

San Juan County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet

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Vote early!
Late ballots cannot be counted

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day

OR

put in a ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. Election Day

Ballot drop box locations:

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

San Juan County Courthouse
Second St. entrance, Friday Harbor
24-hour drop box

Lopez Island Fire District #4 Office
Fisherman Bay Rd., Lopez Village
24-hour drop box

Orcas Island Senior Center
62 Henry Rd., Eastsound
24-hour drop box



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Recently, before attending a meeting of a local civic group, I was warned that the group would, at the beginning of the meeting, recite the Pledge of Allegiance “just like old school days.”

I was surprised by the comment. Because I work for a government, I often attend meetings which begin with the Pledge of Allegiance. I had to remind myself, though, that prior to joining the County, it had been years since I'd said the Pledge.

I've said the Pledge often enough now that I've had plenty of opportunity to think about the words. About what they really mean. Who pledges allegiance to a flag, anyway? Well, of course the flag is merely emblematic of the republic, the United States of America. And a republic – what's that? Unlike a pure democracy, a republic is a representative form of government, in which representatives of the citizens run the government.

And what does that republic stand for? A unified nation, with liberty, and justice, for all.

Good words to consider as you approach this year's general election ballot. As a voter, you have the right to choose the representatives who will continue to protect liberty and ensure justice, for all.

The ballot this November will begin with the usual barrage of state measures, nine in all. Federal offices – President and Vice President, followed by United States Senator and Representatives – follow. Then come candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, and other statewide elected offices, followed by state legislators. Finally, those important local offices and measures round out the ballot.

There's never been a more important ballot. Vote. Make sure your friends and family members vote. If you have friends who are not registered, remind them that they can register in person, at the Elections office, through October 31.

Liberty and justice, for all. Do your part. Vote.

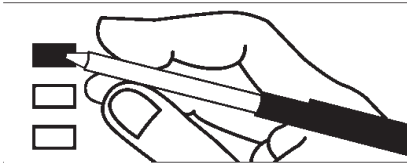
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San Juan County Auditor



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all

Your ballot packet will be mailed to you

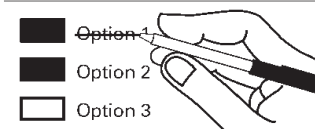
How to vote



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

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

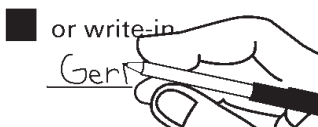
If you make a mistake



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

Then you may make another choice.

Optional write-in



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

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

Voting instructions

- Tear off the stub at the top of the ballot and throw it away.
- Mark all contests you wish to vote. **You don't have to vote every issue.**
- Put your finished ballot into the security sleeve.
- Put your security sleeve and ballot into the return envelope.
- Read, sign, and date the Voter's Declaration on the envelope. **We cannot count your ballot unless you sign the declaration.**
- Seal the return envelope.
- Return your voted ballot:
 - By mail**, requires first-class postage
 - OR**
 - Put it in a ballot drop box**, no postage is needed.

Need a replacement ballot?

1. **Download:**
 - Go to MyVote: www.myvote.wa.gov
 - Sign in with your name and date of birth
 - Click on *MyBallot*
 - Follow the instructions
- OR**
2. **Request** by phone, email, FAX, postal mail or in person:

San Juan County Elections
55 Second St., Ste. A
PO Box 638
Friday Harbor, WA 98250
Phone: (360) 378-3357
FAX: (360) 378-8856
Email: elections@sanjuanco.com

Voters with disabilities



The accessible voting equipment in the Election office is available starting October 21, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., M-F, and until 8:00 p.m. Election Day, November 8.

Sample Ballot

This ballot checklist shows all San Juan County measures and candidates approved for inclusion on the ballot for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Not all measures listed here will be on your ballot.

Countywide – County Council Members

Council Residency District 1

- Bill Watson
- Bob Jarman

Council Residency District 2

- Rick Hughes
- Michael Durland

Orcas Island

Orcas Island Library District Proposition No. 1

The Board of Trustees of the Orcas Island Library District adopted Resolution 2-2016 concerning an increase to its regular property tax levy. This proposition would authorize an increase to its regular property tax levy rate to \$0.45 per \$1000 of assessed valuation for collection in the year 2017. Thereafter, such levy amount would be used to compute the limitations for subsequent levies as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
- Rejected

Lopez Island

Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Proposition No. 1

The Governing Body of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District adopted Resolution No. 1-2016 concerning an excess levy for the District. This proposition would authorize the District to generate \$80,000 by a levy of excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District in an amount estimated to be \$.07652 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation for one tax year—2017—for the purpose of funding operations and capital improvements of the District.

Shall the proposition be approved?

- Yes
- No



**Bill
Watson**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

San Juan County Charter Review Commission (CRC), San Juan North District, 2012.

Other Professional Experience

30 years of software engineering with Microsoft, DEC, and other leading technology firms, 1977-present, including 20+ years of personnel and financial management responsibility. Program Coordinator, San Juan County Economic Development Council (EDC), 2007-2009.

Education

BS Computer Science, Ohio State University, 1979.

Community Service

San Juan Community Theater production of "The Addams Family". Current board member of Friends of Lime Kiln Society (FOLKS). Former board member of the San Juan Islands Agricultural Guild, Friends of the San Juans, and Leadership San Juan Islands.

Statement

As a member of our County Council, I will apply the team-oriented approach and problem-solving skills developed during my professional career, bringing leadership and critical thinking to the issues facing our County Council, and making government accessible and responsive to all citizens. I commit to providing transparent and smoothly-functioning local government that treats all islanders as equals and works actively to address the pressing problems that our community faces.

My mission as County Councilman is to maintain a constructive and respectful dialogue with our citizens, to honor the responsibility that the voters have given me and to be accountable to them for the decisions I make on their behalf. With a spirit of collaboration, we can collectively work on issues like affordable housing, sustainable economic development, preserving farms and farmland, jet noise, property rights, and the environment. Thank you for your support.

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**Bob
Jarman**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Twelve years as District 3 Fire Commissioner (2003-2015); SJC Council Dist. 1 (2013 to present); Chair, SJC Council (2015)

Other Professional Experience

30 years with the local phone company as a telephone technician, business office supervisor and area plant supervisor. Launched my own telecommunications business in 2008.

Education

High school Palo Alto, CA; Industrial Arts, Cal Poly Tech Institute; Business and Management training, Kansas State University.

Community Service

Kiwanis past board member; Founding member Dollars For Scholars; San Juan Senior Board; Relay For Life; Golf Classic; County Fair; Witzend; Oktoberfest; Community Theater.

Statement

Since 2013 it has been my honor to represent all SJC citizens on County Council. I've worked to preserve our rural character, environment, property rights, and our island way of life. I believe I've made a significant difference in SJC government by serving on advisory boards, addressing local issues with state and regional representatives and working with county staff. It is my policy to always be accessible and responsive to my constituents.

For over 40 years I've lived and worked in these islands as an employee, small business owner, fire commissioner, and councilman. I bring commitment and communication, experience and knowledge to the Council. With your support I will continue working for all SJC citizens to strengthen our economy, find housing solutions, protect farm lands, be oil spill ready and create jobs. With your vote, I pledge to continue proactively seeking effective, common sense solutions to county problems.

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Statements are printed as submitted. Candidates are solely responsible for content.



Rick Hughes

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

San Juan County Council, District #2 (Three years); San Juan County Board of Health (Three years); Lodging Tax Chair (Three years); Ferry Advisory Committee (Three years)

Other Professional Experience

President – Ray’s Pharmacy (Ten Years); ESPN.com – Sales/Ad Director (Nine Years); Media/Account Advertising Agency (Seven Years)

Education

Southern Methodist University, 1990; BBA-Marketing, Cox School of Business; BA-Advertising Meadows School of Arts; Minor in American History

Community Service

Vice President Opportunity Council Board; Orcas Island Family Connections Board; San Juan County Drug-Take-Back creator; PTSA Roller Skating; Little League Rookie Coach; EPRC; Outward Bound Wilderness

Statement

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Citizens of San Juan County. It has been an honor to serve on the San Juan County Council from District #2. My continuing pledge to the community is to operate a fair, honest and transparent government, to develop better communications and interaction between County employees and the public, and to have County government serve as an aid to the public.

Over the next four years I would like to improve the long-term prospect of living wage jobs, provide affordable rental housing options. Assure reliable and responsive care for our seniors and evaluate and promote reasonable and affordable local transportation options. Develop only clear, concise and appropriate regulations and lead the update to our comprehensive plan. I promise to continue to listen and learn, be fair and honest, and act in the best interests of San Juan County.

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Michael Durland

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

Education

Michael attended the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London Connecticut and received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho in Interdisciplinary Studies majoring in Biology and Political Science.

Community Service

Michael Durland is an active member of Island Oil Spill Association. He has donated time, equipment, energy, money, and technical knowledge to numerous non-profits throughout San Juan County. Michael served on the Marine Resources Committee and the Deer Harbor Plan Review Committee gaining a working knowledge of County, State, and Federal land use codes relating to the environment, construction, and development.

Statement

My goal as representative of District 2 is for all citizens to be served promptly and courteously and to be treated fairly and equally.

That County employees have the tools, training, and support to do their jobs properly.

That County representatives and agencies will be responsible and accountable for their actions and decisions.

I will listen to your concerns about County government and your suggestions for improvement.

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Orcas Island Library District

Proposition No. 1

Concerning an increase to its regular property tax

The Board of Trustees of the Orcas Island Library District adopted Resolution 2-2016 concerning an increase to its regular property tax levy. This proposition would authorize an increase to its regular property tax levy rate to \$0.45 per \$1000 of assessed valuation for collection in the year 2017. Thereafter, such levy amount would be used to compute the limitations for subsequent levies as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected



You are voting *Approved* to approve or *Rejected* to reject the property tax levy increase

Approved — you *favor* the property tax increase

Rejected — you *do not favor* the property tax increase

Explanatory Statement

Prepared by Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson P.S.
Attorneys for Orcas Island Library District

If approved by voters, this proposition would authorize the Orcas Island Library District to raise its regular property tax levy rate by approximately 14.7 cents to 45 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for collection in 2017. This amount is still less than the State-authorized levy rate of 50 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The resulting levy amount would then be used to calculate the limit on future levy increases for 2018 and thereafter. The estimated tax increase for a \$250,000 Orcas property will be approximately \$37 in 2017. The District has not had a levy lid lift since its formation in 1987.

A major expansion of the Library is currently underway, which will provide more space for a variety of users, including children and young adults, and more computer workstations, small group meeting rooms, and a patio. The Library will also increase the size of its print and digital media collections and offer more quiet spaces for reading and research. The District has raised \$3.5 million toward the project cost through a combination of private fund raising and a State appropriation of \$1.4 million. In establishing the construction budget of \$4.2 million, the District Board of Trustees deferred a number of capital improvement items that can be supported over time through other fundraising and grants. Approval of this proposition will complete funding for the \$4.2 million construction project and ensure that the State funds will be available during the current biennium. The additional levy revenue will also provide stable and adequate funding for operations and maintenance of the expanded Library, including adequate capital and operating reserves.

Rejection of this proposal would jeopardize the immediate availability, and possibly the ultimate availability, of the State funding for the Library expansion project, would cause construction of the Library expansion to be slowed or suspended, and would likely require the District to reduce services and programming from current levels.

Statement For Proposition No. 1

The Library Expansion is badly needed. It will create more space for Children and Young Adults, more space for quiet reading, more space for study and meetings, more space for books, and better internet access for people who don't have it. The argument that libraries will be replaced by the internet is disproved daily by the robust increase in users at the Orcas Island Library.

Your vote to approve will complete a Library Expansion that is already more than 80% funded; it will leverage your tax dollars by allowing the Library to access \$1.4 million in Washington State Capital Funds obtained by Senator Kevin Ranker for the 2015-17 biennium; and it will fund services and maintenance for the expanded library.

Private fundraising continues, but time grows short. The expansion must be fully funded before the library can access the state funds.

It is not likely that we will ever again have such generous private donations plus state funding that puts us so close to our goal. Together, our Orcas Community can do this! Please vote "Approved."

Argument Prepared by

Advocacy Committee for the Orcas Island Library Expansion:

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Statement Against Proposition No. 1

The proposed Orcas Island Library District levy increase is a very, very bad idea because of reasons, huge reasons, which believe me, I know. It will be huge.

The first reason the increase is a very, very bad idea is because the library is expanding in the wrong location, where it's not needed. The library should instead focus on developing extension branches connected by a series of pressurized tubes serving needier readers in remote locations, so that the latest Danielle Steel novel or Glenn Beck novelty can be shot to readers in Doe Bay or Deer Harbor at a moment's notice, or at least as fast as it takes a book to shoot through a pressurized tube from Eastsound to Doe Bay, which anyways is still much, much faster than the available internet service, believe me. It's huge.

Another reason the increase is a very, very bad idea is because libraries discriminate against illiterate people by catering to intellectual types who read stuff, I mean real stuff, not just Twitter streams, Instagram accounts, and Facebook news like the rest of the civilized world. Saint Ronald Reagan once noted, "Why should we subsidize intellectual curiosity?" which is a very good question, since if his own intellectual curiosity had perhaps been sufficiently subsidized, he wouldn't have been able to say "I don't remember" or "I don't recall" so many times during those Iran Contra hearings, believe me, plausible deniability is huge, okay? It's huge, and will be huger in the future.

Vote!

Argument Prepared by

Maurice Austin

Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District

Proposition No. 1

Concerning an excess levy for the District

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Shall the proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Prepared by Randall K. Gaylord
San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney

Each year, the Governing Board of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District has proposed a balanced budget that includes revenue from tipping fees based upon weight or volume and tax revenue to be paid for with a one-year property tax levy. The amount of the tax revenue for 2017 is \$80,000.

The Governing Board has adopted Resolution No. 1-2016 calling for an election to approve the one-year property tax measure. If adopted, taxes on property within the district will increase by approximately seven cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for taxes imposed for the year 2017.

The revenue raised by this proposal must be used by the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District for operations and capital expenses.

A sixty percent majority is needed to pass this proposal. A “yes” vote is a vote to approve the proposal; a “no” vote is a vote against the proposal.



You are voting *Yes* to approve or *No* to reject the excess levy to fund the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District

Yes — you *favor* the property tax levy

No — you *do not favor* the property tax levy

Statement For Proposition No. 1

It's that time of year again when the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District must put its levy on the ballot, but this year it is a reduced levy. In the first six months of 2016 our award-winning local facility handled over 119 tons of recyclable materials. Local drivers hauled 276 tons of garbage on our District roll-off truck, and we diverted approximately 1603 pounds of materials through Take It or Leave It each open day.

A quick comparison with other island communities reveals a \$20 gate fee and \$3/can of commingled recyclables at the San Juan Island Transfer Station, and \$9 per can charge at Orcas and \$3/can for commingled recyclables. The Lopez Dump remains on track with free self-separated recycling, \$8 per can of garbage, our Take It or Leave It, and a clean and tidy facility operated with local talent.

Garbage fees alone cannot pay for our unique and innovative system. Lopez Proposition No. 1, the 2017 Solid Waste Levy, will provide \$80,000 in tax revenue (down from \$115,000 in 2016). This is a rate of approximately 7.65 cents per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value, or \$38.26 for a property valued at \$500,000. That seems a small price to pay for a well-managed community program that helps keep our beautiful rural island healthy and clean.

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

Argument Prepared by

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Statement Against Proposition No. 1

No argument against was submitted.