. Army, leadership roles in veterans' clubs and student government, advocated for targeted policy goals, lobbying for college funding, and crafting bill proposals.

### Other Professional Experience

Military intelligence service in the Army, founded a nonprofit organization focused on teaching youth about the legislative process, interned with a State Representative, licensed process server, licensed notary, ordained minister, homeschool group educator, forgiveness coach.

### Education

United States Army, Central Florida Community College, Renton Technical College, The Evergreen State College

### Community Service

Founder of Citrus County Community Alliance (nonprofit), advocating in politics from local to state meetings.

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### Statement

As a former single mother, veteran, wife of a union worker, author, and small business owner, my lived experiences represent the struggles and triumphs of everyday Washingtonians. I'm not running alone; we are running for Governor, uniting in a community-driven campaign to amplify marginalized voices and enact genuine change across our state.

My platform promotes unity, collaboration, and ensuring unheard voices have a seat at the table, with a focus on prioritizing mental health, addressing homelessness, and reforming policing to reduce recidivism. Fiscal responsibility and accountability are non-negotiable and will be addressed from day one.

My diverse background equips me with a profound understanding of the legislative process, government operations, and advocacy for critical issues. With my listed leadership roles and political engagement, I bring valuable insights into national security, defense policy, and veterans' affairs, informed by firsthand experiences and challenges faced by service members, veterans, and our families.

Through my nonprofit organization, which educated youth on the legislative process, and internships with State Representative Jimmie Smith, I gained invaluable exposure to the inner workings of government, decision-making, and the importance of fair governance. My professional journey underscores my leadership abilities, collaborative spirit, organizational management, and advocacy on behalf of constituents, mobilizing diverse groups toward common objectives.

Like many of you, my family struggles with economic challenges, and realizing the American dream feels like a nightmare. Unlike my opponents, who lack the lived experiences of the voters, I offer a fresh perspective, untainted by career politics. To effect real change, we must break free from the status quo for the betterment of our state.

As Governor, my commitment is to Empower Every Voice and Build a Politics Removing Labels. Together, we will dismantle stereotypes, encourage dialogue, and empower communities to actively shape the future of governance.



Ricky

# Anthony

(Prefers Democratic Party)

## Elected Experience

Ricky Anthony deeply understands how decisions, or the lack thereof, can influence the political climate. He embodies the wisdom to identify overlooked concerns and confidence to inspire progress.

## Other Professional Experience

Five years of diplomatic involvement with the U.S. Embassy.

## Education

Ricky Anthony holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration and will complete his Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Services Management in June 2024.

## Community Service

Ricky Anthony pledges to the community and advocates for underrepresented veterans and health initiatives. He has contributed to initiatives supporting people living with multiple sclerosis and has dedicated 13 years as a youth sports coach.

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## Statement

Ricky Anthony is known for his reliability and efficiency, excels in collaboration and proposal development. Never one to shy away from discussions, he handles them with cordiality and foresight, fostering mutual understanding and collaborative progress. With a concentrated administrative background, well-rounded education, diplomatic experience (Hungary, S.R. Vietnam), and balanced leadership qualities, Ricky is a highly qualified candidate for the position of Governor.



Bob

## Ferguson

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

Attorney General. Reelected with 67%, winning 37 of Washington's 39 counties. An independent leader, Bob manages Washington's largest law office. He protects the rights of all Washingtonians, prosecutes criminals, and stops price-gouging that harms families.

### Other Professional Experience

Bob began his professional career in Eastern Washington. He worked with federal judges appointed by presidents of both parties. Bob represented taxpayers, local governments, and small businesses. Growing up, he worked delivering newspapers and washing dishes at a senior home.

### Education

University of Washington; Law Degree, NYU.

### Community Service

Bob served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, managing an emergency services office assisting vulnerable individuals and tutoring kids.

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### Statement

Son of a special education public school teacher and a Boeing employee, Bob takes on the toughest fights, solves problems, and gets things done for you—not powerful interests. He is the only candidate who refuses campaign contributions from corporate PACs and large corporations. Never satisfied with the status quo, he'll protect your rights and deliver change for Washington.

As Governor, Bob's top priority is improving public safety. He'll hire more police officers to combat crime and fentanyl. He took on powerful drug companies, winning \$1.2 billion for increased treatment and first responders. Nurses, firefighters, and prosecutors endorse Bob because they trust him to combat public drug use and improve the mental health system. Bob worked alongside law enforcement to end the rape kit backlog and bring justice to survivors. He knows how to bring people together to solve big challenges.

Bob and his wife Colleen, who works at a community college, are raising teenage twins. Bob knows high housing prices make it hard for too many families. He'll work with both parties for commonsense solutions to address homelessness and rising housing costs—building 200,000 affordable homes in four years. Bob will increase opportunities for every Washingtonian to get ahead by investing in career education, skills training, and apprenticeships.

Bob understands our democracy is threatened and successfully blocked dozens of illegal Trump administration actions. As Governor, he'll defend our democracy and protect Washingtonians. A champion for reproductive freedom, Bob is the only candidate endorsed by Pro-Choice Washington and Planned Parenthood.

In contrast, Congressman Dave Reichert said, "I love Donald Trump's policies," and voted with Trump 92.5% of the time. Reichert repeatedly voted to impose a nationwide abortion ban that criminalizes doctors and to abolish the Affordable Care Act. Reichert opposes marriage equality.

Bob fights for us.



Chaytan  
**Inman**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

I am not a politician. Luckily.

**Other Professional Experience**

I am working as a wildland firefighter. Previously I have been an AI engineer at Apple, a software developer at Meta, and grew neurons that played computer games at Cortical Labs.

**Education**

BS in Computer Science from the University of Washington, with minors in French, International Studies, and Entrepreneurship.

**Community Service**

President and Founder of Interactive Intelligence, expanding access to neuroscience and AI education. Volunteered for Trans Pride Seattle

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**Statement**

The Democratic party has failed us. I'm Chaytan. I am 22 years old, and I am not a politician. I'm running for governor for one simple reason: We – me, my generation, your kids, and your future – are out of time.

Fossil fuel use in Washington state has increased under Jay Inslee (EIA State Energy Consumption Estimates, 2023). That's right. Despite clean energy subsidies, wind farms, and the cap-and-invest program, fossil fuel use has increased. While crops dry out and heatwaves strike, our politicians broker corporate lies, enrich the rich, and make us pay. Other candidates have no reply. I do. On day one as governor I will declare a climate emergency and shutdown building the GTN Xpress pipeline. But that's just day one.

It's time to stop lying to ourselves about the environmental crisis. Energy is not infinite so GDP cannot grow indefinitely. Infinite growth is illogical. Worse, growing GDP enriches a few and crams people into cities, destroys the environment, and raises prices. We're investing in EVs instead of public transport, carbon offsets instead of real change, recycling instead of reusing. So why don't we cut the shit. We cannot outconsume overconsumption. But this is, in fact, good news.

We can stop corporate destruction by changing the rules of the game. As governor, I will give the Earth rights. It flips the board. Giving the Earth rights gives people the power to steward our land and resources. It takes away the bureaucracy of the environmental crises and places trust in people – not corporations – to protect our most precious gift.

Finally, let's address the elephant in the room: you think I am not as qualified as Bob Ferguson. Well you're right. The last thing we need is another old politician as governor, repeating the same complacency.



Michael

## DePaula

(Prefers Libertarian Party)

### Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

### Other Professional Experience

PNW Enterprise Operations Lead at Facebook/Meta

### Education

Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, VA; graduated University of Southern California with a B.M. in Music Performance on the French Horn, 2000.

### Community Service

Ballard Little League board member; Global Underwater Explorers Project Baseline contributor, NRA Basic Pistol instructor.

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### Statement

Since the start of my campaign last November, I have been the only candidate consistently focused on two key initiatives that ensure our state's survival over the next four years: 1) Bolstering Washington's economy in the face of a global recession, and 2) Preserving the rights of all Washingtonians in what many perceive to be an environment of increasingly Orwellian and corrupt government.

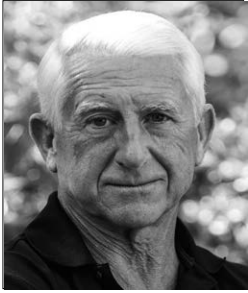
Whether you consider yourself a liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between, nothing any candidate says matters if they will not focus relentlessly on these two items.

As I write these words, we are a nation at war, both by proxy with foreign nations as well as here at home with each other. This civil disunion is quickly snowballing, with each side of the red / blue divide believing that their side must win in order for our nation to survive. Will this game of "Tug of War" bring us more stability and security, with 49% feeling disenfranchised and abandoned when the results are tallied?

Libertarian governance, by contrast, offers us a way back. It gives us a true check and balance on the left / right duopoly in Olympia and prominently features a way of thinking that drove the health and wealth of our early nation and state, the idea that we the people should be free to live our lives and pursue our own interests without government interference so long as we harm no others nor their property.

Libertarianism is a light framework that restores our day-to-day choices to us, reduces our cost of living, and strips away the avenues of corruption used by those in politics: money and influence. And the best part? It creates the societal conditions where we can be neighbors with each other again.

Please join me in voting Libertarian this election!



Dave

## Reichert

(Prefers Republican Party)

### Elected Experience

King County Sheriff, 1997-2005; US House of Representatives, 2005-2019

### Other Professional Experience

US Air Force Reserve (1971-1976). Joined the King County Sheriff's Office in 1972. In 1997 became King County's first elected sheriff in 30 years. Vice President, Gordon Thomas Honeywell from 2019 to 2023.

### Education

Concordia Lutheran College, AA

### Community Service

Served on King County's Domestic Violence Council. Board of Directors for The Borgen Project. Founder of King County Violent Firearms Coalition. Former Member of King County Committee to End Homelessness. Founder of King County Sheriff's Police Activities League. Youth coach and counselor. Two-time Washington Medal of Valor Recipient. National Sheriff of the Year.

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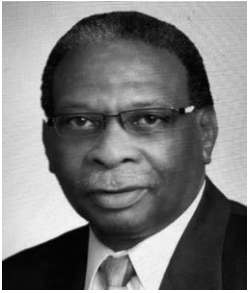
### Statement

For nearly 40 years our state has been lost in a wilderness of one-party rule. What has that gotten us? The highest violent crime rate in our history, friends and family dying from fentanyl, record homelessness, and the worst maintained roads, highways, and ferries in America. As your governor, I will work tirelessly to foster an economy that works for everyone, safe streets and neighborhoods, and ensure the children in our state get a world class education.

From the United States Air Force to the King County Sheriff's Office, I witnessed examples of selfless sacrifice, individuals who put others before themselves. That experience taught me what it means to have a servant's heart, honored by an opportunity to help, and driven to show the courage and humility it takes to get things done. As King County Sheriff, I arrested violent criminals and locked up human traffickers who preyed on women and children. On my watch crime was down as we enforced the law and everyone was accountable. This experience served me well when the people of Washington sent me to Congress where I worked with Republicans and Democrats to pass big and bold policies on everything from taxes to trade to protecting our beautiful environment.

We've been living in a state where our leaders have pit region against region, generation against generation, and yes even family against family. Dividing people is not the answer. We must work together, side by side, to tackle the issues we all face. I have been endorsed by nearly every sheriff in the state and people of all party affiliations – Republican, Independent, Democrat – are joining our campaign because they understand that business as usual is no longer an option.

I would be honored to have your support to be your next governor.



Don L.

## Rivers

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

### Other Professional Experience

Hello, I am Don L Rivers and I am running for governor of Washington State because I am seasoned. I've advised elected officials, law enforcement agencies, and others in this state, across the nation, and abroad for over 4 decades. I was asked to be a consultant in DC but declined the offer to stay and make our state better. In the private sector, I worked as a union worker for 50 years before I retired.

### Education

No Information Submitted

### Community Service

I have volunteered with several organizations including Family Center and Project Children for over 20 years.

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### Statement

I have walked in marches and stood with those who have had loved ones shot and killed wrongfully by law enforcement. I have sat with parents whose children have been kidnapped, traded into the world of sex trafficking, and even murdered. I've observed, like many of you, that our young people are in crisis and struggling to survive in today's society. We have a nonexistent mental healthcare system. We must find new ways to increase the government's revenue and opportunities to balance our tax system. Our eroding bridges and outdated ferry system must be repaired and replaced, and we must address the issue of flooding. I know I can remedy these problems that our state is facing.

This election, you can elect a real public representative; one that is not about black or white but accepts all cultures, creeds, races, and people; one that is not pro-life but pro-choice; and one who believes that every person should have the right to feel safe in their own community. I believe that dealing with homelessness is the greatest opportunity to bring positive change in society. I would expand access to housing, mental health, and drug rehabilitation services throughout the state. Getting people into housing is the best way to convince them to become productive members of society.

I believe, by using the 3L program of Listen (to the people's concerns), Learn (from their experiences and issues), and Lead (them to a brighter future), that I am the right choice to guide Washington State. I look forward to working together to better our state. All are included. Thank you.



Jim

# Clark

(States No Party Preference)

## Experience

Secretary, Computer Technology Investigators Northwest (CTIN), non-profit organization.

## Other Professional Experience

Washington State 2023 Child Support Schedule Workgroup member.

## Education

Pepperdine University (MBA), University of California at Santa Barbara (M.S. Computer Science), and University of Massachusetts at Amherst (B.S. Computer Systems Engineering).

## Community Service

Four years advocating for legislative court reform as the Washington State Chair of National Parents Organization. Ten years parent volunteering in Lake Stevens School District K-12 classrooms including two years helping teach high school computer science using the Microsoft TEALS curriculum. Fifteen years volunteering for the Citizens Wildlife Monitoring Program maintaining remote camera sites that photograph wolverines, wolves, fishers, bears, and more.

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## Statement

Significantly unequal child custody and support orders create additional family conflict, cause tremendous harm to families, and ultimately do not benefit children. Washington State received a grade of 'F' for custody rights and child support protections by National Parents Organization.

A top priority of the next governor should be to enact a Shared Parenting Bill of Rights to reform our failing court system to benefit children.

A Shared Parenting Bill of Rights first and foremost reforms our family law courts to protect the rights of all fit, willing, and able parents to have the default presumption of equal shared custody. The benefits of 50/50 shared parenting for children are well documented by decades of scientific research and apply to even high conflict separations and divorces. Five states have already done so with very positive results.

Child support reforms are needed to automatically share money between parental homes that share custody (Residential Credit). This ensures that child support equally protects children in both parental homes and that payments are more equitable and predictable, which in turn will reduce conflict. Currently, even in the families that already share custody 50/50, child support is shared in only one out of four cases.

Washington State needs to reform court funding and staffing levels so that justice is speedy and cases are not unnecessarily delayed. Regardless of whether an innocent parent needs custody restored or a guilty parent needs custody removed, delays in the court system hurt children and should not drag on while children grow up.

Your vote in this election can help elevate the issues of court reform and shared parenting so that the next governor must address these issues to get your vote in November. Donations will support the Campaign for 50/50 in 2025. See <https://SharedParentingGov.com> for more information.



Fred

## Grant

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

Elected Washington State Democratic Delegate for the 7th Congressional District.

### Other Professional Experience

15 year digital media and communications professional. Small business owner with many commercial clients throughout the US. World traveling documentarian.

### Education

Graduated from George Walton High School. Received a Bachelor's Degree from Georgia State University. Obtained certificates in Political Science, AI programs, UI/UX Design, and Project Management from Udemy, Inc.

### Community Service

Logged over 100+ hours as a scout and volunteered on numerous projects throughout Washington. Recently, participated in the Glendale Forest Clean-up hosted by King County Parks and the Georgetown Urban Forest at South Seattle College, led by the Duwamish Tribe.

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### Statement

I am excited to announce my candidacy for Governor of Washington. I believe in a Washington where every voice matters, where transparency and accountability are the pillars of our government. My decision to run stems from a deep-rooted commitment to serve our great state with integrity, dedication, and a vision for a brighter future for every resident, regardless of background or circumstance.

Throughout my life, I have been driven by my passion for public service and desire to make a positive impact for my community. The people of Washington deserve a sustainable future, that is why as Governor my top priority will be to ensure that each and every individual in our state has access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. I am committed to addressing the urgent issues facing our state, from tackling climate change and protecting our natural environment to solving the pressing need for affordable housing and healthcare. Our healthcare and housing shouldn't be luxuries, they're rights.

I am passionate about Washington and the amazing people in this state. In a stable society, safety is paramount. That is why I will work tirelessly to decrease firearm-related incidents through responsible policies that protect our citizens, while respecting our Second-Amendment rights. Through relentless teamwork, I am confident we can find innovative solutions to these complex challenges to build a better future for all.

Let's build a Washington where prosperity, equity, and sustainability intersect. Join me in creating a brighter, stable future for all Washingtonians.

"It's not just about our future, it's about our present. It's our time now."



Leon A

## Lawson

(Prefers Trump Republican Party)

### Elected Experience

a business owner, entrepreneur, and CEO, Mr. Lawson understands the intricacies of our economy and state. His track record as a master salesperson, winning the title of salesman of the decade, showcases his ability to navigate burdensome agency regulations.

### Other Professional Experience

Lawson secured third place in the 2022 US Senate primary election. Lawson exposed negligent practices Oversight and abuse within state agencies.

### Education

Graduate Shelton High School 1994, NMVSC, Tumwater Wa, WSIADA certified, State Agent in aerospace and automotive

### Community Service

Mr. Lawson is a relentless advocate for the interests of the community. His work has led to significant changes and compliance within state agencies.

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### Statement

A call for real change to end the endless division MAGA 2024 is our movement, and justice is long past due. We see homelessness, drug abuse, and the grooming of our kids. It's time to deport all illegal immigrants and end sanctuary cities. However, regardless of your opinion on these issues, it's time for the people of Washington to unite for real grassroots change. No other candidate possesses the skill set needed to lead us out of the darkness like myself. Anyone who tries to tell you about the challenges we face moving forward is misleading you. We have no way to assess the damages done to our state under this failed administration until we gain control of the real numbers and information. In my opinion, we've been given less than 1% of the information. It's in the best interest of those who control the levers of power to keep this information from public consumption. The rot and abuse within state agencies are beyond imagination. They've been awarded the ability to defer corrective litigation to themselves. This division by issues separates us, but we need unity. I understand that many of you feel the voting system is rigged. If 1/3 of the population feels this way, it lacks confidence. However, even if they are cheating, not casting your vote gives it to them, and no crime is done. Let's make them Cheat. Once I win, I'll show you a whole new world of government controlled by the people. WWG1WGA is the people's way of taking back control. Please watch my video series on YouTube. You can access it from My website, LeonLawson.com. I am a fierce opponent of CBDC, as well as the WHO. We will destroy the Uniparty with law and light and Audit the 3 letter agencies.



Edward

## Cale IV

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

I started The Freedom Project in elementary school, 3rd grade, as an experiment to see if reform and balance could be implemented, and whether people would respond with charity for all, e.g. Lake View Elementary School in Auburn, WA. If elected, I'll hire those willing to help reform the government, such as Governor Inslee, many who are running right now, and those across the state.

### Other Professional Experience

I am strong in mathematics, science, public service, and human relationships.

### Education

I have a BA with an emphasis in Multicultural Counseling, and Business, Master level work in counseling.

### Community Service

Experience working with children and families.

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### Statement

My campaign website is <https://sites.google.com/view/edwardcale4washingtongovernor/home>. If elected I will implement the Freedom Project, an online program that allows Washington State residents/registered voters to both vote and participate in government at the local level and state level. I plan to reform the education system by making acceptance rates, graduation rates, and etc. transparent for all levels, degree programs, and institutions; I plan to resolve the education system's financial scam, providing relief for all borrowers. I will reform the welfare and prison systems, and also implement new laws that require gender and paternal equality for all across all government funded programs, departments, and institutions. I plan to implement a four phase program of rehabilitation and mentorship, and help lift people out of homelessness, poverty, disability, and welfare. I also plan to reform the immigration system. I plan to institute projects in housing, business, and transportation that benefit all people in every socioeconomic bracket of the state. I plan to help families, even working families, afford the cost of child care, prescription costs, medical expenses, and insurance through new programs. Additionally, I plan to address the issue of massive incarceration by addressing the need for prison reform through a four phase program where those incarcerated are able to correct areas of need and integrate successfully into society (i.e. less time in the prison system, less cost to tax payer, less repeat offenses). Further, I will help businesses across the state afford better retirement and benefits for their employees through a new retirement resolution department.

If elected I will help make Washington State one of the most prosperous states, with your help.

Thank you.



Frank

## Dare

(Prefers Independent Party)

### Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

### Other Professional Experience

My 23 year Air Force career included evaluating, writing plans, and preparing for worst case situations. As a civilian, I helped injured or ill workers return to work as a contractor to the Department of Labor and Industries for 5 years. I evaluated clients for the Department of Social and Health Services employee for 12 years.

### Education

I have a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Education.

### Community Service

I was a court-appointed Child Advocate for foster children. The day I'm sworn in, Law Enforcement officers will again have the authority to arrest and detain criminals and assist Immigration and Customs Immigrations Agents.

### Contact

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### Statement

I'm Frank Dare. I'm running for Governor as an Independent Candidate, because it's time for a reasonable change! We must have Open Government, Closed Borders and understanding for All Lives Matter. I'm the only candidate who has the experience and background to help with our more serious State Problems. I'm asking our citizens to vote for me.

My wife and I were married while I was training to become a Rescue Pilot. Our daughter was born a week after I left for Vietnam. Our son was born a year after I returned to the States. We raised our children in or near military bases, we and our neighbors knew we wouldn't suffer from lack of compassion and care. I will insure our law enforcement officers and other first responders' families receive the same compassion and care.

I will work our our State Departments, Agencies and Legislators to use reasonable ways to reduce our debt and lower our taxes. I will recommend some of our money be spent for children and families being safe in parks, which will reduce drub use and crimes. Our money will be used wisely to reduce the major problems in education, health and finding work within peoples abilities. I know about the problems teachers and children have, including "life sentences caused by irresponsible parents."

My experience in plans, education and social service will help me lead our state in recovering from the damage done by Inslee and Fergusons's "Sanctuary State" and "Keep Washington Working" illegal laws to protect their illegal aliens.

As Governor I will lead our state using a system similar to the military to help diminish current problems.

The military doesn't have problems with abandoned children, drugs, and crimes they and their families must abide by strict sensible laws.



William

## Combs

(Prefers Independent Party)

### Elected Experience

None.

### Other Professional Experience

I have spent 4 years in the Navy as an aviation electronics warfare technician maintaining communications and electronic warfare systems on the now retired EA-6B Intruder aircraft. Other duties include assignments to base security as a trained auxiliary security force personnel, operating and maintaining aircraft support equipment such as mobile power plants and aircraft air start units. Other work and life experience includes working in a variety of construction related fields.

### Education

Some college.

### Community Service

I volunteer every week at the Dayton food bank helping provide food to needy families.

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### Statement

I am a formerly homeless Navy Veteran who spent several years living on the street and living in different vehicles. Having seen the other homeless population struggling with many problems including drug addiction, alcoholism and mental illness I know where the system fails Americans at this level, especially with Veterans. I have gone through Washington's foster care system and witnessed my foster parents commit acts of domestic violence against each other. With opioids playing a major role in that violence, that has shown me that higher standards for becoming a foster parent must be implemented before any improvements can happen. Life experience always counts for much and my time serving in the Navy and being assigned to Military Security along with my many other responsibilities has given me unique insights on how to give law enforcement real reform instead of cosmetic changes. The greatest responsibility of an American is ensuring that our government remains honest and free from corruption. Removing corruption from our government is why I am running for Governor. I am spearheading the movement to Amend our Constitution so that our country can function as intended by our Founding Fathers. I will be pushing for the State Legislature to declare for a Convention of The Many States under Article V of the United States Constitution. I believe this is the only way to rid our government of the corruption that is plaguing it. I handed such Draft Amendments to my Congressional Representative who has still not taken any meaningful action. If I am not elected as governor, I do not want to hear anyone complain about corrupt politicians or corruption in government ever again.



Alan

## Makayev

(Prefers Nonsense Busters Party)

### Elected Experience

No politician here!

### Other Professional Experience

Came to US to study oriental and naturopathic medicine to combine various systems, but only had \$200, which wasn't enough. I started in construction at \$5/hr. My bosses insisted I should do real estate. I did and've been doing it for 30 years. With zero experience at start, I worked 9 day weeks, saved money, bought first house, second, etc. I bought, sold, cleaned-up several dozens of homes and created a portfolio.

### Education

NOS Medical Academy, USSR. Honors Diploma. Physician; SPU, Foreign Languages, USSR; SLU, Maurice Thorez, Foreign Languages, USSR. Certificate of Excellence; Lomonosov SU, Asian-African Countries, USSR

### Community Service

No Information Submitted

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### Statement

I want to Offer what's been missing: the vision and proper ideology necessary to transform our society.

Imagine a place where prophylactic, preventive medicine and alternative healthcare options are thriving, where you can see doctor quickly, where people are conscientious about what they think and do, where main motivation at work is to get the job done the best they can. A society where no attorney, politician or judge dictates health choices. You decide what treatment and which doctor to consult. I'll work tirelessly to ensure that.

Imagine a future where issues like crime, squatters, drug abuse, homelessness, and skyrocketing prices are gone. These problems are solvable, some quickly and easily, but not by current politicians. And hiring thousands of cops will not stop the crime (it never did before, just kept it at bay). We have to change the way we think, interact and live our lives. That requires different education, leading by example and answering a question about purpose of life. We need to rebuild families. I'll introduce comprehensive education reform to empower students and educators alike.

We can have a government that is a friend, that will build roads and freeways that it promised for years, but never did, that pays off the tolls, lowers the cost of car tabs for everybody, including residents in Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties; where the best, the brightest and most capable are taking the leading positions to create better opportunities for all.

I understand the multifaceted challenges facing our state. My vision, education, experience in both business and personal struggle uniquely positions me to tackle this pressing issue.

Together, we can create a Washington that thrives in every aspect. We'll have a business friendly climate and try to bring back Boing headquarters, Amazon, other businesses that left the state.



Brian

## Bogen

(Prefers Nonpartisan Party)

### Elected Experience

Councilmember, Town of Woodway (2018-2023)

### Other Professional Experience

Businessman investing in small and medium manufacturing and distribution companies in the Pacific Northwest; former President/CEO of North Star Petroleum, providing energy to Alaska and Hawaii; Vice President & Treasurer of Saltchuk

### Education

Bachelor of Finance, University of Washington; Graduate Studies, Seattle University; Senior Executive Program, Stanford University

### Community Service

Past Board President, Chief Seattle Council Boy Scouts of America; former board member, Northwest Chinook Recovery and Long Live the Kings, non-profits that support wild salmon restoration and sustainable fishing; former board member, ACT Theater

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### Statement

Our political system is broken. Tribalism and extremism have taken over, and it's become more about purity and the other "team" losing than finding solutions that make real differences in people's lives. Compromise is not a bad word. It usually means the right balance is reached because neither side feels like they won. It's time for another way.

I'm running for governor as a nonpartisan candidate because voters deserve a real choice—someone who has the experience to run a complex enterprise like state government and has collaborated with non-profits, environmental groups, and others to reach compromises on challenging issues, like salmon recovery. Our shared values of safe communities, a strong economy, a good education, and a clean environment aren't partisan. They unite us, and we should expect balanced approaches from our government.

My parents, both educators, shaped my view of the world and the work I've done. Their work with students with diverse life experiences taught me to listen to and learn from all viewpoints.

Since starting my career in banking to help pay for college, I have built and run big and small businesses. That required assembling teams of smart individuals capable of advising and leading complex and costly projects. I have interacted with various public and private entities, and, most importantly, I have had to make tough decisions, including balancing a budget.

As an Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts has always been part of my life. Working with local leaders, we created Scoutreach to engage with underserved communities to foster greater equity and access to outdoor experiences. As an outdoor enthusiast, the environment has always been a high priority.

If you're ready for pragmatic, nonpartisan leadership and someone who will work across party lines to craft balanced policies that move our state forward, I ask for your vote.



A.L.

## Brown

(Prefers Republican Party)

### Elected Experience

Thurston County Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) representing Hartwood North Precinct since 2023.

### Other Professional Experience

Army Veteran, Chief Warrant Officer Four (CW4) 30 years retired; Deputy Chief Logistics Officer; Department of Veterans Health Administration (Seattle), Chief Innovations Officer. Total of 47 years of combined military-civilian experience.

### Education

Andersonville Theological Seminary, Magna Cum Lauda, Doctorate of Biblical Exposition (2024); Master of Science, Logistics Management, Rochville University (2005); Bachelor of Art, Business Administration, Rochville University (2004); Associate of Art, Business Administration, Methodist College (1986)

### Community Service

Motivational speaker and broadcaster in the church. As a Bishop and Overseer, I hosted, conducted, and officiated numerous community events.

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### Statement

I am A.L. Brown running for Governor. I understand the significance of this position and the need for a highly motivated, dedicated, and committed individual to bring about change. I am determined to reshape the State of Washington and lead by example. I am the candidate who will make an immediate impact and transform Washington into the best state in the United States.

I am a strong and capable leader who consistently gets things done right the first time, in a timely and professional manner. Throughout my life, I have dedicated myself to serving God, family, country, and the local community, while always setting an example of what is right.

I am confident, intelligent, and ready to take on the role of the next Governor of the state of Washington. With your support and commitment to change; together we will "Reshape the State of Washington".



Brad

## Mjelde

(States No Party Preference)

### Elected Experience

First time candidate.

### Other Professional Experience

35 years leadership experience in commercial finance, procurement and supply chain management with Boeing and Weyerhaeuser.

### Education

Completed Kindergarten - 12th grade with a couple of earned awards, and a ribbon or two. BA at University of Washington, 89'.

### Community Service

I've participated in many community projects, national nonprofits, and I'd work full time as your citizen representative for a single term.

### Contact

None submitted

### Statement

Are you happy with the state of our state? I'm not. I'm running for governor and I'd be honored to earn your vote. To my kids and grandkids, remember you miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

Our state is at a crossroads. We're facing rampant homelessness fueled by addiction, out-of-control spending, over the top housing costs and bureaucracy, a lack of adequate funding for mental illness, runaway crime and the ballooning human tragedy of the opioid crisis. Current career bureaucrats believe they can solve the problem by increasing taxation. It isn't working for anyone but them. We need a citizen representative to make some difficult choices to change our trajectory.

If you don't like the prospect of me representing you, please vote for a change in leadership. "Government is instituted for the common good; for the protection, safety, prosperity and happiness of the people; and not for the profit, honor, or private interest of any one man, family, or class of men." John Adams.

No Photo  
Submitted

Bill

**Hirt**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Elected Class President of 25 1957 Armstrong Iowa Graduating Seniors

**Other Professional Experience**

Retired after 36 years as Boeing Propulsion Engineer

**Education**

Iowa State University 1961 BS and 1962 Engineering BS and MS

**Community Service**

No Information Submitted

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**Statement**

I'm filing as a candidate as I have for a decade, not to win but to use Voters' Pamphlet to attract voters throughout state to my blog, <http://stopeastlinknow.blogspot.com>. It's my attempt to make a difference by providing information voters won't read or hear about elsewhere. For example, the purported need to reduce CO2 emissions. The state only admits 1.5% of the country's and 0.175% of the planet's, hardly a climate crisis. Forcing emitters to pay to continue only adds to the costs they'll pass on to consumers. Costs that will surely increase if the Climate Commitment Act isn't repealed.

Voters don't read or hear that WSDOT plans to impose HOT fees on two I-405 lanes will increase congestion on GP lanes and little to reduce HOV travel times. They need to allow GP use on one of the lanes and set fees on remaining HOV lane to achieve the 2000 vehicles per hour and 45 mph that maximizes capacity.

That Sound Transit intends to use 2016 ST3 approval for \$54B from 2017 to 2041 to spend \$145B from 2017 to 2046 and end with \$28B owed. The resulting light rail "spine" won't have the capacity to reduce I-5 peak hour congestion and will cost too much to operate off peak. Their plans to use light rail trains to replace bus routes will reduce transit capacity into Seattle, do nothing to reduce GP lane congestion, and riders transferred will reduce access for current riders.

They plan to open \$12.5B and ten or more years disrupting Seattle doe light rail trains from Ballard to Sodo. The area already has excellent bus service and terminating East Link and West Seattle at the existing CID station benefits both areas and avoids the need for a second tunnel.

My blog provides the details.



Rosetta

## Marshall-Williams

(Prefers Independence Party)

### Elected Experience

I can be guided by no lights derived from official elected opportunities; I must give way to my entire confidence in my pursuit as to how far the candidate can be fortified with illumination in order to be advantageously promoted.

### Other Professional Experience

United Nation-UNESCO Organization, NGO for free education (102,000 teacher schools across India) Directs an estimated 1.5 trillion dollars toward investment in economic relations with Africa, expanding our state's ties with the world's largest democracy, India.

### Education

Continuing Education

### Community Service

Community and State Activist; Assisted state Rep. Mary Skinner 14th District, Rights for SEIU Union workers in Washington State; Yakima City Council.

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### Statement

"There are only three things that America will remember 2000 years from now when they study this civilization: The Constitution, jazz music and baseball. These are the three most beautiful things this culture's ever created."

- Essayist Gerald Early "America's founders intended powers to be exercised not at the federal level, but by state and local governments, which represent fertile ground for policy innovation," setting the example of America, as light on the global hill needing infrastructure and economic development at city and state levels." - Secretary Condoleezza Rice

Being a descendant of Chief Justice John Marshall, I am born into the U.S Constitution, as Jazz was born in the USA. It's music shares individuality, improvisation, creativity, and innovation of the American people.

Baseball is about all people, sharing communal entertainment. It's values of perseverance and teamwork help us all to overcome adversity. The values of jazz and baseball, that inspire our country, are also part of the gritty everyday reality of life in Washington State.

These values pulsate through the communities I have worked with and served for many years. I see the local, national, and global potential of Washington State, from the grassroots up. It is my dedication to represent you as Governor, making a real difference.

As Governor, I will direct an estimated 1.5 trillion dollars toward investment in economic relations with Africa, to heighten the values of the three most beautiful things our culture has ever created, as I will expand our state's ties with the world's largest democracy, India, as Americans belong to the world's oldest democracy.

The Constitution, jazz and baseball represents and includes All American values. As Governor, I welcome you, the people of Washington in our drive for our state, and nation, to once again be that global light on the hill.



Semi

**Bird**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

School Board Director/Legislative Representative; Precinct Committee Officer; Chairman, Benton County GOP; Executive Board member, Washington State GOP.

**Other Professional Experience**

United States Marine Corps: Communications Specialist, Rescue Swimmer; U.S. Army Special Forces at age 43 (post 9/11): Engineer, Intelligence & Operations Leader; Bronze Star Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (5) and more; U.S. Department of Energy: Federal Director, Federal Officer with NNSA, retired as a GS-14; Washington State University: Associate Director; Behavioral Scientist and Business Consultant, specializing in leadership development and organizational performance improvement.

**Education**

BS Business Administration summa cum laude; MS Human Resources Development; PhD. (student) Organizational/Psychology

**Community Service**

Veterans Assistance/Care

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**Statement**

Washington State GOP Endorsed Candidate

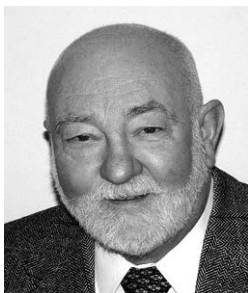
I was raised in King County and have worked and retired in Benton County, giving me a perspective of life on both sides of the state. People on both sides are tired of career politicians representing their own political ambitions, big money donors, and political elites, while our state is on the precipice.

Our children's future is being sacrificed by a broken education system that has strayed from the focus on academic excellence, yet we pay billions of taxpayer dollars to fund it. Washington has become unaffordable for citizens and small businesses due to bad policy and over-taxation.

Our public safety is among the worst in the nation, driving up insurance costs and forcing citizens and businesses to flee our state. Homelessness, mental health, and addiction are at an all-time high, while the flow of fentanyl into our state and onto our streets, goes unabated. The time for change is now, and we must unite to make it happen.

I am applying for the job of Chief Executive Officer of Washington State, not to hold office for more politics as usual, but to bring servant leadership and accountability to Olympia. I have the knowledge, skills, abilities, experience and expertise to do the job well. On day one, we will initiate a third-party audit of all state offices and programs and immediately move toward improving efficiency and performance of your state government.

The billions saved will be returned to citizens through tax relief and fund staffing and technology to address youth crime, drug trafficking, human trafficking, and organized crime. We will support parents and bring accountability to our education system through our education reform initiative. Homelessness will be addressed compassionately with a focus on mental health and addiction intervention as a priority to housing and rehabilitation.



Patrick "Pat"

## Harman

(Prefers Liberal Republican Party)

### Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

### Other Professional Experience

My first concern is that we preserve our democracy. I was commissioned in The NOAA Corps, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander. I did three tours as executive officer, acting commanding officer. I had one executive assignment as Director of the NOAA Information Center. After retiring from NOAA I worked for the Alaska Legislature an aide

### Education

I received an AA degree from the College of San Mateo and a BA in Physical Science from San Francisco State University.

### Community Service

No Information Submitted

### Statement

First and foremost is my commitment to our democracy. The lieutenant governor is unlike other elected positions. Distinct from positions based on policy or partisanship, it is uniquely concerned with the integrity of the political process. While the lieutenant governor does not vote in the legislature or introduce legislation, he or she is president of the Senate and presides over Senate sessions, assuring their smooth operation according to standing guidelines. The lieutenant governor is also the chairman of the rules committee, a bipartisan group responsible for setting the agenda for the Senate sessions. My greatest strength is in being a strong supporter within my field of responsibility. As Lieutenant Governor I would be a member of the executive team. In the unlikely event that I would need to assume the role of governor, charged with the full-time duties of the office, I am confident that I could manage all responsibilities required, and would serve the citizens of Washington professionally and competently.

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David

## Griffin

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Member of local Grocery Workers Union; Operation Manager, J.P. Stevens; Vice President, Pacific Bin Corp.; Over 20 years management experience in Manufacturing, Recycling and the Service Sectors.

### Education

Certification; JIT, J.P. Stevens; Certification, English & Writing P.B. Corp; Certification. Discipline in Management, L.I. C

### Community Service

President of LWYS Association. 10 years Coaching Girls Youth Soccer team.

### Statement

As a lifelong Washingtonian I have seen the changes in society and politics. I am running for Lieutenant Governor to bring pragmatic solutions and bipartisanship. It is the commitment of every elected official to represent all citizens, not just the 20% on the left or right. To foster progress and civility in our state government, to lead, not follow as the easiest path forward. It is time for a change in leadership from what we have had over the last 4 to 12 years. My platform prioritizes access to women's reproductive health care, and responsible financial transparency and responsibility. Investing in our communities to create jobs, supporting our schools to prepare our youth for the future, and ensuring every individual has access to quality healthcare. I am committed to working at local, state and federal levels to help all citizens now and into the future to benefits all. Together, we can build a more prosperous future for our state and it's citizens. Washington has over 4.9 million registered voters. I hope that all voters will get out and vote. I ask for your support and your vote in the upcoming election

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Bob  
**Hagglund**  
(Prefers Republican Party)

#### Elected Experience

Snohomish County Republican Chairman and Legislative District Committee Chairman; Precinct Committee Officer.

#### Other Professional Experience

Professional experience in Data Science, Machine Learning, Online Services, and Business Intelligence serving Healthcare, Manufacturing, Software Development, and Information Security businesses and government. Commercial clients include UnitedHealth, Kaiser, MultiCare, Microsoft, Ernst-Young, Nike, and Altria. Government clients include Defense Department, King County Metro, Apple Health, Medicare/Medicaid and Veterans Affairs.

#### Education

Recent professional certifications include University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School: Data Analytics; University of Washington: Machine Learning and Data Manipulation at Scale, Systems and Algorithms.

#### Community Service

Volunteer: CreatorZone community makerspace; Election auditor, observer; Scout Troop Committee Chairman; Civilian Advisor: Missile Defense Agency.

#### Statement

Our beautiful state of Washington has an out-of-control crime problem. Hopelessness among our youth and homelessness on our streets both are rampant. Fentanyl is killing our children. The cost of living is becoming unbearable for our people. State government is increasingly interfering in the relationships between parents and their children, robbing our kids of a proper education.

The terrible laws that created this disaster passed through our State Senate. The Lieutenant Governor serves as President of the Senate and is able to influence legislation for the better and for the people. When elected, I will stand in the gap blocking the radical agenda of insiders in Olympia, the activists who are destroying, rather than advancing, our civilization. I will stop the misguided extremism now steering state government, returning the focus toward serving you and all of the people of Washington. We need an experienced professional with the team-building skills and training needed to put our state government to work for our people and for you. I have succeeded for many years bringing people together to solve problems, saving precious taxpayer resources, and making people's lives better.

I respectfully ask for your support and for your vote. Thank you!

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Dan  
**Matthews**  
(Prefers Republican Party)

#### Elected Experience

Former School Board member: Advocated for children, parents, education issues in Wash., D.C.; Snohomish County Charter Review Commissioner

#### Other Professional Experience

Veteran Pilot: Vietnam, and Desert Storm; US Air Force Lt. Colonel. Commercial Airline 747 Captain Instructor; Boeing Contract Instructor, 747 Pilot Consultant; Disaster Preparedness Consultant; Airline Pilots Association Union member.

#### Education

BA, Political Science, University of Puget Sound; Washington State Senate Intern; Master's Degree Public Administration, Government.

#### Community Service

Nature Conservancy, Cousteau Society (Founding member), Rotary International, Little League Coach, STEM Skills Task Force, WA Policy Center, Domestic Violence Abuse Services, Hope House, American Legion, Combat Veterans, Local church leadership, Union Gospel Mission.

#### Statement

Professionally, my role has been to safely navigate to every destination, knowing people's lives depended on me. As your Lieutenant Governor, my focus will remain: People working together. From presiding over the State Senate to building bridges throughout government, I seek to establish a climate of cooperation and constructive leadership, restoring confidence in our government.

Career politicians fail us when they deliver dictates, division, and dependency rather than diplomacy and respect. I have stepped forward to help fix a broken system. One political party has controlled our state for decades, representing powerful, big-money interests, growing more extreme, even radical. We must resolve to change course, finding common ground.

JFK challenged: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." I will seek to always advance relationships, balance, and communication, providing a unifying voice and vision for all.

Compelled by faith, hope, and love, I will stand for your rights and our children's future, fulfilling the high calling of serving the public trust with honor and integrity, of service above self. This is my commitment to you. Thank you for trusting me as a thoughtful, deliberate change agent for our future.

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Denny  
**Heck**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

Lieutenant Governor. U.S. Representative, member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Financial Services Committee. Washington State Representative, elected to five terms. Chaired historic Basic Education Subcommittee. Democratic Precinct Committee Officer.

**Other Professional Experience**

Co-Founder, Intrepid Learning Solutions; Co-Founder and President, TVW – Washington's version of C-SPAN; Chief of Staff, Governor Booth Gardner.

**Education**

B.A., The Evergreen State College.

**Community Service**

Denny and his wife of 48 years, Paula (a retired middle school principal), founding members of the Olympia School District Education Foundation's Principals' Emergency Fund, providing low income children with help to be successful in school.

**Statement**

Thank you for the privilege and opportunity to serve as your Lieutenant Governor for the last four years. The most important part of being Lieutenant Governor is serving as President of the State Senate and presiding in an impartial way, fairly applying the rules to everyone and to both parties. We have done this.

But the office of Lieutenant Governor also affords the opportunity to advocate for important policy priorities. We have advocated long, consistently and clearly for the need to more forcefully address the housing crisis in our state, especially for affordable homes for low and moderate income families. Our work helped lead to many accomplishments last year, causing the 2023 session to be called The Year of Housing. So much work remains to be done. We will stay at it.

We have also worked hard and in a bipartisan way, to improve our civic health. We all know it needs to change. We need more respectful discourse in the public square, more inclination to try to find principled compromises and when we cannot, a greater ability to disagree better. Here, too, we will doggedly stay at it. In this spirit, I humbly ask for your support.

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Marquez  
**Tiggs**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

2022 WA Secretary of State Candidate. This is my 2nd run for WA Secretary of State.

**Other Professional Experience**

POCAAN Board of Directors (Interim Secretary) | Marselle Condominium Director At Large | Peer Counselor | Banking and Finance

**Education**

MBA, Seattle University | BS in Applied Management, Grand Canyon University | Graduate Certificate in Election Administration, Auburn University | Peer Counselor Certification

**Community Service**

Young Professionals - Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle | DDI - Democrats for Diversity & Inclusion | Seattle Angels | POCAAN | NAACP | GSBA Volunteer

**Statement**

As a native of Russellville, Alabama, and 2nd oldest of 14 children, I was instilled with the values of leadership, hard work, and community engagement from a young age. However, it is in Washington State that I have found my true home. I am deeply rooted in this community, and my commitment to giving back is unwavering. With a background in both military service and a wealth of experience in various community roles, I bring a unique perspective to the table. My journey has taken me to the boardrooms of nonprofits and from volunteer mentorship roles. My decision to run for Secretary of State is driven by my unwavering belief in the power of representation and the crucial role of ensuring that every voice is heard in our democracy. I firmly believe that true success in rebuilding trust requires a shift towards accountability, transparency, and genuine engagement with all communities, particularly those historically marginalized and underserved.

However, I cannot do this alone. I need your support to enact meaningful change. Together, we can build a brighter future for all Washingtonians, one where every voice is heard, every vote counts, and every community thrives.

Let's make history together.

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Dale  
**Whitaker**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Precinct Committee Officer

**Other Professional Experience**

Chief Financial Officer - Augusta Precious Metals; Currently owns and operates a small tax practice in Spokane

**Education**

Graduated with Honors with a B.A. in Accounting from the Forbes School of Business & Technology at Ashford University; IRS Enrolled Agent Certification

**Community Service**

Executive Director, WBWV for the last 2 ½ years

**Statement**

I am running for Secretary of State because Election Transparency is the most important issue on the ballot. We must instill confidence in the electorate that our elections process and infrastructure are accessible, transparent, and secure. This includes giving the public a closer look inside our elections process and bringing back in person voting in addition to our mail-in voting.

The Secretary of State's office also has an important duty to the incredible businesses throughout Washington in making sure the government red tape does not impede on entrepreneurs ability to create and run their businesses in the state. When I am elected Secretary of State I will work with the Governor and State House to make Washington the most business friendly state in the country.

I have lived in Spokane since 2008 when I emigrated from the United Kingdom to the United States. My wife and I both run small businesses in Spokane, we have two children and a grandchild, we have established our roots here, and we truly love the beauty we have here in Washington State.

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Damon  
**Townsend**  
(Prefers No Labels Party)

#### Elected Experience

Pierce County Auditor Candidate, Precinct Committee Officer, State Delegate

#### Other Professional Experience

Election Supervisor Pierce County; Training Manager – Secretary of State; Interim Election Manager – Clallam and Cowlitz County; Consultant – Elections Operations, Procedures, and Efficiencies; Operations Manager – CenturyLink/Lumen; Data Systems Technician – Mashell Telcom; Business Owner – Safety Training and Consulting

#### Education

Master of Business Administration – WGU; Bachelor of Science – City University (Accounting/Business Administration); History and Political Science – WWU; Washington State Certified Election Administrator

#### Community Service

Volunteer Service – Tacoma Rescue Mission; Community Safety Training; Bethel Rec Coach (Volleyball and Baseball); Watchdogs; Fraternal Organizations – I.O.O.F. #211, F.O.E. #2809

#### Statement

Your Secretary of State should represent all the people of Washington, not just one party. I am running under No Labels, because our political leaders need to listen more to the majority and less to extremists on the far left and right.

I have extensive experience in election administration where I have: modernized tabulation systems providing greater accuracy, accountability, and transparency; helped develop, implement, and educate administrators with the VoteWA system; created national award-winning systems for ballot accountability; proposed legislation to make our elections more accessible, transparent, efficient, accountable, and most importantly – secure.

The people of Washington deserve someone who knows the details of election administration, not a political appointee as their chief election officer. Many of our election laws are antiquated and contradictory, and need cleanup by someone who knows the inside, not someone with a partisan agenda. The partisan legislature creates the laws that govern our elections, those laws should be implemented in the most fair, efficient, and effective ways. A referee wears a striped jersey, not one of the teams in the game. Last election cycle we nearly elected the first nonpartisan Secretary of State in the nation, together let's make history! I appreciate your vote!

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Steve  
**Hobbs**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### Elected Experience

Washington Secretary of State, 2021-present. As state Senator from 2007-2021, Hobbs earned a reputation as a champion of bipartisan solutions.

#### Other Professional Experience

More than three decades of military service in the United States Army and National Guard, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Deployed to Kosovo and Iraq. Task Force Commander - Western Washington's COVID-19 response mission. Western Regional Vice President, National Association of Secretaries of State.

#### Education

Master of Public Administration and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington. United States Army Command and General Staff College, Defense Information School.

#### Community Service

Rotary, American Legion, Nisei Veterans Committee, Special Olympics Washington.

#### Statement

As your Secretary of State, my top priorities are ensuring Washington's elections are secure and accessible for every eligible voter. Since 2021, I've safeguarded the integrity of our elections by investing in cyber and physical security, fighting malicious election disinformation, and providing eligible voters every ability to participate in our democratic process. I will protect Washington's proven and dependable vote-by-mail system. I fought to expand automatic voter registration and increase civic engagement, lowering barriers for eligible citizens. Overseeing Washington's State Library, I confronted book bans and censorship in public libraries across our state. I've increased access to business services and secured resources to preserve our state's history. I'm endorsed by County Auditors who conduct elections, the Washington State Labor Council, business leaders, voting rights advocates, prominent state and federal leaders, and former Governors Gary Locke and Christine Gregoire. I am proud of my career in public service working alongside Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. Washington's Secretary of State must possess the highest standards of integrity and leadership and serve as a strong advocate for voter access. It is the privilege of my life to serve as your Secretary of State, and I would be honored to earn your vote.

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Mike  
**Pellicciotti**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### Elected Experience

State Treasurer, 2021-present; State Representative, 2017-2021.

#### Other Professional Experience

An economic crimes prosecutor (Assistant Attorney General), Mike managed a unit of financial examiners, auditors, and analysts that returned \$30 million to taxpayers from financial fraud and government waste. As a legislator, he created laws to get "dark money" out of politics and combat corporate crime.

#### Education

Bachelor's Degree (Business Administration, economics minor); Master of Rural Development (Fulbright Scholar, economic development); Law Degree, Gonzaga.

#### Community Service

As Equal Justice Coalition Chair, Mike advocated for homeowners unlawfully foreclosed upon, veterans denied benefits, and predatory lending victims. Federal Way Chamber of Commerce. Served on Gonzaga University Board of Regents.

#### Statement

Mike rejects all corporate campaign donations. He puts your financial interests first. As State Treasurer, Mike refinanced all eligible debt, redirecting over \$550 million in Wall Street profits back to the people.

Mike implemented a policy prohibiting Washington State Treasurers from investing in corporations that fund their campaigns. His investments earned Washington \$1.8 billion over the next four years to reduce taxpayer burdens. Mike's local government investment returns are 50 times higher than 2021, sending \$3 million more each day to local governments for schools, first responders, and other community needs. Under Mike's leadership as State Treasurer, Washington now has budget guardrails. U.S. News just ranked our state's long-term fiscal stability the best in the nation. Our state pensions are one of America's best funded. Washington maintains a Moody's AAA-credit rating, the top mark for strong financial management. This makes housing, road, ferry, and school construction more affordable. Mike lowered GET/529 education costs for families, while keeping this important program fully funded. Mike expanded financial education opportunities. He also created an online "Transparency Portal" to show how your public dollars are managed. Endorsed by Washington State Labor Council and Planned Parenthood, Mike will always put working families and retirees first!

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Sharon  
**Hanek**  
(Prefers Republican Party)

#### Elected Experience

Chair of the Pierce County Charter Review Commission and Treasurer for non-profits and political organizations, including Little League and a private school.

#### Other Professional Experience

Owner of a CPA firm and founder of a public policy research company. Pierce County roles: Planning Commissioner, Birth to 25 Board, Redistricting Commissioner.

#### Education

BA in Business Administration and Accounting, University of Washington; CPA since 1980; President of UW International Business Students Association.

#### Community Service

Involved in youth/family service boards, community councils, Little League, private schools, political organizations, property rights alliances, and Kent SD finance and strategic planning committees.

#### Statement

As your State Treasurer, I will advocate for the protection of our state's assets and ensure retirement accounts make sound investments. I will strive to make the accounting system transparent and accountable to citizens. With my professional expertise, I will scrutinize the books and challenge the legislature to exercise greater caution in tax and spending decisions. As a CPA, I have dedicated my career to helping clients preserve their bottom lines, reduce taxes, and securing their futures. I developed and taught a financial literacy class to junior high students and testified before the legislature against raising taxes and over-regulating our businesses. My experience includes advising taxpayers and businesses in our community on wise investments and job creation. In an era of job uncertainty, rising prices, and constant demands for education funding, Olympia's typical solution is to raise taxes and fees. My approach is to account for past expenditures and prioritize sensibly. I will be the accountant Treasurer who leads our state into a new era of fiscal responsibility. Vote to preserve our fiscal future. Vote for accountability. Vote for Sharon Hanek.

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Matt  
**Hawkins**  
(Prefers Republican Party)

#### Elected Experience

Spokane County State Committeeman (R) 4 years, District Leader 2 years, elected by the PCO's from the general membership, PCO 4 years.

#### Other Professional Experience

36 years of senior level business experience working with business owners and industry leaders, including Commercial and Investment Real Estate, Investment Banker, Investor, and Trustee for an Involuntary Bankruptcy. Various National advisory boards. Work with Audit teams.

#### Education

BS in Finance from Brigham Young University, Professional certifications CCIM and CM&AA.

#### Community Service

Election Integrity State Committee to promote transparency. Boy Scouts of America- various roles, Camp Fire Girls- Board member, youth programs-Coaching, University High School Theater, Various PTO's and PTA's.

#### Statement

Working in the private sector for 35 years, within a variety of industries, Hawkins has the skills to work with teams of professionals to improve process and systems. Solutions to our challenges with education, the homeless, mental health, parental rights, property rights, taxes and energy policy can all be found through transparency in audits.

Observing the divide within our country over the past 4 years, Hawkins began asking questions to learn what is happening. An active study of the election system within Washington during this time has revealed the fact that there have been no Audits of the election systems in Washington State, to the same professional standards as are expected in the private sector. Hawkins further learned of the newly created roadblocks to public transparency, as the public is looking for answers. Taxpayers benefit from transparency and accountability. A search for Truth matters. Hawkins is married to Paula and together they have a family of 10 children. They realize that strong communities benefit from family centered policies. Transparency and Accountability are key building blocks to ensure that children become valued contributors to society.

Audits are a great way to understand our past, as we make decisions for our future.

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Pat (Patrice)  
**McCarthy**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### Elected Experience

Current Washington State Auditor 2017-present; Pierce County Executive 2009-2016; Pierce County Auditor 2003-2008; Tacoma School Director 1987-1999.

#### Other Professional Experience

President-elect, National Association of State Auditors; Executive Committee, National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers.

#### Education

B.A., University of Washington Tacoma

#### Community Service

Asian Pacific Cultural Center Advisory Board. Pierce County Sexual Assault Center, Emeritus. Tacoma South Rotary 1999-2016, Honorary Commander, 62nd Airlift Wing, 2005-2009. Key Award, Washington Coalition for Open Government. Star of Destiny Award, Tacoma Historical Society. Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Washington Tacoma; Secretary of State's Auditor of the Year, 2005.

#### Statement

As the first woman to serve as Washington State Auditor, I lead an office responsible for conducting independent audits across all local governments and state agencies, ensuring accountability and transparency in public fund usage. Over my eight-year tenure, responsibilities have expanded, including significant audits of federal COVID-19 pandemic funds. My administration has also greatly reduced the number of "unauditable" governments, increasing our audits' scope and effectiveness. Under my leadership, we exposed nearly \$7 million in misappropriated funds at a local housing agency, the largest fraud case in our state's history. We have strengthened our capabilities by training more fraud examiners and launching innovative programs. These include a pioneering audit of law enforcement's use of deadly force, bolstering cybersecurity with increased IT audits and preventive "cyber-checkups," and a new data analytics program to detect fraud and waste more effectively.

I will continue these efforts in my next term, focusing on managing public resources wisely. My vision includes advancing our technological capabilities to protect public assets and promote integrity across Washington State.

Many have endorsed me; details are on my website. I have a proven and tested public record of leadership. I humbly ask for your vote to continue our progress.

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Pete  
**Serrano**  
(Prefers Republican Party)

#### Elected Experience

Mayor of Pasco; City Councilmember since 2018.

#### Other Professional Experience

General Counsel, Silent Majority Foundation; Environmental Attorney, United States Department of Energy, Energy Northwest; Environmental Supervisor–New Nuclear Project, Energy Northwest; Adjunct Professor, Washington State University

#### Education

Vermont Law School, LLM—Environmental Law, 2010; Florida Coastal School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2009; University of California, Davis, Bachelor of Arts, Italian, 2004

#### Community Service

Board Member, Franklin County Solid Waste Advisory Commission; Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

#### Statement

Moving to Washington nine years ago was one of the best decisions of my life. I came to protect the environment through working at the Hanford Site as an environmental attorney. Since then, I've successfully fought to make Washington safer and to increase government transparency. I have challenged unconstitutional laws from Olympia and won! I have also stopped bad regulation in its tracks! I've led the City of Pasco as a councilmember, and now its mayor.

Washington has world class resources, but our politicians are failing. We lack safe streets; drugs, like fentanyl, fill the streets. As Attorney General, I will apply what I learned at Hanford to clean this mess.

According to the FBI, Washington is the 8th most dangerous state in the country. We have the resources to do better, but we need an Attorney General who will make sure Law Enforcement and County Prosecutors can enforce the law to make Washington Safe Again!

As your next Attorney General, my focus will be on Washington State, not Washington D.C. As Attorney General I will remove the partisan blinders to protect all Washingtonians. I look forward to representing you as your next Attorney General. Thank you for your vote!

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Nick  
**Brown**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

#### Other Professional Experience

U.S. Attorney for Western Washington; General Counsel to Governor Inslee; JAG Officer in U.S. Army, serving at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (WA), Fort Bliss (TX), received the Bronze Star for his time serving in Iraq; Partner, Pacifica Law Group.

#### Education

Harvard Law School (Harvard Law School Council, International Law Journal); Morehouse College, B.A. Political Science, Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude (Army ROTC, Student Government)

#### Community Service

Campaign for Equal Justice, Board of Directors (2018-2021); Treehouse, Board of Directors (2014-2021); Seattle Works, Board of Directors (2007-2013); Commissioner, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (2019-2021); Soccer Coach for 11-year-old daughter, 9-year-old son.

#### Statement

Nick Brown was raised in Pierce County where his parents, a nurse and an Army veteran, taught him the importance of service and giving back to the community. Nick went to Morehouse College on an ROTC scholarship and after Harvard Law School, served as an Army JAG officer and federal prosecutor.

As General Counsel to Governor Inslee, Nick oversaw work to end the death penalty and coordinated the administration's response to Donald Trump's hateful Muslim ban. In 2021 President Biden appointed Nick as the first Black U.S. Attorney in state history. There, Nick prioritized addressing the fentanyl crisis, protecting consumers, cracking down on sex trafficking, and combatting violent crime.

As Attorney General, Nick will work to keep all Washingtonians safe – from crime, gun violence, discrimination, and the growing housing crisis. Nick believes Donald Trump poses an unprecedented threat to our country and will fight to protect our state from attacks on civil liberties. Nick believes the decision to have an abortion should be between a woman, her family, and doctor. He will fight any attempt to take away reproductive rights. Nick is proudly endorsed by Governor Inslee, the Washington Education Association, Washington Conservation Action, and Washington State Labor Council.

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Manka

**Dhingra**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

State Senator and Deputy Majority Leader: Chair, Law & Justice Committee and Facilities & Operations Committee; Member, Healthcare, and Ways & Means Committee.

**Other Professional Experience**

20-year King County Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Chair, Therapeutic Alternative Unit supervising Mental Health Court and Veterans Court; Crisis Intervention Instructor for law enforcement. Intern: Sexually Violent Predator Unit, Washington Attorney General's Office. Court Clerk: Washington State Supreme Court.

**Education**

J.D. UW; B.A. UC Berkeley

**Community Service**

PTSA Golden Acorn Award; Board Member: National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside, Hopelink (eliminating poverty); Co-founder: API-Chaya, (helping survivors of gender-based violence); Coach: Destination Imagination, Chess and Math Club; Girl Scout Cookie Mom.

**Statement**

We deserve leaders with a strong record of bipartisanship, bringing people together to solve tough problems. As a frontline prosecutor and Senator with extensive management experience, I've held violent predators accountable, worked on interjurisdictional taskforces, passed and enforced laws addressing organized retail theft, internet crimes against children, hate crimes, sexual assault, gun violence, trafficking, Medicaid fraud, data privacy, consumer protection and more.

We need bold leaders, committed to justice with a proven record of delivering results. I've worked alongside law enforcement, behavioral health experts, and communities to advance solutions. I'm the only candidate with awards from both the NAACP for my leadership and passion for justice and equity, and from the Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs for Legislator of the Year. With your vote, I'll enforce and improve our laws, always listening to the people. I'll protect our democracy, improve healthcare access, address the fentanyl crisis, curb gun violence, hold corporations accountable, defend workers, protect seniors, small businesses, immigrants, and fight for a safe and livable planet. No one will fight harder for our reproductive freedoms and LGBTQIA+ rights.

Endorsements: 200+: prosecutors, judges, first responders, victim advocates, businesses, mayors, legislators, OB-GYNs, nurses, tribes, Labor Council, Conservation Action, One America.

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Allen

## Lebovitz

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

None

### Other Professional Experience

Wildland Fire & Forest Resilience Liaison for the Commissioner of Public Lands; Chair, Washington Wildland Fire Advisory Committee; Aquatic Habitat Restoration Manager, Department of Natural Resources; Washington Shrubsteppe Restoration & Resilience Initiative Steering Committee; Wildland Firefighter, DNR; Founder and Manager, WiLD Corp., a conservation-based timber company; Consulting Ecologist, Fisheries Biologist and Forester advising USFWS, The Nature Conservancy, conservation districts, and timberland owners.

### Education

Master's degree in environmental studies, Yale School of Forestry; Bachelor's of science in public administration and biology, Northeastern University.

### Community Service

Boardmember, Northwest Natural Resources Group (nonprofit supporting small-forest landowners); Co-founder, Liu Xing (public school Mandarin language immersion program).

### Statement

My priorities as commissioner will be restoring healthy forests, sagelands, rivers, and bays; supporting local economies; protecting Washington from wildfire; and ensuring everyone benefits from state lands.

I've worked in Washington's forests and waters as a forester, restoration ecologist, and wildland firefighter for 30 years, with over a decade at DNR, where I'm on the executive team leading Wildfire Management. My career experience makes me uniquely suited to the duties of lands commissioner: managing Washington's forests and waters; leading the DNR; and commanding the state's wildland firefighting force.

I'll direct DNR to restore forests, rivers and bays, improving habitat for salmon and orca. As we restore forests, I'll direct forest management to yield the most value from working forests, while cutting less. I'll develop a double bottom line, generating revenue for schools while benefiting local economies by supporting their industries and employing their workforces on state lands. To protect Washington from wildfire, I'll focus on the source of the problem, restoring naturally fire-resilient forests and sagelands, fostering fire-safe communities, and building the best firefighting force in the country.

I'm in this for the long haul because I care about our state's natural legacy and the people who depend upon it.

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Jaime Herrera

## Beutler

(Prefers Republican Party)

### Elected Experience

U.S. Congress, 2011-2023, where I advanced bipartisan laws to improve our wildland firefighting capabilities, increase pay for firefighters, improve proactive and science-based forest management, improve forest roads and expand access to public lands, protect wildlife habitat and salmon runs, support shellfish habitat, protect family wage jobs and secure funding for Washington schools. Washington State House of Representatives, 2007-2010.

### Other Professional Experience

Strategic Advisor, Children's Hospital Association. Senior Legislative Aide, U.S. House of Representatives.

### Education

B.A., University of Washington, Communications.

### Community Service

Recipient of the National Association of State Foresters' highest honor, the Bernard L. Orell Award for Partnership. Board of directors, National Kidney Foundation.

### Statement

Decades of neglect have turned our forests into overcrowded, diseased tinderboxes. Fires scorch our forests and choke our communities every summer. They fill our lungs with smoke, destroy old growth and critical habitat, emit tons of carbon, drive up the cost of home insurance and make housing even more unaffordable. And they cause unimaginable heartache for those unfortunate enough to live in their path.

I won't leave our kids a legacy of burning forests and choking smoke. We can and will do better to remove dead and dying trees that serve as fuel, quickly fight fires when they occur, preserve jobs, and protect the lives and livelihoods of communities.

I'll lead our state Department of Natural Resources to withstand political pressures and overcome bureaucratic obstacles so that the brilliant foresters and environmental scientists who work there can do their jobs. Working with Tribes, scientists, landowners, sportsmen, the forest industry and conservation groups, I'll restore health to Washington's forests with science-based management practices so our diverse array of species and ecosystems can thrive. And I'll always preserve recreational access to public land for its owners -- the people of Washington. Please vote Jaime Herrera Beutler for healthy forests and healthy air.

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Dave  
**Upthegrove**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### Elected Experience

Chair, King County Council, first elected 2013; State Representative (33rd District), 2001-2013, Chair, House Environment Committee; Chair, House Select Committee on Puget Sound.

#### Other Professional Experience

Chair, King County Flood Control District; Natural Resources Policy Staff, Washington Senate Democratic Caucus; Basketball Referee, Pacific NW Basketball Officials Association.

#### Education

B.A. Environmental Conservation, University of Colorado;  
Graduate Certificate in Energy Policy, University of Idaho.

#### Community Service

Scoutmaster; Program Director, Camp Parsons BSA; Matt Griffin YMCA Board Member; Governor's Climate Action Team; Highline Citizens for Schools; Sponsor, Washington Voting Rights Act; Sponsor, Marriage Equality Legislation; Humane Society Legislative Leadership Award; NW Marine Trade Association Legislator of the Year.

#### Statement

A conservation leader strongly backed by the environmental community and Democrats across Washington, I am committed to protecting our clean air, clean water and habitat, improving wildfire prevention, and increasing recreational opportunities on state lands.

With the threat of climate change, wildfires, and droughts, running the Department of Natural Resources is a big, complicated job. I have both the experience and values to ensure our public lands support our high quality of life. As Lands Commissioner I'll bring bold new ideas to the table. I have a plan to protect Washington's 77,000 acres of critical legacy forests, and to launch a clean energy trust to help our climate and spur rural economic development. I'll honor tribal rights and restore Puget Sound to protect our iconic salmon and orca.

I'm the only candidate in this race not taking contributions from the timber industry. A former Washington Conservation Voters "Legislator of the Year," I'm the only candidate supported by Washington Conservation Action and the Sierra Club.

I invite you to join grassroots conservation leaders, former Lands Commissioner Peter Goldmark, Democrats and elected leaders across Washington in supporting this campaign to protect and enhance our public lands. I ask for your support.

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Sue Kuehl  
**Pederson**  
(Prefers Republican Party)

#### Elected Experience

A Professional, not Politician. Sue ran for CPL last cycle, placing second with 1.68M votes. She'll win this vacant seat with your help!

#### Other Professional Experience

Scientist and Natural Resources Manager for 30 years: Fish Biologist, UW, NOAA Fisheries, Army Corps of Engineers (WA, OR, AK), WA Dept Fish and Wildlife, King County DNR. Power Manager, Grays Harbor PUD; Senior Power Analyst and Senior Environmental Analyst, Seattle City Light; Research Scientist and Publications Manager, BioSonics, Inc.

#### Education

Master's Degree Public Administration, UW; Bachelor Science Degree Biology (minors Chemistry, German), WWU.

#### Community Service

Board Member: Small Faces Child Development Center; Ghana Together; Commencement Bay Rowing Club (youth).

#### Statement

Sue grew up at a salmon hatchery near a 1.3-million-acre forest in southern WA. Her childhood love of nature led to a degree in Biology and a 30-year professional career managing forest habitat, fisheries and energy. (See resume at [Citizens4Sue.com](http://Citizens4Sue.com)) Now our public lands have been ravaged by neglect, resulting in over-crowded, diseased trees and excessive dry underbrush, leading to huge wildfires with heavy smoke invading our summers. Sue's multi-faceted approach to prevent catastrophic wildfires includes dividing forests and agricultural lands into segments with fire breaks in-between. Smaller fires can increase safety for firefighters and cause less damage overall.

Sue will also implement an accelerated plan for practical land management, creating private sector jobs while boosting our historic timber and agriculture economies and limiting harmful carbon and smoke emissions from wildfires. Reducing the number of crowded, thirsty trees will also help restore natural water distribution to streams, benefiting fish and wildlife, and continuing up the food chain to our Orca whales. Sue understands nature is intricately and beautifully designed, far beyond our ability to fully comprehend. Knowledge is gained humbly and gradually through science. Long-range planning is needed now to best manage Washington's precious, vital natural resources into the future.

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Patrick  
**DePoe**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

Vice-Chairman, Councilmember Makah Tribe for two-terms.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Director of Tribal Relations, Department of Natural Resources. Commercial fisherman, land manager, and former emergency first responder. Makah Tribe emergency operations command. Former SEIU 925 union member.

#### **Education**

Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington.

#### **Community Service**

Current Member, Salmon Defense Board. Founding Co-Chair, Governor Inslee appointee to Washington's Environmental Justice Council. Past Member, Low Carbon Energy Siting Study Advisory Board. Past Co-Chair, Land, Water and Natural Resources Subcommittee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal-Interior Budget Council. Past Treasurer, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission. Past Chair, Land & Natural Resources Committee of the National Congress of American Indians.

#### **Statement**

Living on the Makah Reservation, I deeply understand caring for and living off the land. For me, sustainability is a way of life. I will ensure stakeholders from rural and underrepresented communities have a seat at the table.

I understand how public policy impacts our environment and livelihoods. As temperatures warm and wildfires rage, we don't have time for on-the-job training. My opponents are career politicians, with no direct experience managing natural resources. I will be able to hit the ground running—identifying opportunities to innovate, creating good-paying union jobs, and tackling climate change.

I have worked in emergency response: cleaning up oil spills, fighting fires, and leading preventative work to improve our lands and waters. I am a commercial fisherman, land manager, Tribal leader, and currently work at our state's Department of Natural Resources. That's why the current Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz, Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland, former Congressman Norm Dicks, Washington Education Association, fishing associations, Longshoreman and other unions, as well as tribal nations, all endorse me.

Not only am I the most qualified for this position, but I would also be the first Native American elected statewide in the Pacific Northwest. I would be honored by your vote.

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Jeralee  
**Anderson**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

Redmond City Councilmember since 2018, served as Council Vice President and Public Safety & Human Services Chair; service on State of Washington Public Works Board through Department of Commerce, State of Washington Enhanced 911 Advisory Committee, King County Emergency Management Advisory Committee, Cascade Water Alliance Board of Directors

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Non-profit executive focused on sustainable infrastructure; geotechnical and structural engineer; National Academies of Science and Engineering, Transportation Research Board

#### **Education**

PhD, Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Washington; BSCE, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; executive certificates in business administration, diversity and inclusion, labor relations

#### **Community Service**

Foster volunteer for Seattle Beagle Rescue

#### **Statement**

Jeralee Anderson is a dedicated and collaborative public servant committed to ensuring climate security, forest stewardship, wildfire preparedness, workforce development, and equal justice for all Washington communities.

Jeralee is an inspirational, independent leader and proven changemaker. She leads with thoughtfulness, authenticity, and inclusion. Serving her 7th year on the Redmond City Council, she helped bring clean energy and environmental sustainability to city operations. At all levels of government, she champions access to clean air and water, emergency preparedness, public safety, fair wages, broadband access for rural communities, and green infrastructure.

As an experienced non-profit CEO, construction engineer, and startup founder for over 15 years, Jeralee has helped build sustainable communities around the world. Proudly a member of a union family, she is a superfan of first responders. As a granddaughter of Navy and Army veterans, descendant of generations of farmers, and a survivor of sexual assault, Jeralee understands that defending our natural resources, wildlife, families, and labor forces from exploitation takes innovation, innovation, empathy, and grit. She will make sure your tax dollars are invested in programs that enhance quality of life and do right by the environment for all people in Washington.

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Kevin  
**Van De Wege**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

State Senator (2017-2024), Chair of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, and Parks Committee; State Representative (2007-2016); Chair of the 24th Legislative District Democrats (2004-2006).

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Firefighter Captain; Paramedic; IAFF Local 2933 Union President; Orca Task Force Member.

#### **Education**

M.A. in Public Administration, Fort Hays State University; B.A. in Social Science, Washington State University; Fire Command Degree, Edmonds College; Paramedic Certification, Northwest Medical.

#### **Community Service**

Water Quantity Task Force member; Highway 101 Safety Corridor Committee member; Sequim Elks member; Sequim Grange member.

#### **Statement**

As a twenty-five year firefighter, I know what needs to be done to combat the devastating wildfires that destroy forests and produce suffocating smoke. Wildfires have destroyed 4.7 million acres of state forests over the past ten years. We need a leader who knows how to fight wildfire and who can protect our public lands.

I'm a career firefighter, I've felt the heat and breathed smoke-filled air. I'm Chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, and have led the effort to preserve our natural resources, create more resilient communities, and fight wildfires.

With your support, I'll protect forests by using the resources of the state's largest firefighting agency to improve forest health and safeguard vulnerable communities. I'll address the urgency of climate change and protect our environment by leasing land for renewable energy projects, while expanding a wealth of employment and recreational opportunities, including protecting our agricultural, timber, and local economies. That's why I'm running to be the next Commissioner of Public Lands. I ask for your vote.

Endorsements: Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, Snoqualmie Tribe, S'Klallam Tribe, Washington Federation of State Employees, Washington Building Trades, twenty other unions, the fire community, local businesses, farmers, government and environmental leaders.

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Reid  
**Saaris**  
(Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**

No Information Submitted

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Fourth-generation WA public school teacher, most recently at Rainier Beach High School, and a school administrator. Founder and CEO of a nationwide nonprofit partnering with federal and state leaders and tens of thousands of educators to expand opportunities and close achievement gaps. Author of a leading paper on WA youth mental health as well as three books; recipient of the Google Global Impact Award and Harvard's Hoopes Prize for Excellence.

#### **Education**

B.A. in Government, & Certification in Teaching, Harvard University; M.Ed. and MBA with Certificate in Public Management, Stanford University.

#### **Community Service**

Coaching soccer and cross-country running, Habitat for Humanity, mentoring, & more.

#### **Statement**

I'm a father to three, and a fourth-generation Washington public educator. I've dedicated my career – as a teacher, administrator, national nonprofit founder and CEO – to the unmatched power and promise of public education.

The current struggles facing our students and teachers are unacceptable. The mismanagement of \$2.9 billion in federal relief dollars by our schools chief has seriously set us back and is reason enough to replace him, but there are more. Washington has slid behind most other states in K-12 education according to US News; 15% of adolescents are considering suicide; 20% of educators are leaving their schools; funding is collapsing with unprecedented school closures.

The Seattle Times has described the incumbent as a "lackluster" superintendent who is "cheerleading mediocrity."

I'm not a career politician. I'm a proven leader who has worked all across the country with tens of thousands of educators to ensure the promise of an excellent public education is fulfilled for all kids. I'll ensure every school has the resources to connect students in need with: (1) effective mental health care; (2) tutoring; and (3) great career and college opportunities. If you agree that Washington must do better, I hope you will support me.

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Chris  
**Reykdal**  
(Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Local School Board Director, State Legislator.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Classroom Teacher, Higher Education Budget and Finance Executive, Fiscal Analyst for the Washington State Senate.

#### **Education**

Baccalaureate Degree in Social Studies and a Teaching Certificate, Washington State University. Master's Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis on Budget, Finance, and Performance Management, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

#### **Community Service**

Parent volunteer in schools, youth soccer coach, local city planning commissioner, food bank volunteer, education foundation board member, education scholarship founder, and non-profit fundraiser.

#### **Statement**

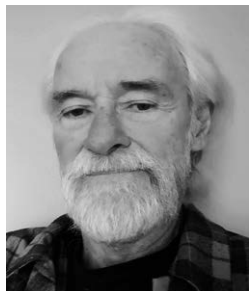
Thank you Washington Voters! I am grateful to serve as your State Superintendent. This job requires experience and tested leadership to maintain our post-pandemic recovery. Our strong learning acceleration is at risk without sustained funding and a relentless focus on keeping our schools public and accountable to local voters. The paramount duty in our state is to fully fund our public schools. Investing in our public schools and our educators to empower student achievement is my number one priority!

Innovation drives our work with expanded career and technical education pathways, a record high graduation rate, a measurable improvement in student mental health following targeted investments, and free school meals for over 700,000 students. We are a top performing state in math and reading, and civics is once again a graduation requirement under my leadership! Over two-thirds of our students now earn college credit while in high school, saving families over \$100 million per year in foregone tuition, and we've doubled our investments in rural school facilities. Every child deserves a high-quality, individualized, and equitable learning opportunity in every community!

Endorsed: Washington State Labor Council, Public School Employees, Washington Education Association, American Federation of Teachers-WA, Washington Conservation Action, and more.

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John Patterson  
**Blair**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

Vashon Island (WA) School Board 2000-04

**Other Professional Experience**

High School Science Teacher 1969-76; Developed and taught a high school "special education to mainstream science" transition curriculum 1970-72; NEA and AFT simultaneous memberships; Teachers (NEA) contract negotiator 1970-72; A founding and participating teacher (science), Cinnaminson (NJ) Public Alternative High School for 170+ 10th-12th grade students who wanted to take responsibility for their own education 1972-76; Voters Pamphlet for OSPI, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016; average 75,000 votes, 7% statewide.

**Education**

Haverford College, BA Sociology; Temple University, MEd Science

**Community Service**

A founding and participating parent, Vashon (WA) Parent Involvement Program, Alternative Public Elementary School (40 students) 1983-90

**Statement**

A Referendum: Every child is unique and families should have the opportunity to individualize their own children's public education I propose A New Foundation for Public Education, (of which existing public schools would be an unchanged part), consisting of: Individual Student Trust Accounts - funded annually using each student's existing \$12,000+ state education voucher. With approval, each student's parents may spend these accumulating funds at any Registered Public Education Program(s) of their choice. Registered Public Education Programs - any educational program, regardless of ownership, which: Accepts only trust funds as tuition, i.e. "free"; Fills at least 80% of its openings without admission qualification, i.e. "open enrollment"; Permits the study, but not the practice, of religion; and Publishes measurable educational and behavioral goals for its students. Students not achieving these goals may be dismissed by the program. Neighborhood Education Districts - administered by three locally elected trustees, will oversee the educational progress of 50 to 200 participating neighborhood students. The trustees must approve parental education choices for students passing applicable "WASL" tests. Community Facility Districts - locally elected, will own, operate and maintain all public facilities. Life-cycle maintenance funds will be included in the original bond funding.  
Interested? Vote for me.

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David  
**Olson**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

Peninsula School Board Director (2013 - present); Pierce County Charter Review Commissioner (2016); Previously elected to the WSSDA Legislative and Resolutions Committees; served as school board Legislative Representative for 10 years.

**Other Professional Experience**

Finance and Banking; Defense Contractor; U.S. Navy Chief Warrant Officer (retired)

**Education**

SNHU, B.S. Organizational Leadership, Magna cum Laude; Officer Candidate School, U.S. Navy; Saturation Diver Training, U.S. Navy; Technical School, U.S. Navy

**Community Service**

Board Member, Greater Gig Harbor Foundation; Gig Harbor Rotary; President and Board Member, City Club of Tacoma; Vice President, Hilltop Business Association; Board Member, World Trade Center Tacoma

**Statement**

Less than 50% of Washington students can read and write at grade level yet your property taxes have skyrocketed. Your children and schools deserve better. OSPI is not fulfilling their duty to advocate for adequate school operational funding. As Superintendent, I will push to change the approach, ensuring resources reach the schools and students who need them most - regardless of race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. Under the incumbent, chronic absenteeism has doubled, depriving children of crucial learning opportunities. Drawing from my district's success, where strong parental engagement has led to one of the state's lowest absentee rates, I will advocate for policies that encourage partnering with parents. I am committed to restoring local control to school boards, empowering those who understand their communities' unique needs, ensuring a fair and effective education for all. I will push to expand skilled trades programs, preparing our students for future diverse careers. To combat the distractions of the digital age, I will promote policies restricting cell phones and social media in schools, creating safer, more focused learning environments. The Seattle Times stated the Superintendent is a "cheerleader for mediocrity." Average Is Not Good Enough! It is time for change. I'll appreciate your vote.

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Patty  
**Kuderer**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### Elected Experience

State Senator, 2017-present, State Representative, 2015-2016. Chair, Housing Committee 2019-present; former Vice Chair, State Government & Elections 2018-2022; former member Healthcare - Labor & Commerce - Business, Financial Institutions & Insurance Committees.

#### Other Professional Experience

Trial attorney for 35+ years; former prosecutor and city attorney; significant experience handling insurance claims, employment discrimination and serious injury cases.

#### Education

BA, University of Minnesota. JD, William Mitchell College of Law.

#### Community Service

Awarded the "Golden Acorn" for my volunteer service with Chinook Middle School PTSA. Volunteered with my kids' schools, Sacred Heart Social Concerns, Congregations for the Homeless, NARAL Pro-Choice Washington, Virtue's Children Nepal, and Chrysalis Domestic Violence Center.

#### Statement

Ever since my daughter was born critically ill in the NICU and I had to fight my insurance company to allow her doctors to provide life saving care, I have made it my life's mission to ensure no family ever has to go through that same trauma. With my experience as a litigator representing workers in employment discrimination cases and my strong background in advocacy and public service, I bring a unique set of qualifications to the role of Insurance Commissioner.

As a legislator, I've been a leading voice on healthcare issues, sponsoring legislation to create a public option for healthcare in Washington, and advocating for greater access to mental health services and protections against surprise medical billing.

As Insurance Commissioner, I'll work tirelessly to enact policies that prioritize consumer protection and lowering costs, promote transparency within the insurance industry, and expand access to essential healthcare services for all Washingtonians. I'll also lead on addressing the increased insurance costs being created by climate change and protecting coverage of reproductive healthcare.

I have spent my life helping the powerless stand up to those with the most power, and I respectfully ask for your vote so I can fight for you too.

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Submitted

Chris D.  
**Chung**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

#### Elected Experience

I am not a professional politician.

#### Other Professional Experience

Chris worked as a Washington Registered Pharmacist for 30 years. He has also been a Community Pharmacy Owner since 1994.

#### Education

Graduate of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at St. John's University (Queens, New York). Attended Chung-Ang University and Korea Air Force Academy (Seoul, South Korea).

#### Community Service

Chris has volunteered on behalf of the community for three decades.

#### Statement

Chris strongly believes that the Insurance Commissioner position has the responsibility of safely protecting our Washington State residents.

Mike Kreidler served six terms. He will not be running for his seventh term, therefore Chris aspires to run for election. In 2012, \$300 million/\$160 million, in 2016, \$300 million/\$160 million, and in 2020, \$300 million/ \$200 million. If elected, Chris' goal is \$333 million/ \$222 million.

Chris desires to be an Insurance Commissioner who seeks insurance for patients, insurance for the patients' families, and the health and happiness of everyone in Washington State.

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Jonathan  
**Hendrix**

(States No Party Preference)

**Elected Experience**

None. I live in Seattle and am a father of four: two working professionals, a Lance Corporal serving in the United States Marine Corps, and a 2024 high school graduate.

**Other Professional Experience**

I have 35 years' experience in insurance, healthcare and benefits administration which includes positions on the Washington Benefit Exchange Technical Advisory Committee, the Ohio Insurance Guarantee Association Board and Kendal Corporation at Oberlin Board.

**Education**

I earned a B.A. from Whitman College and MBA, Healthcare from Baldwin-Wallace University.

**Community Service**

Board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Cleveland, Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 80 Seattle, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

**Statement**

Let me put more than 35 years of experience in the insurance, healthcare and benefits industry to work on your behalf.

The Office of Insurance Commissioner approves the rates insurance companies are allowed to charge customers and regulates many other pivotal market activities and services.

You can count on me to work with people of both parties and the politically independent, and other stakeholders, to develop sensible solutions with an attitude of stewardship and accountability.

Thank you to the many people who have related their experience with the issues of access, cost and quality in Washington's insurance market. As Insurance Commissioner I will address these issues by improving insurance affordability, insurance availability and the service experience when people use insurance. I will also work to determine how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can help reduce risk and related costs in a secure manner without infringing on our rights.

Please cast your vote for me as our next Washington State Insurance Commissioner. Join me to make the insurance environment in Washington healthy, effective and affordable for all of us (including our pets). Together we can make ends meet. Reach me through my candidate email: [votehendrix4waaic@gmail.com](mailto:votehendrix4waaic@gmail.com)

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Bill  
**Boyd**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

New to politics.

**Other Professional Experience**

30 plus year insurance industry veteran, I have the knowledge and skill to lead the Washington insurance industry into the future.

**Education**

Bachelor of Science, Applied Mathematics, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; Passed 3actuarial exams.

**Community Service**

Coached youth sports for over 13 years. I have served on many non-profit boards. I have been on many church boards and start churches. My leadership as president in youth football took the organization from 4 teams and 2 cheer squads to 16 teams and 12 cheer squads. I worked with over 100 volunteers, and thousands of parents to make the seasons successful.

**Statement**

In Spokane, Bill continued his hard work ethic by working two jobs. One for Waddell and Reed as a financial advisor and started selling life insurance, and as a bartender on the weekends. Marianna (his wife of over 30 years) worked as a pediatric dental assistant, as they started their young married life. 5 years later Mary their first-born daughter brought them tremendous amounts of Joy. Shortly thereafter, Rebekah and Billy joined the family. He was blessed again, with his 4th child, Ryan as a late in life surprise. In 1996 Bill started Boyd Financial and started selling Auto and home insurance along with Life and health insurance. Over the last 30 years, and multiple changes Bill has grown Boyd Insurance Brokerage Inc. into a large agency in Spokane with 12 employees and millions in premium. As an insurance broker, he was able to hone his skills at representing his clients. Defending them against inaccurate claims from the insurance companies, discussing issues with attorneys and company staff. Now the next step is to defend all of Washingtonians against the illegal actions of the Insurance Companies in Washington state.

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John

## Pestinger

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

John Pestinger spent 24 years in Insurance, not as an elected official.

### Other Professional Experience

John worked 5 years as Project Manager at the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner after working 19 years as an insurance claims adjuster. John is a distinguished United States Air Force (USAF) Veteran.

### Education

John earned an Associate in Insurance (AINS designation), and a Family History Research Certificate. He graduated first in his class from the USAF Paralegal School and the USAF Police Academy.

### Community Service

John serves as Chair of the Washington State Veterans Employee Resource Group. He has been a member of several community service organizations.

### Statement

John Pestinger is an experienced, common-sense insurance professional who stands up to powerful industry interests as an advocate for insurance consumers. He dedicated the last 24 years to working in and regulating insurance. John knows the profound effect insurance has on our lives, from before we are born, each and every single day of our lives, and even after we die.

You, the people of Washington, deserve quality and affordable health insurance. John helps to protect consumers from receiving surprise medical bills for emergency services. He works to assure that choices in healthcare remain with you and your doctors. Increasing access to affordable medical care and life-saving medicine is John's top priority.

We are all experiencing the impact of skyrocketing insurance rates. John knows what it takes to stabilize the market and bring rates down. Increasing environmental catastrophes and increasing frequency and severity of losses are making your rates climb, and legislative and regulatory uncertainty are making it worse. The job of the Insurance Commissioner is to regulate a healthy insurance market and prevent polarizing political agendas from destabilizing it.

The people of Washington need an insurance regulator willing to protect us all. Vote John Pestinger for Insurance Commissioner.

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Tim

## Verzal

(States No Party Preference)

### Elected Experience

none

### Other Professional Experience

Started my own body shop in April 1992 - October 2023

### Education

Dieringer Middle School, Sumner High School, Clover Park VoTech and I-Car classes.

### Community Service

As a local business owner, I volunteered my time and services, to help the Town of Eatonville raise funds for the May Day Car Smash Event by painting vehicles used for this event, and I also did paint touchup for the cars auctioned at the July 4th fireworks event.

### Statement

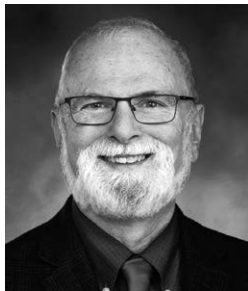
I retired in October 2023.

I am not a career politician.

I owned my body shop for thirty years; I fell on hard time as well, but I did not raise my rates. The price of insurance has gotten out of control. I would like to have a chance to correct a problem in medical, auto, home and life. With your support I am sure we can do this. I am not taking donation I am funding my own campaign. Your vote would be greatly appreciated.

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Phil  
**Fortunato**  
(Prefers Republican Party)

#### Elected Experience

31st District State Senator since 2017; 31st District State Representative elected 2016; 47th District State Representative 1998-2000

#### Other Professional Experience

Environmental training and consulting. International trade in Europe and Asia. Owner of small contracting business. Founding Director and first President of the PNW Erosion Control Association.

#### Education

Rutgers University, Cook College of Agriculture; Landscape Architecture.

#### Community Service

I've been married for 45 years, have 5 children, 3 of whom are decorated U.S. Marines Corps veterans. Knights of Columbus member - 4th Degree, Project Rachel, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sons & Daughters of Italy, Liberian Association of WA.

#### Statement

I'm running to make Washington's insurance market more affordable for families and seniors. Misguided activist policies of the Legislature and the Insurance Commissioner have limited choice and made insurance unaffordable. How much businesses pay for insurance has a direct impact on the prices you pay for things, including groceries and even your rent. Add to that a 20% increase in insurance costs, and it's even harder for seniors on fixed incomes and families to make ends meet. The insurance industry needs reasonable, not burdensome regulations. As a state Senator, I fought for affordable and consumer-driven options that encourage more competition, more choices, and lower costs for consumers. I know what works and it's not agenda driven regulations that drive up costs without providing better and more affordable care. I've experienced firsthand the health insurance challenges faced by my own grandson who has a rare disease. For him it is a life and death struggle. You and your doctor should be determining your health care decisions, not the insurance companies. A Vote for Phil Fortunato will lower costs, provide predictability and availability in Washington's insurance markets, so you can get the insurance protection your family deserves.

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Justin  
**Murta**  
(Prefers Republican Party)

#### Elected Experience

Although I have ran for office a couple times, I have never held an elected office.

#### Other Professional Experience

Presently, I am employed as a Senior Vice President with Acrisure, the 6th largest insurance broker in the world. I have worked in the Insurance Industry over the last 20 years and specialize in Employee Benefits for self-funded employers, First Nation and Tribal Communities and their enterprises.

#### Education

University of Missouri Kansas City, Science, Math & Technology Institute, Bellevue College and University of Sunderland, Vietnam

#### Community Service

Toys for Tots, Volunteer Committee Member for Ducks Unlimited and Relay for Life Volunteer

#### Statement

As your Insurance Commissioner, I would be committed to safeguarding the interests of Washington's citizens by ensuring a fair, competitive, and transparent insurance marketplace. With a focus on accountability, innovation, and consumer protection, I will work tirelessly to provide residents with reliable and affordable insurance options, while fostering a thriving business environment for our state's insurance providers. I would give my highest attention to making insurance policies available and affordable. Fighting for consumer protections, I would advocate for carriers and insurance companies to educate consumers and consultants to ensure the voters understand their coverages, while paying what is owed. Our job will be to ensure that individuals are indemnified and made whole, without prejudice or undue stress. I will work with assets and resources in the current Office of the Insurance Commissioner, while innovating and modernizing to ensure a more efficient agency. There is no reason rates, policies and products should take so long to be approved! Together, we can create a stronger, more resilient insurance landscape in Washington State. Vote Justin Murta for Insurance Commissioner to ensure a future where innovation, fairness, and consumer protection are at the forefront of our insurance industry.

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Elizabeth (Liz)  
**Lovelett**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

Washington State Senate, 2019-present; Chair, Local Government, Land Use, and Tribal Affairs; Vice Chair, Environment, Energy, and Technology; Chair, Senate Transportation Ferry Legislator Caucus; Anacortes City Councilmember, 2014-2019.

**Other Professional Experience**

Owner-Operator of The Business, 2004-2010; After School Art Educator, Anacortes School District.

**Education**

Graduated with honors simultaneously from Anacortes High School and Skagit Valley College after participating in the Running Start program, 1998.

**Community Service**

Serves on Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee; Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply; Puget Sound Partnership; ex-officio member, Maritime Blue; two-time past President, Whitney PTA; AmericorpsNCCC.

**Statement**

It is my privilege to serve as your State Senator, working hard to deliver real results with community input. I center the values of Skagit, Whatcom, and the San Juans in all that I do - providing strong leadership to create our clean energy future; safeguarding our natural spaces and ecosystems; fighting for state and local ferry systems; maintaining access to abortion and other critical care; and improving public safety by investing in behavioral health facilities and programs to support the people of our region.

I hold dearly the fundamental belief that we can solve problems better together.

As the mom of two teenagers, I want to make sure there's a bright future for our young people to look forward to - one with opportunities for meaningful careers in maritime, healthcare, technology, and the trades; housing options to live and work in our vibrant neighborhoods; and a healthy planet for our children's children.

I continue to pledge what I have from the beginning - to be honest, hard-working, and approachable. I am proud to have earned the endorsement of our local Democratic organizations, Washington Conservation Action, and the State Labor Council. I would be honored to earn your vote.

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Charles  
**Carrell**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

9 years SCCG Union president prior to retirement from Sheriff's office.

**Other Professional Experience**

1987-1991 U.S. Marine Corps, 1991-2023 Snohomish County Sheriff's office (retired)

**Education**

No Information Submitted

**Community Service**

No Information Submitted

**Statement**

I am running for the state senate because I feel that our current elected officials are not representing the will and best interests of the citizens.

If elected, I will work for parent's rights, which has been under attack the last few years, and will work to make schools and universities safe for all students.

Our legislature should also be working to keep our infrastructure up to date, specifically our bridges and the ferry system. The state has completely failed on this topic, by not directing funds to ensure that the bridges are maintained, and our ferry system is working properly. We are currently operating only 15 of the 26 vessels that our system needs to be fully operational.

The fentanyl crisis and the dramatic increase in crime and homeless should also be the other top priorities for the state.

The policy decisions by the state have resulted in making these problems even worse. This has jeopardized the safety of everyone, including those currently addicted and the homeless.

These issues can be significantly reduced by adjusting our policies to some practical approaches, instead of just throwing more money at the same organizations and hope that it will work this time.

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Debra

# Lekanoff

(Prefers Democratic Party)

# Unopposed

## Elected Experience

Serving as your Representative in Olympia for the last six years, Debra serves on the Energy & Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Rules and Appropriations Committees, co-chairs the Joint Legislative Taskforce on Water Supply and is co-chair of the Native American Caucus.

## Other Professional Experience

Debra has over 30 years in public service working on equity, salmon, climate change, water, health, treaty rights, education, housing, workforce, and unions.

## Education

BA, Business Administration/Finance, Central Washington University.

## Community Service

Member of National Caucus of Environmental Legislators, MMIWP Task Force, past board member EarthJustice

## Statement

Debra prioritizes our Salish Sea communities and ecosystem. She is committed to a strong workforce, quality education, support for unions, healthcare for all, saving salmon, the right to choose, addressing the housing and homelessness crisis, caring for first responders & retirees, and safe schools and gun responsibility.

Endorsements are AG. Bob Ferguson, Lummi Nation, Wa St. Patrol Troopers Assoc., Teamsters Local 231, IAFF Locals 106, 1537, 1983, & 3219 Firefighters, UFCW 3000, WA St. Buildings and Construction Trades Council, WA St. Labor Council, Alliance for Gun Responsibility, AFL-CIO, IAM District 175, and Whatcom, San Juan, Skagit, and 40th Leg. Democrats.

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Alex

**Ramel**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

I've served in the State Legislature since January 2020.

**Other Professional Experience**

Clean Energy and Environmental Community Organizer. As Program Director at Sustainable Connections I championed the Community Energy Challenge, creating living-wage jobs, cutting pollution, and reducing energy costs for thousands of people and businesses in Whatcom, Skagit, and San Juan counties.

**Education**

BA in Environmental Policy and Planning, Western Washington University

**Community Service**

Past President, Kulshan Community Land Trust: Creating affordable housing for low- and middle-income families.  
Worker Retraining Advisory Board: during the 2008 recession, helping people build new careers.

**Statement**

This year, I am unopposed on the ballot but wanted to let you know what I'm working on. Every day in Olympia, I fight for bold climate action and push to lower costs for working families. I helped develop Washington's energy strategy to reduce pollution and reduce energy costs for everyone. I've helped fund new ferries, mental health treatment in Whatcom and Skagit Counties, and a record number of affordable homes. I'm 100% pro-choice. Endorsed by Washington Conservation Action, and unions representing firefighters, nurses, and construction workers.

I am voting No on Initiative 2117 and ask you to join me.

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Adrian  
**Kilpatrick**  
(Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**

Appointed member to The San Juan Climate and Sustainability Advisory Committee, (2022-present), a group who, along with help from the County Council and local nonprofit organizations, comes up with strategies on how to identify and counteract the potential threats caused by a changing climate. Adrian is also an appointed member of the Friday Harbor Arts Commission, (2022-present) which is a group of community members who help facilitate and organize the creation of public art in Friday Harbor.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Local Business and Property Owner

#### **Education**

The University of British Columbia (BA) 2003-2008

#### **Community Service**

Volunteer EMT for SJIEMS (2017-2019), San Juan Island Agricultural Guild (2022-2023)

#### **Statement**

Adrian Kilpatrick was born and raised on San Juan Island and considers the health of the island communities and its natural environments to be integral to our success and overall well-being. We are currently in desperate need of more affordable housing and rental spaces. If elected Adrian plans on providing expanded resources to our existing affordable housing programs, county planners/coordinators and will promote/incentivize the creation of more long-term rentals. To maintain a healthy environment, he will coordinate with existing local organizations to act upon the potential threats posed by wildfire, drought, and extreme hot/cold weather events.

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Kari  
**McVeigh**  
(Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**

None

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Kari has 37 years in public education administration managing large, diverse school districts with budgets of nearly \$100 million. As Superintendent of San Juan Island School District (2018-2020), she made difficult decisions necessary to restore sustainable budgeting. After "retiring," she became Superintendent of Shaw Island School District, leading the effort to construct two units of teacher housing.

#### **Education**

B.A., San Francisco State University;  
M.A., Educational Administration, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

#### **Community Service**

Board member: Soroptimists; Public Schools Foundation; League of Women Voters. Volunteer: San Juan Island Fire and Rescue Logistics team; Joyce Sobel Family Resource Center.

#### **Statement**

Throughout my career I've been fiercely committed to being responsive to the values and priorities of our communities. I'm dedicated to listening to all voices as we work together to tackle the critical issues we are facing - affordable housing, stewardship of our natural resources, and transparent problem solving.

I'm committed to seeking optimal solutions through honest discussion with all stakeholders. I'm committed to doing the hard work of developing balanced, sustainable budgets through transparent processes. I will work with state and local governments to forge respectful, trusting and effective relationships that benefit all county residents and the islands we call home.

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Stephanie  
**O'Day**  
 (Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**

One of 21 Freeholders elected in 2004 to create Home Rule Charter; Appointed to Citizens Advisory Committee for the 2012 Critical Areas Ordinance

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Born and raised in the Northwest. My husband and I bought a cabin in 1980 then moved full time to the island in 1991 with our daughter to work as a Land Use Lawyer. I am a problem solver.

#### **Education**

BA University of Washington, JD University of Puget Sound

#### **Community Service**

Kiwanis, Fish for Teeth, San Juan Islands Museum of Art; San Juan Historical Society; Kappa Kappa Gamma, WA State Pioneer Association, Girl Scouts.

#### **Statement**

Many landowners in this County have recently experienced a chaotic permitting process with costly delays. While responsible balanced stewardship is imperative, our existing regulations are layered, often ambiguous and contradictory. I pledge to use my years of experience and knowledge to work with County Officials and Community Members alike to address solutions for regulation reform as well as affordable housing and daycare needs. We must work together to make this County a better place to live and raise a family – or we will lose population diversity. San Juan County needs to focus on the best interests of the islanders first.

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Rick  
**Hughes**  
(Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**

San Juan County Council Member for District #2 (2013-2020)

#### **Other Professional Experience**

President – Ray's Pharmacy (Eighteen Years)  
President – Con's Pit Stop (Five years)  
ESPN.com – Sales/Ad Director (Nine Years)  
Media/Account Advertising Agency (Seven Years)

#### **Education**

I am a graduate of Southern Methodist University (SMU) with BBA in Marketing and a BA in Advertising and proud that my son, Ricky, a sixth-generation Orcas Islander, is a student there today.

#### **Community Service**

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Ray's Pharmacy provided vital support, administering 5000+ shots and 500 tests. With nearly three decades of local, regional and national board service, I'm committed to strengthening our community for a prosperous future.

#### **Statement**

I have dedicated eight years serving San Juan County as the Council Member for District #2 and my commitment to our community remains steadfast. I believe we must support our working community, expand renewable energy creation, encourage local agriculture, provide greater access to housing and better ferry transportation while making an effort to grow the Islands' economy and get the County back to serving our community.

I will build upon fifteen years of collaboration with WSF and pledge to enhance service. Building permits will be approved in a timely fashion and we will build workforce housing, while protecting our environment.

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Justin  
**Paulsen**  
(Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**

Commissioner - Orcas Island Park and Recreation District (9+ years), Chair - San Juan County Ferry Advisory Committee (4+ years)

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Terra Firma NW - Owner (24 years), Washington Officials Association - Official (4 years)

#### **Education**

1996: BA - Western Washington University, Department of Sociology

#### **Community Service**

Recovery in Community - Founding Board Member (Current), Community Water Taxi - Founding Member (Current), Orcas Daycare Association - Past President, Orcas Family Health - Board Member, Orcas Island Booster Club - Founding Board Member/President, Foster Parent, Youth Athletics Coach and Official, 4H Volunteer and Community Advocate.

#### **Statements**

When elected your County Councilperson, I am committed to raising up your voice to help secure a future we can all prosper in. I will keep San Juan County focused on critical housing, transportation and environmental solutions – and I will do this work by bringing all stakeholders to the table in a way that is organized, inclusive and equitable. My work experience, social services activities and dedication to building a healthy future for our County position me for success as, together, we address the challenges facing the County and make the most of the opportunities that are available now.

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Jonathan Jonnie

# Welch

(Nonpartisan)

### Elected Experience

none

### Professional Experience

Orcas Ferry Terminal 2013-2023, Orcas Island Napa General Manager 2024, Orcas Island Farmer's Market Board of Directors, Appointed in 2009 Eastsound Planning and Review Committee, Appointed in 2017 by San Juan County Council Inland Boatman's Union Board of Directors, Election by peers. 2017 Eastsound Water User's Association Appointed by Board

### Education

Self Taught

### Community Service

Daily

### Statement

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness. And some have greatness thrust upon them!"

As a 19-year resident of Orcas, I have served the community in a variety of ways. From pioneering the food industry to supporting friends in the start-up of their small businesses. I discovered local government with the Eastsound Farmer's Market. Ended up serving on multiple executive committee ships, in a variety of roles along the way. With 10 years in the transportation industry, and an intricate member of the community; I am perfectly poised to plan for the County's future.

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Todd A.  
**Bloom**  
(Nonpartisan)

#### Legal/Judicial Experience

Over two decades of providing legal and professional services to private and publicly-held companies, executives, business owners and high net worth families; served as an arbitrator for FINRA from 1999 to 2020.

#### Other Professional Experience

Bloom spent over a decade as a tax attorney and senior manager in Big Four accounting. He retired from the Navy Reserve in 2018.

#### Education

LL.M. - University of Washington; J.D., M.B.A. - Tulane University; M.A. - Naval War College; B.A. - Simpson College; College of Naval Command & Staff. Earned professional designations: CPA, CFA and CFP.

#### Community Service

WSBA Board of Governors, Executive Committee; Judicial Recommendation, Nominations and Awards Committees.

#### Statement

Washingtonians deserve a judiciary that is independent, impartial, and objective; that treats all who come before it with dignity, respect and courtesy. The Supreme Court should lead the lower courts, and officers of the court, in upholding these values. We should seek honesty, integrity, intellectual curiosity and fairness in our judges and judicial candidates. As a member of the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors, I was encouraged to run for Supreme Court Justice. I believe others saw these qualities in me.

Having done farm work and bussed tables in my youth, and having been commissioned from the ranks of enlisted sailors, I understand the dignity of hard work and sacrifice. I've worked alongside people from all walks of life.

After 9/11, I was called from the Reserve to active duty, and served for over ten years. Putting my career on hold and leaving my wife and children to deploy to the Persian Gulf was challenging, even before considering the usual hazards of arduous sea duty.

The skill sets I have developed through addressing complex situations and collaborating on solutions, along with my demonstrated honor, courage and commitment, will help me ensure the integrity and independence of our Judiciary.

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Sal  
**Mungia**  
(Nonpartisan)

#### Legal/Judicial Experience

Career litigator with diverse trial and appellate experience; Former Law Clerk, Washington Supreme Court and Western Washington Federal District Court; Current Pierce County Superior Court Arbitrator; Former President, Washington State Bar Association & Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association.

#### Other Professional Experience

Instructor, Emory School of Law, Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques; Instructor, National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

#### Education

Pacific Lutheran University—B.A. Political Science, Magna Cum Laude; Georgetown University Law Center—J.D., Cum Laude.

#### Community Service

Board of Regents, Pacific Lutheran University; Vestry Board, St. Luke's Episcopal Church; Past President, Legal Aid for Washington; Past Chair, Access to Justice Board; Former Commissioner, Tacoma Human Rights Commission.

#### Statement

I am the only candidate endorsed by 8 of the 9 current Washington Supreme Court Justices. Over 100 judges believe I'm the most qualified candidate for this office. I am also the only candidate with significant appellate experience having argued at every level of state and federal appellate courts including the U.S. Supreme Court.

I was raised in a working class family in Lakewood. My parents taught me the value of hard work, fairness, family, and faith.

I have always given back to the community, including by representing people for free when they couldn't afford a lawyer, serving on boards of directors of nonprofits devoted to improving access to justice, and lobbying lawmakers to increase funding for civil legal aid. Promoting equal access to the legal system has been an important part of my practice.

Over the past 40 years as a lawyer I have been recognized for my legal skills, including being named to "Best Lawyers in America" since 2011. I am rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by six bar associations, and am endorsed by the Washington Labor Council, Gov. Inslee, Attorney General Ferguson, and by over 40 other elected leaders.

I would appreciate your support, and your vote.

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David R  
**Shelvey**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Legal/Judicial Experience**

None

**Other Professional Experience**

David is a solo practitioner in Sumner. He has been practicing for nine years and paralegal for four years. He has been part of business leadership for 15+ years.

**Education**

David received his Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and his MBA from City University of Seattle. He also has a master's in project management, intellectual property, and taxation.

**Community Service**

David volunteers as president of a non-profit, helps cook for two non-profits, and raises funds for the Parkinson's Foundation. He is a columnist for the Tacoma-Pierce County Lawyer Magazine.

**Statement**

Hello, Washingtonians and what a beautiful state we live in. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have such an excellent opportunity to put on a robe and serve the citizens as your justice. A little about me: for most of the 90s I was known all over the Northwest as radio personality Country Dave. I have operated searchlights throughout this state, visiting lots of cities and towns. I was sworn in at the Supreme Court and have made hundreds of court appearances, looking out my clients' best interests.

Why do I want to be a justice? Our Supreme Court said, "As the highest court in Washington, we must balance our duty to the individual litigant and to the collective citizens. This court's decisions bind all state courts and are often the last words on legal matters for Washingtonians." Laws ensure that no harm befalls another, and how justices interpret them is crucial. I want to be a voice protecting the citizens. And if necessary, desiring to right a wrong.

Before making decisions, I will seek wisdom, knowledge, and understanding from the Supreme Being. Thank you for reading my statement and your vote.

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Dave  
**Larson**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Legal/Judicial Experience**

Judge Larson is the only judge running for this position; with 16 years as a judge and 23 years as a trial attorney.

**Other Professional Experience**

Judicial Committees: Legislative, Therapeutic Courts, and Council on Independent Courts. Member of the Civic Learning Council, recipient Judge William Nevins Award for civics education, and DMCJA President's Award for protecting judicial independence.

**Education**

B.A., Public Administration, University of Puget Sound; J.D., Seattle University Law School.

**Community Service**

2022 "Best Community Leader", 2018 and 2020 "Hero" of Federal Way Schools. He attends St. Vincent DePaul Parish. A member of Kiwanis, where he founded the Aktion Club, for people with developmental disabilities.

**Statement**

Judge Dave Larson is the only candidate with judicial experience. Judge Larson is the only candidate with a record of keeping our communities safe from crime. Judge Larson is the only candidate running a traditional bi-partisan campaign. Judge Larson knows Washington has the best state Constitution in America, offering stronger protections for our civil rights than the U.S. Constitution. He will protect individual rights.

We all know crime is a serious issue and Judge Larson has a nearly two decade record of keeping us safe from crime as a trial judge. His innovative reforms have been recognized nationwide; many of his ideas have been adopted by our legislature. These reforms are supported by other judges, police chiefs and sheriffs, mayors, legislators, and the people who work directly with those suffering from addiction and untreated mental illness.

Judge Larson is the only candidate running a campaign that reaches out to Democrats and Republicans, Labor and Business, Eastern and Western Washington, and everyday citizens. We can return to a less political and more trusted court system by voting for Judge Larson.

Judge Larson's leadership, innovations, intellect, ethics, and commitment to fairness make him exactly what we need on our state Supreme Court.

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## San Juan Island Library District Proposition No. 1 - Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Trustees of the San Juan Island Library District adopted Resolution No. 1-2024 proposing to increase its regular property tax levy. This proposition would enable the District to maintain current levels of operations and maintenance of the San Juan Island Library and accommodate moderate growth in future years by increasing its regular property tax levy rate to \$0.41 per thousand dollars of assessed value for collection in 2025. The resulting dollar amount of the 2025 levy would be used for the purpose of computing subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be approved?

## Explanatory Statement

Written by Daniel S. Gottlieb, Attorney for District

Approximately 90% of San Juan Island Library's budget is supported by tax dollars. Because of a 1 % limitation to the increase in funds that the Library can receive yearly from property taxes, funding has not kept pace with the Library's basic needs. This proposition is critical to maintain the present level of services and collections of the Library.

If approved by voters, Proposition 1 would authorize the San Juan Island Library District to raise its regular property tax levy by 15.61 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value for collection in 2025, to 41 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, an amount that is less than the State-authorized levy rate of 50 cents per thousand dollars. The estimated increase for a \$750,000 property would be \$113 in 2025. The resulting levy would then be used to calculate the 1 % limit on future levy increases for 2026 and thereafter.

Approval of this proposition would meet community needs by providing stable, adequate funding for the operations and maintenance of the Library. It would preserve open hours and staffing and allow the Library to restore evening hours. The Library could expand its investment in collections and maintain up-to-date computers, Wi-Fi, software and training. Levy funds would also be used to address critical maintenance needs of an aging facility. Levy funds would not be used for the construction of a new library building.

Rejection of this proposal would mean San Juan Island Library would collect approximately \$400,000 less than needed to maintain existing library services, materials and open hours, requiring cutbacks in educational opportunities, collections, programs, staffing, open hours, improvements, books and other materials, and equipment.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page

## Argument For

The San Juan Island Library needs your vote for an operations levy increase this year. The Library last received increased funding in 2011, and with careful budgeting and frugal spending those monies have been sufficient for twice as long as expected. Now, however, reserves are nearly depleted.

The Library, open daily, provides services in the Library, online, and in the community including books, technology, special equipment and aids for daily living. It annually offers hundreds of educational and entertaining programs for children, teens, adults, and seniors; provides in-library computers and technology assistance, meeting and study space. Learn more at the Library's website, [www.sjlib.org](http://www.sjlib.org) !

Since the Library may only budget a 1% increase in revenue each year, annual cost increases force it to use reserve funds simply to maintain its services to the community. This is common to all public services supported by local levies in our state. This levy adjustment will provide the Library with continued funding to operate in the current facility (not to build a new building), and the Library has planned that the funds should last up to 10 years.

We believe that the Library has demonstrated that it budgets carefully and will use the levy funds wisely and prudently, as it did with the previous levy increase.

Our Library is a vital community center of learning, recreation, information, and connection. Please ensure that the Library can continue to offer quality resources and help islanders navigate today's fast-changing world by voting YES on Proposition No. 1.

## Argument Against

In 2020 the library board, without asking voters, incurred a \$2.052 million debt by buying a 2.5 acre property for a new library. In 2021, their neglect during a freeze resulted in the flooding of the building on the property. Insurance paid 2.5 million dollars for the damage. Did they then pay off our debt? —NO! The 2.5 million went into their reserves.

Do they plan to repair the building— NO! Their plan is to tear it down.

In 2022 they asked the islanders to vote for a bond to fund the cost for a new library. 60% of the voters said NO! Did they listen to the voters?

Not a chance. They continued to spend time and money to plan for a new library.

Interesting facts: 2019-2023 the library spent a total of \$13,779,455.00. In 2022 and 2023 the library accounted for the New Library Project on a separate ledger which showed expenses of \$1,433,836.00. (This is in addition to the above library expenses.) Between 2019 and 2023 the library spent \$477,400.00 for consulting services, the library director's salary went from \$103K to \$127K and the cost to carry the new library property is \$225,000.00/yr.

The Library is now asking for an additional \$1 million/year of our money. Their stated goal is to build a new library, not live within OUR budget in the current facility. Why would we consider giving more money to an organization that is not listening to us??

Vote NO! on this proposal.

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## Lopez Island School District No. 144 Proposition No. 1 - Replacement Safety and Tech

The Board of Directors of Lopez Island School District No. 144 adopted Resolution # 23/24-20 concerning a school facilities levy. This proposition authorizes upgrades to District facilities, including safety and security upgrades, acquisition, installation, implementation and management of technology systems, including related maintenance, staffing and training; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$0.21	\$525,000
2026	\$0.21	\$525,000
2027	\$0.21	\$525,000
2028	\$0.21	\$525,000

All as proposed in District Resolution #23/24-20.

Should this proposition be approved?

## Explanatory Statement

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Pursuant to Resolution #23/24-20 of the Board of Directors of Lopez Island School District No. 144, the passage of Proposition No. 1 would renew an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$2,100,000 (\$525,000 per year) in property taxes within the District for collection in each of the calendar years 2025 through 2028 to fund the acquisition and installation, implementation and management of safety and security systems, computer technology and technology systems, facilities and projects, including but not limited to enhancing infrastructure, acquiring hardware, licensing software, and implementing online applications, staffing and training related to the installation and modernization of the foregoing, and shall make other capital project expenditures as found necessary by the Board of Directors. These taxes would be deposited in the District's Capital Projects Fund for such improvements to meet the current and future educational programs for its students. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$0.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in each of the calendar years, 2025 through 2028. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of each levy.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page

## Argument For

The Lopez Island School District is reaching out to its constituents to seek approval for the renewal of the capital projects and technology levy for a four-year term. This levy plays a critical role in securing the necessary finances to keep pace with advancements in education technology. Further, it ensures that the district can fund safety enhancements, significant repairs, and maintenance activities. Renewing this levy is crucial for the district to upgrade and maintain its infrastructure and educational resources, ensuring a safe, modern learning environment for students.

The school district actively seeks competitive grants to secure crucial financial resources. Despite these rigorous efforts, the district still relies on local levies as the grants are not sufficient to cover all costs associated with the upkeep of the infrastructure and technological needs. Thus, local levy support is essential for the Lopez Island School District.

The committee overseeing this initiative is composed of members from the community, parents, school board, students, and staff. They are guided by a comprehensive capital and technology implementation plan, which is designed to ensure that both students and teachers operate in an environment that is not only safe but also well-equipped with the necessary technology tools.

Supporting this levy ensures that all students have equitable access to quality education and the necessary tools for academic success. Vote yes to preserve, protect and improve these valuable assets, ensuring their sustained use for future generations.

Vote YES on the levy, vote YES for Lopez kids!

## Argument Against

I love technology and schools. I love students and teachers that have accepted the task of educating children. I want them all to be safe. The generous Lopez Community is amazing. When the school asks, they always say yes. Last time it was \$1,100,000.00. This time it is \$2,100,000.00. For a school of 226 students. That is well over \$9,000.00 per student.

Vote yes if you want to buy every student a corporate (Google or Apple) sponsored internet screen device to learn on / be programmed by.

Vote yes if you want your funds to go towards "enhanced safety and security systems". Cameras? Metal detectors? It doesn't say.

Vote yes knowing that 2.1 million dollars might NOT go to tech or security and may be used for "other capital expenditures as found necessary by the Board of Directors."

Vote NO if you don't know what other necessary expenditures include.

Vote NO if you agree with research that shows reading comprehension is better from a physical book.

Vote NO if you believe education is more than job training for future consumers.

Vote NO if you want happy children that grow to be happy adults. We all see children and grandchildren addicted to screens.

Vote NO until we can find better options.

Vote NO, because you love our children.

Visualize what could be done with 2.1 million dollars.

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