

Clallam County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet

November 4, 2025 General Election

Your ballot should arrive by October 22



Please use an Official Drop Box or give USPS extra time and mail your ballot by October 28

Dungeness Lighthouse and Mt. Baker
Photo by Daniel Parrott

Message from the Auditor

Make Your Vote Count – Support Your Local Leaders and Return Your Ballot on Time!

Voting isn't just about big races, it's about choosing the people who lead our community every day. By voting for local officials like city council, port commissioner, hospital commissioner, school board director, fire commissioner, and others, you're helping shape decisions that directly affect your daily life—roads, schools, safety, and public services.



Your **General Election Voters' Pamphlet** includes important details about local candidates and state and local measures. Use it to make informed choices.

As the General Election approaches, we strongly encourage all Clallam County voters to make a plan and vote early. This helps ensure your ballot is received before the deadline and avoids any delivery delays.

The United States Postal Service recommends mailing your ballot at least **two weeks before Election Day** to help guarantee timely delivery. If you're mailing in your ballot, don't wait, send it as soon as possible!

Prefer not to mail it? Take advantage of the **8 Official Ballot Drop Boxes** placed throughout Clallam County—in areas like Port Angeles, Sequim, Forks, Clallam Bay, Neah Bay, Sekiu, and Carlsborg. These secure drop boxes are open **24/7**, are routinely collected by elections staff, and taken directly to the Elections Center. Using a drop box means **no postage is needed**, and your ballot goes straight into the system.

Your signature matters. Be sure to sign your Return Ballot Envelope. Each signature is compared to the one on your voter registration file. If it's missing or doesn't match, our office will notify you and give you a chance to correct it, so your vote is counted.

Thank you for being a Clallam County voter. Your vote is your voice. Your local leaders need to hear it!

Sincerely,

Shoona Riggs
Clallam County Auditor

Important Dates and Deadlines

- Ballots mailed on: October 15
- Cutoff to register online by: October 27
- Cutoff to register by mail, received by: October 27
- Cutoff to register in person by: November 4, 8:00 p.m.
- Election Day: November 4

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Local Jurisdictions Participating in this Election:



Clallam County, Port of Port Angeles, Hospital District 1, Hospital District 2, City of Forks, City of Port Angeles, City of Sequim, Port Angeles School District 121, Crescent School District 313, Sequim School District 323, Cape Flattery School District 401, Quillayute Valley School District 402, Fire District 1, Fire District 2, Fire District 3, Fire District 4, Fire District 5, Fire District 6; Clallam County Park & Recreation District 1, Quillayute Valley Park & Recreation District, Black Diamond Water District, and Sunland Water District.



This pamphlet contains all races for all ballots. Use your ballot to determine which races you will be voting on.

It is illegal to:



- Vote if you are not a United States citizen;
- Vote if you have been convicted of a felony and have not had your voting rights restored;
- Cast a ballot or sign a ballot declaration on behalf of another voter.

Please report suspected incidents of voter fraud or election law violations to the Washington Secretary of State's Office.

Phone: (360) 902-4180
Email: elections@sos.wa.gov

To Register to Vote, You Must Be

- a citizen of the United States;
- a Washington State resident;
- at least 16 years old;
 - If you are 16 or 17, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.
- not disqualified from voting due to court order;
- not currently serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony conviction; and
- not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.

Register to Vote

Online

Visit www.VoteWA.gov and click “Register to Vote.” A Washington State ID or Social Security number is required to register online.

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to visit VoteWA.



By Mail

Complete and return a Washington State Voter Registration form. Forms must be **received** in the Elections and Voter Registration Office by the deadline.

In Person

Visit the Clallam County Elections and Voter Registration Office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Registration Deadlines

- Online through October 27, 2025.
- Mail **received** through October 27, 2025.
- In person through November 4, 2025 until 8:00 p.m.

Replacement Ballots

If your ballot is lost, spoiled, or destroyed, you can:

- Call or email our office
- Visit us in person
- Print a replacement ballot online at www.VoteWA.gov

17-Year-Old Voters

Washington State Legislation allows 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the November General Election to vote in the August Primary.



Sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds can also pre-register and will automatically be registered when they are eligible to vote.

Pre-registering can be done through:

- Clallam County Elections and Voter Registration Office
- Department of Licensing
- Online at www.VoteWA.gov

#FutureVoter

Felony Conviction & Voting Rights

When is my right to vote restored?

- If you were convicted of a felony in Washington State, another state, or in federal court, your right to vote will be restored automatically as long as you are not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.
- If you were convicted of a felony in another state or in federal court, your right to vote is restored automatically as long as you are not currently incarcerated for that felony.
- You **do not** lose the right to vote for a misdemeanor conviction or a conviction in juvenile court.

Registering to vote

Once your right to vote is restored, you must register to vote even if you were previously registered. You do not need a certificate of discharge to register to vote.

You can register to vote at:

- Clallam County Elections and Voter Registration Office
- Department of Licensing
- www.VoteWA.gov



Election Day, November 4, 2025

Office hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., regular business, M-F
 Office hours: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Election Day

223 E 4th St, Room 042, Port Angeles, WA 98362 • (360) 417-2221 • elections@clallamcountywa.gov • clallamcountywa.gov/elections

Accessible Voting



Clallam County voters with disabilities can request a reasonable accommodation or assistance to vote. Clallam County Elections is committed to ensuring accessibility

for our voters. For each Primary and Election we offer an Accessible Voting Unit (AVU) in order to provide you with the opportunity to vote independently and privately.

AVUs are available starting 20 days before Election Day, until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. AVUs must be wheelchair-accessible and screened from other voters to maintain privacy. An AVU presents your ballot on a monitor. You select choices by touching the screen, using a select wheel, or by using a tool. You can use headphones to listen to the text and prompts on your ballot.

If you have trouble reading your ballot or filling bubbles, we have a ballot marking device in our office that can help you. Visit us or call to learn more. (360) 417-2221.

FAQs: What Should I Do?

My spouse/roommate signed my return envelope.

If someone has mistakenly signed your return ballot envelope, **draw a line through the incorrect signature and sign your name** directly above the correction.

I forgot to put my ballot in the Secrecy Sleeve and sealed my Return Envelope.

The Secrecy Sleeve is optional and not required.

I received a Signature Update Form stating my signature on my return ballot envelope did not match the signature on my voter registration record.

Promptly return the completed, signed Signature Update Form to our office via mail, email, in person, or by Official Ballot Drop Box (boxes will close promptly at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day). **Signature Update Forms can be returned until 4:30 p.m. the day before Certification, November 24, 2025.**

ACP Address Confidentiality Program

Washington State's Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) can help maintain the security of your home, work, or school address.

The ACP will:

- Provide you with a legal substitute address and forward your first-class mail to you.
- Help you register to vote without the records being available to the public.

To be eligible for the ACP you must:

- Be an adult, or parent/guardian acting on behalf of a minor(s); and
- Be a victim of a crime; and
- Reside in Washington State

How to enroll:

You must meet in person with a Certified Advocate, located throughout the state.

Call: (360) 753-2972

Toll free (WA only): (800) 822-1065

Mailing address:

Washington State ACP

PO Box 257

Olympia, WA 98507-0257

For more information: www.sos.wa.gov/acp

Track Your Ballot!

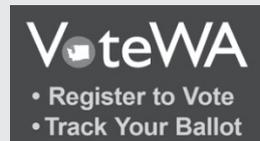


1. Scan the QR code, or
2. Visit www.VoteWA.gov.
3. Enter your first name, last name, and date of birth.

4. On the top of the screen you will see several options.

5. Select Your Ballot & Voting Materials.

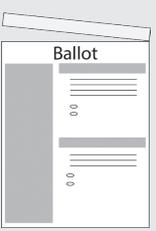
6. You will be directed to a page that will show your ballot status (Mailed, Received, Reviewed and Processed, Accepted or Rejected).

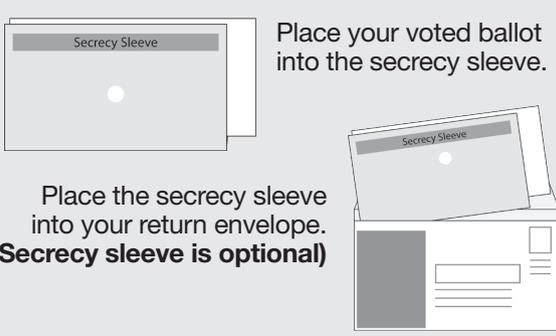


Voting Your Ballot

1 The ballot packet for the November 4 General will be mailed to you on October 15. This packet will include your official ballot, secrecy sleeve, and a postage-paid return envelope.

2  Fill in the oval to mark your vote as shown. You do not have to vote for every race or contest.

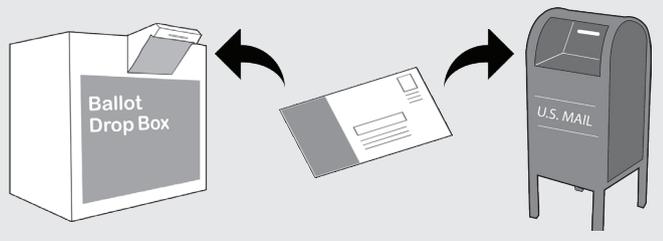
3  Remove and discard the top stub.

4  Place your voted ballot into the secrecy sleeve. Place the secrecy sleeve into your return envelope. **(Secrecy sleeve is optional)**

5  **Sign, date and seal your return envelope.** Your signature is **required** for your ballot to be counted. We check every signature.

6 Return your ballot:

- Official Ballot Drop Box – no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- Mail – **postmarked** on or before Election Day.



Returning Your Ballot

By Official Ballot Drop Box

Drop Boxes are open 20 days before Election Day, 24 hours a day until 8:00 p.m. on Election Night.

Returning your ballot to a drop box reduces the cost of postage for the election.

CENTRAL

Clallam County Courthouse

223 E 4th St, Port Angeles

- Courthouse circular drive
- Courthouse sidewalk, across from disabled parking
- Elections and Voter Registration Office, room 042 (only available during business hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.)

EAST END

Carlsborg – 261461 Hwy 101, near Sunny Farms, adjacent to Mill Rd

Sequim – 651 W Washington St, in the parking lot

WEST END

Clallam Bay – 16990 Hwy 112, in front of the Clallam Bay Branch Library

Forks – 500 E Division St, outside Forks City Hall

Neah Bay – 1450 Bayview Ave, in front of Washburn's General Store by the left Totem Pole

Seki – 15 Sekiu Airport Road, at the PUD in the drive-up lane

By Mail

No stamp is necessary if you use the return envelope that is provided with your ballot. Please make sure to have a postmark on or before November 4, 2025 when mailing your ballot. Check with your local Post Office for postmark cutoff times on Election Day.

Additional Resources

County Information

www.clallamcountywa.gov/elections

State Election Information

www.sos.wa.gov

Campaign Finance Information

www.pdc.wa.gov

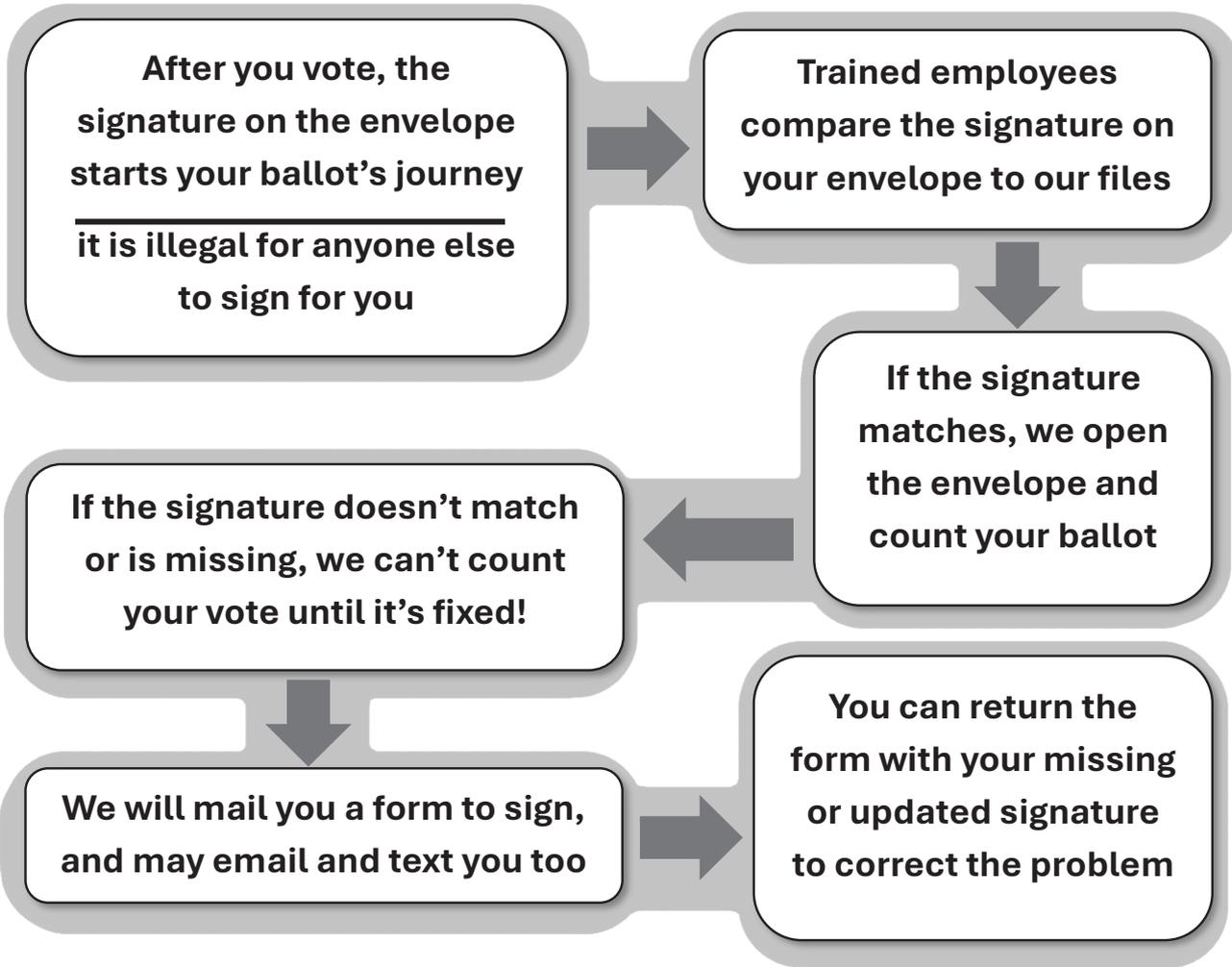
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Your Signature Matters!



You can also update your signature with us at any time, just to stay current!



Return forms to us at: elections@clallamcountywa.gov
or by mail at: 223 E 4th St., Suite 1, Port Angeles, WA 98362

If you can't sign – but can make a mark – two people can sign underneath to witness your mark, and we can accept your ballot.

Charter Amendments

Clallam County is governed by a county charter. The Clallam County Charter has been in place since 1976. Clallam County is one of seven counties in the State of Washington to operate under a city charter. Other counties include Clark, King, Pierce, San Juan, Snohomish, and Whatcom.

What is a County Charter?

A charter serves as the organic law of the County establishing a basic set of rules for county government. Like the constitutions for the state and federal governments, the county charter establishes the form of county government and the branches, officers, and departments of county government. It defines their relationships and how they interact.

Changing the Charter

The Clallam County Charter can only be changed by a vote of the people. A Charter Review Commission is formed every five years to review the charter and suggest changes to the voters. Changes can also be brought to voters by County Commissioners and/or initiative.

Charter Review Commission

The voters of Clallam County elected a 15-member Charter Review Commission in November 2024. The Commission holds multiple meetings, takes public testimony, and studies numerous proposed amendments. The Commission meets from January through December when their term ends. During this time, the Charter Review Commission creates propositions to go to the voters with potential changes to the County Charter.



For More Information

Information about proposed charter amendments including specific alterations to the text can be found on the County's web page at www.clallamcountywa.gov or by contacting the Clallam County Commissioner's Office at (360) 417-2233.

Clallam County

Charter Amendment No. 1
Charter Amendment Regarding Coroner Duties

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to the Clallam County Home Rule Charter, concerning the requirement that the Prosecuting Attorney serve as the ex-officio coroner. This amendment would remove the requirement that the Prosecuting Attorney serve as the ex-officio coroner, thereby removing the duties of coroner from the Prosecuting Attorney to the Board of County Commissioners of Clallam County, who would then have the responsibility to hire personnel with the appropriate credentials and training to serve as coroner.

Should this amendment be:

- Approved
- Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Written by **Duncan K. Fobes**, Attorney for District

The Clallam County Home Rule Charter currently provides that the Prosecuting Attorney shall additionally serve as ex-officio coroner. The amendment, if adopted, would remove the Prosecuting Attorney as ex-officio coroner and place the responsibilities and duties of appointing a coroner to the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Article XI, Section 4 of the Washington State Constitution, which provides that any duties of county officials prescribed by state law, with certain exceptions, if not assigned to specific officers by the County Charter, will become the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners. Under this amendment, the Board of County Commissioners would have the ability to hire personnel with the appropriate credentials and training to serve as the coroner.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

Argument For

Historically, the Prosecuting Attorney served as the ex-officio coroner for the county. Then, a Washington State Attorney General's opinion determined state law prohibited the Board of County Commissioners from selecting the Prosecuting Attorney as coroner.

Now, effective January 1, 2025, State Legislature changed the state law pertaining to who may serve in the position of coroner. Due to this year's change in state law, the Board of County Commissioners was essentially given the authority to appoint someone to serve as coroner. As a result of these changes, the Clallam County Charter is no longer aligned with state law.

To align the Charter with the state law, the County has two options: (1) create an elected county coroner - which would allow anyone to run for the coroner position - even someone with no training or background in forensic investigations; or, (2) allow the Board of County Commissioners to hire personnel with appropriate training and credentials in forensic investigations to serve in this role.

This Charter Amendment will bring the Charter into alignment with state law. Rather than creating an elected coroner position that would allow someone with no training or appropriate credentials to serve as coroner, this amendment, if adopted, would charge the Board of County Commissioners with the responsibility of hiring someone with appropriate training and expertise to serve as the county coroner.

Written by

Kathleen Smith

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Argument Against

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditor to provide a statement, and there is no argument against this measure.

Clallam County

Proposition No. 1

Levy Lid Lift for County Essential Public Services

The Board of County Commissioners of Clallam County adopted Resolution No. 61, concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund County operations. If approved, this proposition would provide additional funding to continue services which promote safety, health, and the quality of life for citizens in such areas as criminal justice, public safety, public health, land use, and parks. It authorizes a maximum regular County-General property levy rate for collection in 2026 of \$0.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The 2026 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years.

Should this proposition be:

APPROVED

REJECTED

Explanatory Statement

Written by **Bert D. Boughton**, Attorney for District

Clallam County is charged with providing certain services under the Constitution and laws of Washington State, specifically programs addressing criminal justice, public safety, public health, land use, parks, and other services which promote safety, health, and the quality of life for its citizens. While the maximum allowed levy rate is \$1.80 per \$1,000 for the County-General property tax levy, Clallam County's current rate is \$0.7598. If approved by the voters, the proposition will authorize the County to adjust its levy rate to \$0.95 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025 for collection in 2026. The 2026 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years. The Board of County Commissioners has determined this proposition is necessary to maintain essential county services in light of rising costs. Approval of this measure will allow the County to maintain the level of services it provides to its citizens.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

Argument For

Counties in Washington State are an extension of state government and are required to provide certain services at the local level under the Constitution and laws of Washington. Those General Fund programs, separate from the Road Fund, include the criminal justice system – the courts, Prosecutor, Sheriff, jail, coroner, and juvenile services. Additionally, required programs include public health, elections, recording official documents, assessing property values, processing tax deferrals, land use regulations and permitting, collecting property taxes, and distributing taxes to other governmental entities. Beyond these services, counties provide services to provide quality of life for citizens such for parks, the Fair, and for youth (i.e. 4-H).

The primary source of funding for counties is the property tax. The maximum allowed levy rate for counties is \$1.80 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Unlike other taxing districts in the region, Clallam County does not levy the maximum rate. The current levy rate is \$0.7598 per \$1,000, far less than the \$1.44 per \$1,000 that was levied ten years ago. This proposal would assess a levy of \$0.95 per \$1,000 and cost the owner of a \$500,000 home an additional estimated \$8 per month.

Clallam County leaders have worked carefully in the past years to innovate, find efficiencies, and reduce costs. This measure will allow Clallam County to largely maintain current essential services while continuing to prioritize important needs of county residents. This statement is submitted by Randy Johnson / Brian King / Pam Rushton.

Written by

Randy Johnson

Contact:

randallsjohnson82@gmail.com

Argument Against

The levy lift is a 25% increase without the county specifying the essential services it believes it needs the additional revenues from the property owners. The General Fund is a broad array of services, not all required by statute as essential and the voter is not given the choice or understanding within this vote on what services are in the best interest of the citizens as also being essential. To accept that such an increase in taxation will represent only those portions of the General Fund that allocate for required essential services leaves the door wide open for the county to define what is essential that could even undercut those required. The current levy rate is mostly under threat for not being adequate by the loss of non-property tax based revenues that were created back as far as the formation of the State and also the amount of Federal removal from our tax rolls that do not have just compensation for which they were withdrawn. That burden is ultimately on the property tax payer to make up for when the rest of the country is reaping the benefits of such withdrawals but not paying their equal share of the burden. State legislature has created many *essential* basic services since the current rate has been in effect, but those too are a burden for being unfunded mandates, for when the rest of the state is reaping the benefits of such mandates but not paying their equal share of the burden.

Written by

Ed Bowen

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No photo
submitted

**Nate
Adkisson**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I am no longer able to run for the position. If elected, I will immediately resign.

Contact

(360) 981-0046; adkisson54@wavecable.com



**Colleen
McAleer**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

District 1 Commissioner for the Port of Port Angeles since 2013.

Other Professional Experience

Executive Director of the Clallam Economic Development Council 2019-Present; President of Washington Business Alliance 2015-2018, Director of Business Development at the Port of Port Angeles 2011-2013, Commercial Real Estate Broker in Sequim 2002-2011; US Army helicopter & fixed wing pilot and military intelligence officer from 1989-1999. Decorated combat veteran.

Education

BS in Computer Science, Florida Institute of Technology, 1989; Certified Commercial Investment Member, CCIM Institute, 2007

Community Service

Olympic Workforce Development Council 2019-Present; WA Board Member, US Global Leadership Coalition 2016-Present; Commissioner, Seattle Sports Commission 2015-2019; Board Member, Peninsula College Foundation 2010-2016

Statement

I believe in the Port's unique ability to drive economic opportunity in our county. I bring extensive experience to this nonpartisan role, including nearly 12 years as Port Commissioner, prior employment with the Port, and firsthand involvement working with businesses that pay prosperity wages.

Since I joined the Port as an employee in 2011, we've made significant progress on many fronts. Today, the Port is served by an exceptional team.

As a Port Commissioner, my responsibilities include setting strategic direction, selecting the Executive Director, approving the annual budget, and authorizing long-term leases.

In recent years, we've advanced numerous important projects, including; Redevelopment of the Marine Trades Center to generate new maritime jobs; Repaving and improving our airport runway and expanding airport usage; Upgrading the terminals and equipment to accommodate container shipping in addition to bulk cargo; Expanding barging capacity to reduce emissions and lower transportation costs; Investing in our marinas to enhance recreational boating opportunities for residents; and Unifying cities and businesses to support the creation of high-wage jobs our communities need through cross-sector collaboration such as \$35M Recompete award.

I remain committed to the Port's success in serving Clallam County and I ask for your vote.

Contact

(360) 461-2218; Colleen@olypen.com;
www.ColleenForPort.com



Allen Sawyer

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

none

Other Professional Experience

employment experiences in: Retail, Manufacturing, Distribution, Real Estate, and Agricultural production.

Education

Washington State University

Community Service

an assortment of volunteer activities

Statement

While considering ballot options for Port Commissioners, please review, current information about, the Port's: organizational structure, mandates, activities, projects, long-term plans, services, and assets. As the organization, functions; on a county-wide basis.

Thank You,
Allen

Contact

(360) 670-9282; allensawyer@yahoo.com



Steven Burke

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Commissioner, Port of Port Angeles (2016-Present); Commissioner, Charter Review Commission (2016); Treasure and Board Member, Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce (2012-2024)

Other Professional Experience

Executive Director, Shore Aquatic Center; Special Agent, US Department of Justice; Board Member, North Olympic Legislative Alliance; Board Member, North Olympic Development Council; Board Member Clallam County Economic Development Council

Education

BA Public Administration and Political Science

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

It has been my privilege to have served as your District 2 Port Commissioner for the last nine years. I have worked to support our maritime, aviation and forest industries and grow the number of quality family-wage jobs in Clallam County. If re-elected, I will continue to make Clallam County a first choice for businesses to consider in relocating or growing their business.

Our Port District has a nearly unique set of marine and airport properties. As important as they are, the quality of your Port's prudent and forward-thinking leadership is what will make them pay off. The redevelopment of the K Ply property on Marine Drive is a good example of what it takes to get things done and not just talked about. What it takes is a vision and a continuity of effective executive leadership.

I am committed to transparent decision making, responsible environmental stewardship and investing in hard and soft infrastructure needed for the long haul. I thank you for your vote of confidence in the past and I ask for your vote again to re-elect me as District 2 Port Commissioner.

Contact

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No photo
submitted

Paige
Pearson
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Appointed to Clallam County Hospital District #1 Board of Commissioners in 2024

Other Professional Experience

Registered Dental Hygienist; Co-Owner of Nicholas Worley Trucking, Inc.

Education

Chimacum High School Class of 2005; Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene-Shoreline Community College-Class of 2011

Community Service

Currently active with West End Youth League and Forks Elementary PTO as well as the Olympic Logging Conference

Statement

Paige Pearson was born and raised on the Olympic Peninsula. She is a registered dental hygienist, business owner and dedicated community leader. Paige has been practicing dental hygiene since 2011 and remains committed to promoting health and wellness in her hometown. She lives in Forks with her husband and their three daughters, and enjoys spending quality time with family, traveling, and exploring all the beauty the Pacific Northwest has to offer.

Contact

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**Ann Marie
Henninger**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

OMC/PHD #2 Commissioner 2020-present; OMC/PHD #2 Secretary 2023, 2024; OMC/PHD #2 Board President 2025

Other Professional Experience

Current Registered Nurse with 35 years of clinical experience in multiple settings. Member of: International Nurses Society on Addiction, Nurses on Boards Coalition, Washington State Hospital Association Hospital Governing Boards Committee.

Education

BS Psychology, University of Puget Sound (1988); BS Nursing, Saint Louis University (1990); WSHA Governance Education Certification 2020-present; National Rural Health Association Certified Rural Health Nurse 2024-present.

Community Service

Scout Troop 1498 Merit Badge Counselor, Co-founder of Sequim Boys' Soccer Booster Club, Nurse Manager at Sequim Free Clinic, Regional Homeschool Group Administrator; Volunteer at St. Joseph Parish.

Statement

Together with my family, I have lived, worked, played, and volunteered in Clallam County for nearly 30 years.

I seek your vote for re-election to the OMC Board so I can continue to protect and preserve healthcare in Clallam County, remedy OMC's financial difficulties, and apply my passion, knowledge, and skills to the governance role.

Over the past 5 years, our public hospital district has faced a pandemic, staffing scarcities, supply chain shortages, extraordinary costs, and significant financial deficits, thanks in no small part to a woefully inadequate payer mix.

We at OMC are at a crossroads; we cannot remain the same. We must adapt and flex to cope with an ever-changing healthcare landscape.

I will continue working with the Board to ensure that safe, quality, and accessible care is the highest priority and to find optimal solutions for our financial challenges. I will keep advocating for the best interests of our patients, staff, providers, and organization to ensure that Olympic Medical Center will continue to exist—and thrive—for our future healthcare needs.

With your vote, I will continue to provide strong leadership, enthusiastic advocacy, fiduciary responsibility, board continuity, and excellent stewardship. Thank you!

Contact

(360) 461-5531; amh4omcboc@gmail.com



**Gerald B.
Stephanz Jr.**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Central Utah Clinic retired 2015. Served on the Renal Physicians Association as Board Member, Chair of an Advocacy Program and Business Efficiency Committees. Administrative experience includes numerous hospital committees and medical director of multiple dialysis units. Advisory board member to a Medicare claims contractor.

Education

University of Kansas, Cell Biology BS, MD, Internal Medicine Residency, Chief Medical Resident. University of Florida Nephrology Fellowship.

Community Service

Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year 2022. Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic/ REdisCOVERY Volunteer Physician, Board of Directors, Medical Director 2016-present. Clallam County Board of Health 2017-present. Treasurer, St. Andrew's Episcopal 2020-present.

Statement

I have run my own medical practice and navigated a merger when government and insurance financial pressures made it necessary. I have been on the boards of regional and national physician organizations and know the importance of discussions with elected officials. I have practiced in large hospitals and rural hospitals and know the difference in terms of what services each can provide and afford.

I believe in using my expertise to give back to our community. For the last 9 years I have conducted a weekly homeless shelter medical clinic and have seen firsthand the aging of that population and the ongoing problem of substance abuse.

OMC is crucial to the medical and economic health of our county. Local control should be maintained but a merger, or downsizing, may be needed to keep OMC open. In whatever form OMC exists, it needs to serve the needs of the community. Medical decisions need to remain between the provider and the patient.

I have clinical, business management, and hospital expertise. If elected, there would be an MD on the Commission. OMC needs these skills. I promise an open dialogue with all. I humbly ask for your vote.

Contact

(360) 797-1015; gbsjrmd@sisna.com



**Carleen
Bensen**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Urologist in Port Angeles in private practice and hospital employed 1992-2025; Part time medical provider at Clallam County Jail 2024-present; Past Member of Medical Executive Committee OMC, Chief of Surgery, Chief of Staff; Past Member of Executive Committee Washington State Urology Society; Past Member of Americal Urological Association Coding and Reimbursement Committee

Education

Gettysburg College - BA Biology; US Army/Baylor University - Master's Physical Therapy; Webster College - Master's Health Services Management; University of New Mexico - MD and Urology Residency.

Community Service

Volunteer with Harm Reduction; Host Family for Port Angeles Lefties; Volunteer with Sherriff's Department and County Health Department

Statement

In my career as a urologist in this community, I have always tried to provide the highest level of medical and surgical care to my patients. Since retiring, I feel like I can continue to contribute to providing excellent medical care to the community by being on the hospital commission. I know the medical community well and its unique challenges - payer mix, geographical isolation, difficulty attracting and keeping medical professionals, all while maintaining a high level of excellence. I have been involved with advocacy with the state and national Urology Associations in both Olympia and Washington DC.

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**Tara B.
Coffin**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

None; eager to leverage extensive public health research and regulatory experience to shape effective healthcare policymaking.

Other Professional Experience

Regulatory Chair at WCG Clinical; Health Communication & Research Consultant for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, MD Anderson Cancer Center, University of Washington, and others.

Education

Doctorate in Public Health Genetics and Master's in Special Education from the University of Washington; Bachelor of Arts from the University of Puget Sound; Certified IRB Professional.

Community Service

Led self-defense classes at Mongolia's National Center Against Violence; conducted community-needs assessment for perinatal support services throughout Washington; developed educational programs for the Boys & Girls Club.

Statement

Tara Coffin is committed to ensuring that residents of Clallam County have access to affordable, high-quality healthcare. With a robust background in public health research and communication, she is well-prepared to tackle the challenges rural communities face in accessing healthcare. As a commissioner, she is dedicated to securing consistent, patient-centered care for the county. She will advocate for improved healthcare access through the application of telehealth services and primary care, alongside conducting regular community assessments to understand local health needs.

Tara's expertise in health communication will drive efforts to improve transparency and communication between the Olympic Medical Center Board of Commissioners and the public. She values open dialogue and aims to bridge any gaps between the community and the Board, ensuring that residents' voices are integral to the decision-making process.

Through fostering clear and effective communication, Tara seeks to build trust and keep the community well-informed about local healthcare initiatives and changes. With her strong understanding of healthcare regulations and disparities, she is poised to be a powerful ally in furthering Olympic Medical Center's mission, ensuring essential health services are accessible to all community members.

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Penney Sanders

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Appointed Commissioner to OMC Board March 5, 2025

Other Professional Experience

Owner, Compass Advocates, LLC, Elder Advocacy business; Retired School Administrator; State-wide Oversight and Accountability Officer, Commonwealth of KY

Education

PhD-University of Alberta; Certificate as Professional Guardian/Conservator and Certificate in Gerontology, University of Washington.

Community Service

Member, WA Supreme Court Board for Certified Professional Guardians/Conservators; Board Member, Port Angeles Senior Center; Member/Past President Kiwanis Club of Port Angeles; Volunteer, Volunteer Hospice; Former Board Member, Port Angeles Education Foundation; Founding Member, Peninsula Medical Coalition; Past Member and Chair, Port Angeles Civil Service Commission.

Statement

As a 20-year resident of Port Angeles and an Elder Advocate for 15 years, I am aware of how important the Olympic Medical Center is for the health care of all in our communities. Having attended and advocated at OMC Board meetings throughout the years, I understand the budgetary and operational challenges facing our hospital.

Local access to care, both primary and specialty services, is essential for the well-being of all. As an Elder Advocate I am aware of the challenges that traveling off the Peninsula for medical care is for many residents, especially those with limited resources.

In March 2025, I was appointed to the OMC Board to fulfill the remaining 2 years of an open seat. Federal and state funding issues, the financial stability of OMC, the need for specialists and support for current services are paramount concerns. My expertise is well-matched for dealing with these challenges and securing the future of our hospital.

I come to this Board with an Advocate's heart and experience, a much-needed perspective. I respectfully ask for your vote and support to allow me to complete this term.

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Laurie Force

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

none

Other Professional Experience

Wound/Ostomy Consultant, Valley Medical Center, Renton WA 2006-2017: Developed the Inpatient Wound Department, provided staff education. Staff RN, St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Junction CO 1998-2006: Specialized in Wound/ostomy care. Home Health & Hospice RN, 1989-1998 in Grand Junction CO, Moscow ID, and Pullman WA.

Education

MS (specialty Adult Nurse Practitioner), University of Colorado; BSN, Washington State University

Community Service

Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic; Clallam County Master Gardeners

Statement

My husband and I moved here in 2019 to escape the I-5 corridor and be closer to my aging parents. Beautiful Port Angeles quickly became our home, but I don't think we would have relocated this far out on the North Olympic Peninsula without OMC.

Now OMC faces intensifying financial pressures that threaten its existence and access to care for our entire community, especially the most vulnerable—our elderly, disabled and low income neighbors. They also put immense strain on the doctors, nurses, therapists, and all the support staff who provide essential care every day. Our national medical delivery system is broken. We need a system that values people over profits. In the meantime, Clallam County needs OMC to find a way to survive.

No matter the path forward, hard choices lie ahead. Merge? Who with? Downsize? How much? My preference would be to maintain local, secular control. But I suspect we can all agree that our first goal is to keep the doors open. In this time of turmoil, rumors and fears escalate. I believe we must reach out to the community: Listen carefully and communicate clearly with all stakeholders. In hard times, we need to pull together.

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No photo
submitted

**Tim
Fletcher**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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**Vilkesh
Patel**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

I may be new to the electoral process, but I am not new to advocating for positive change.

Other Professional Experience

In addition to my work in Lodging, I also have experience in construction. I am a licensed contractor and co-owner of Rudraa Construction LLC, a company based in Forks.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Structural Analysis and Design-
University of Houston

Community Service

I am dedicated to enriching the Forks community through meaningful contributions and active involvement. Supporting local NGOs and youth sports programs is a core commitment of mine, as I believe in fostering growth, opportunity, and connection for our residents.

Statement

Let's build a stronger Forks—together.

My commitment is to economic growth, community well-being, and transparency in local government. I believe that Forks thrives when we invest in sustainable development, support local businesses, and create opportunities for families and future generations. If elected, I will work tirelessly to ensure our voices are heard and our city moves forward with integrity and vision.

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Kaylan Kimball
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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No photo submitted

Joe Soha
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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Corey Pearson

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Former Chief Operating Officer overseeing operations, budgeting, and strategy for multimillion-dollar organizations. Improved efficiency, reduced costs, and led public-facing initiatives aligned with core values. Built a small business from the ground up.

Education

I hold no fancy degrees, but after returning to Forks, I educated myself in the fields that serve this town: holistic nutrition, accountancy and eco-tourism.

Community Service

Former Co-Chair of Treasury for the Forks Food Bank. Led a 4,000-box food delivery initiative. Coordinated Tillicum Park cleanups. Ongoing volunteer with the Republican Party and Catholic Church—supporting lawful paths to citizenship. Always hand up - not out.

Statement

This town raised me—on grit, hard work, and love for family. I grew up watching industries fall and families stretch every penny, and I know what it means to rebuild with no guarantees.

Like many, I left Forks to build a future. I worked my way up to Chief Operating Officer for multimillion-dollar organizations—leading teams, building systems, and launching a business from scratch. I’ve shouldered the weight of government overreach and rebuilt after loss. Those lessons shaped me.

Since coming home, I’ve focused on what matters most—our people. For seven years, I’ve shown up quietly: delivering food, helping neighbors find housing, restoring public spaces, and standing beside veterans, elders, and children. That kind of service doesn’t come with titles. It comes from trust.

And now, I feel called to do more.

Because I see what’s coming—rising costs, outside developers, and decisions being made without us. I won’t stand by and watch Forks be shaped without the people who know what this community really needs.

I believe local leadership should reflect local lives. I get Forks and I believe small-town values still matter here.

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Armistead Lucas Coleman II

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

I have no elected experience

Other Professional Experience

Owner of Rogue Gunn Works in Forks, WA; Former President of ALCII, Inc., timber framing company on Bainbridge Island.

Education

Rogue Community College in Grants Pass Oregon gunsmithing program.

Community Service

Helping with multiple Eagle Scout projects including the Fay Banibridge State park stone staircase. Volunteered for the Japanese Internment Memorial on Bainbridge Island due to my knowledge of Japanese architecture and wood working. Most recently, I am a volunteer for the Clallam County Sheriff’s department’s Search and Rescue team, earning a bronze service award for 2024.

Statement

A Community is not judged by the most fortunate, but by the ones most in need... Leadership and progress is obtained by listening and understanding the needs of the whole while not forgetting the individual. These are statements and ideas I take to heart. By talking and listening to the citizens of Forks, I hope to better convey the needs and concerns of the people to our Mayor and help guide the community in a direction that everyone can agree upon. Forks needs to keep it’s identity while also embracing the relentless push of technology and growth. Forks faces many challenges presented by not only the Federal, State, and County governments but also in our unique place along the coast of the Olympic Peninsula. Encouraging our children to stay and make our area the best place to raise their own children for the generations to come next. To have civic pride and to be proud to call Forks our home. More than once I have sworn to uphold the Constitution, and that oath I take very seriously on a daily basis. It is up to us, the citizens, to make our lives as rich and rewarding as possible.

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**LaTrisha
Suggs**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

I've served on City Council since 2020 for Port Angeles, I'm on the William Shore Memorial Pool Board, Solid Waste Advisory Committee, alternate for the Utility Advisory Committee, Clallam County Marine Resources Committee, and Northwest Straits Commission.

Other Professional Experience

23 yrs experience in environmental policy/planning, Tribal Government, Grants Admin/Writing, Project Management, & land conservation. I worked for Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe on Dam Removal and currently the restoration planner for my Tribe.

Education

Graduated with an Environmental Policy and Planning degree from Western Washington University/Huxley program, & an AA degree from Peninsula College, & graduated from PA in 1989.

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

My great-grandmother, grandmother and mother were all born in Port Angeles (Cook-Kardonsky family). I am a Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Citizen. My ties to the community are generational. I have witnessed local changes that include logging boom/bust, racism when bumper stickers read "Save a Salmon, Kill an Indian", salmon habitat declines that spurred local habitat restoration, population growth, economic ups and downs, losing the main health insurance provider on the Olympic Peninsula and how primary care providers stopped accepting Medicaid patients, enrollment changes in the PA School district, boom and bust of mill openings and closings, housing boom of 2004, the housing crisis of 2007, Pandemic of 2020-2023, and economic revitalization. My historic knowledge of the past inspires me to plan for a better future for the next seven generations and commitment for a place that all can live, play, and work safely. I bring intergenerational knowledge my opponents don't have. The next four years requires stability, implement permitting improvements, promote housing incentives/affordable housing projects, protect the city's drinking water (Elwha River), and advocate for a Tumwater/highway 101 on & off ramp to remove truck traffic from downtown PA. I would appreciate your vote.

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**James
Taylor**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

For 35 years, James traveled around the US and parts of the world designing, programming, installing and commissioning industrial control systems, valving and instrumentation. Interesting stops along the way including the North Slope of Alaska, Prescott Arizona, Salt Lake City, Bellingham, WA, Czech Republic, multiple locations in China, with clients in Japan and Korea.

Education

BS in Math from Oregon State

Community Service

1-1/2 years on COPA Planning Commission; Vice President of Port Angeles Business Associate; COPA Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder; Observer to Port Commission, County Housing Solutions; Master Gardeners.

Statement

The luxury of living in Port Angeles continues to outpace our income, making it harder for many residents to keep up. The city has raised both the sales tax and fees. Since 2021, city hiring and spending have continued without pause, adding 44.73 full-time equivalent positions—an 18% increase to the city payroll. Overall spending has jumped by 34%, all while the population has grown by less than 1%.

Building Single-family homes generate jobs, contribute to the property tax base, help strengthen family-oriented communities and are the back bone of the American dream. Yet the city seems more focused on congratulating itself for promoting multiplexes and apartment buildings. These policies have come at the expense of single-family housing, with increased fees making homebuilding less accessible and less affordable.

Economic development also deserves more serious attention. Of the \$32,000 budgeted for promoting business, the city spent just \$3,000. At the same time, substantial funds are being funneled to out-of-town consultants who deliver generic recommendations, rather than investing in local knowledge and expertise. The city's Comprehensive Plan reflects this misalignment, offering little meaningful support for local business development or long-term economic growth.

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Tyler Slater

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

While I don't have political experience, I've lead teams of people in a variety of situations during my time in the private sector.

Other Professional Experience

I'm an IT Systems Administrator at 7 Cedars Casino. Previously I provided IT services for local small businesses.

Education

Associate of Applied Science in Cybersecurity, Peninsula College class of 2018; High School Diploma, Port Angeles High School class of 2009

Community Service

I help family, friends, and neighbors with tech - fixing computers and answering questions. I also stay involved with my daughter's basketball team helping however I can. It's not formal service, but I'm happy to help.

Statement

I'm Tyler Slater, and I'm running for Port Angeles City Council. Im running because Port Angeles means so much to my family. I've lived here since the 1990s, graduated from Port Angeles High School, and earned Dean's List honors at Peninsula College. After some time living in San Francisco and Seattle, my wife and I came back in 2015 to settle down. We've since started a family here. Our daughter attends a public school and we bought our home in 2019.

Port Angeles isn't just where I live - it's where my roots are. My family's been here for generations and that history gives me a deep sense of pride and responsibility.

I'm stepping up because I hear what so many of you are saying: we need fresh ideas and leadership that truly listens. I've seen what happens when cities lose their identity - when corporate values replace community ones. I don't want that for Port Angeles.

Real progress starts with listening to the people who live here and making decisions that reflect our values. I want to help protect what makes this town special and make it even better for the next generation.

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Drew Schwab

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

In 2023, Drew was elected to the Port Angeles City Council to fill the remaining 2 years of a term. From 2010 to 2015, Drew was elected to the board of the Port Angeles Downtown Association.

Other Professional Experience

Drew has owned and operated the store Anime Kat in downtown Port Angeles since 2010.

Education

Drew went to Peninsula College earning several business degrees including a BAS in Applied Management in 2009.

Community Service

From 2016 to 2023, Drew was appointed and served on the Port Angeles Planning Commission. From 2021 to 2023, he was appointed and served on the Port Angeles Public Safety Advisory Board.

Statement

I'm Drew Schwab, and I moved to Port Angeles in 2003 after graduating from high school. I originally moved here to attend Peninsula College when my father was stationed at the Coast Guard base. I chose Port Angeles as my permanent home because of the natural beauty, community strength, and expanded family roots I gained by marrying a Port Angeles native. I'm running to retain the seat on Council I've had for 2 years with a focus on our local economy, affordable housing, public safety, and homelessness. As a small business owner, local economic development is important to me. I will support economic development through reducing burdens on small businesses, investing in city infrastructure, expanding affordable housing, and supporting workforce development. I will support affordable housing by reducing policy and permit bottlenecks, increasing city infrastructure to aid in development, and reducing financial burdens on prospective homeowners, builders, and developers. I will support the Port Angeles Police Department through strategic investments, policy reforms, and collaborative initiatives. Support includes lobbying the state for police reform based on the recommendations of the PAPD. I will work on finding ways to reduce homelessness by expanding affordable housing, improving access to services, and community collaboration.

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**Mark
Hodgson**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

I'm running for city council because I love our community. I know a successful Port Angeles is built on ensuring safe communities, making affordable housing accessible and implementing a strategic plan for economic growth and development.

As leaders, we must make public safety a priority. Law Enforcement officers should be supported by elected officials while still being held accountable to the public. Our community should be safe, and our residents should feel safe. We must also discuss affordable housing, which continues to be a challenge we fall short on. We can do better. Our city can be a leader in public/private partnerships that deliver home ownership opportunities across the housing spectrum. And we need a strategic vision for long-term economic development and resiliency. Our economy has changed dramatically over the decades and is now overly dependent on local governments for jobs. I want the city to have a specific and measurable plan to help bring family wage jobs to our city that take advantage of our deep-water port, encourage sustainable forestry products, and advertise the beauty, culture, and adventure our environment has to offer.

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**Kate
Dexter**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Port Angeles City Council, 8 years (Deputy Mayor, 2 years; Mayor 6 years)

Other Professional Experience

Nursing Program Specialist, Peninsula College; Nursing Program Assistant, Peninsula College; Special Projects Coordinator, First Presbyterian Church; Technical Assistance Field Specialist, Oregon Office of Rural Health, Oregon Health and Science University; Manager, The Specialty Clinic, Port Angeles.

Education

Master of Public Administration, University of Washington; BA History and Public Service, Albion College.

Community Service

Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC); City of Port Angeles Utility Advisory Committee (former Chair); Clallam County Law & Justice Committee; Lauridsen Trust Board; Feiro Marine Life Center Board

Statement

I'm honored to represent the people of Port Angeles on the City Council and as Mayor. During these turbulent times we need thoughtful, steady leadership. I've served during difficult times for Port Angeles, including through the pandemic, when Port Angeles led with policies that helped struggling households and businesses. As Mayor, I've provided a space for respectful discourse, where everyone has the opportunity to speak and be heard.

During my time on Council I supported policies and partnerships to increase housing stock, enhance economic development, address the childcare shortage, respond to the effects of climate change, and support public safety.

Port Angeles is leading the state on housing policy and public safety initiatives. I supported the creation of programs such as REdisCOVERY, Community Paramedicine, and Operation Shielding Hope.

I've had the privilege of representing the City at both the state and national levels, developing strong partnerships with local governments, nonprofits, and community partners like the Coast Guard and the City of Victoria.

I look forward to continuing the important work that we have begun together and will continue to be a thoughtful leader as we successfully navigate the current challenges facing our City. I humbly ask for your vote.

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**Marolee "Mimi"
Smith Dvorak**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Mimi Smith-Dvorak is registered as an independent voter, never been elected to any office.

Other Professional Experience

She is a local businessperson, co-owner of a publishing company, real estate investor, partner in a boarding kennel, as well as a published author. She has been married for 37 years, with three children, a longtime Port Angeles resident.

Education

She is self-educated. She is a thoughtful, independent thinker.

Community Service

She served on the Port Angeles Planning Commission for 5 years, after previously running for city council.

She follows local politics and is an advocate for the people.

Statement

Port Angeles has changed. I settled in Port Angeles in 1993. Like you, I have seen what has happened. Changes made by our local city government (ordinances and rules) seem arbitrary – with no thought to the citizen's needs or desires. We elect a city council to be the voice for the people.

Unanimous votes raise your utility rates, approve new fees and fines, and add restrictions on your property, and businesses.

You are not represented if your voice is not heard. Does anyone fight for us? Do you ever hear "no" when your tax money is being spent?

Who is listened to? The taxpayers? Or expensive, never-ending consultants and NGOs?

Climate change, less parking for cars, more bike lanes, more dubious grants have been the theme.

Why is the council's first public comment limited to "agenda items only"? This has never existed before. It is wrong. (We don't set the agenda.)

It is time to make changes, to involve you, the people, in your local government.

All city councils, everywhere, have a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of the constituents, prioritize their welfare, and manage the city resources responsibly.

I promise, I care.

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**Kelly
Burger**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Appointed to Sequim City Council since February 2025

Other Professional Experience

I worked at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor for 5 years as a supervisor and member of the leadership team with the Navy Marine Mammal Program conducting waterfront security. After moving to Sequim in 2018, I joined the sales team at Brix Marine. I became a stay-at-home parent in 2021 after my first child was born.

Education

I graduated high school in Gig Harbor, WA, and have an Associates in Science Degree in Marine Science.

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

I love Sequim's small-town charm and how accessible the outdoors are. Sequim has a strong sense of community, and I am grateful for the opportunity to raise my children here. I am interested in helping Sequim manage its growth with a focus on maintaining and improving infrastructure, creating affordable workforce housing, and making community improvements that will make Sequim a fulfilling place for all community members to live.

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A. Pete
Tjemsland

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

This is my first time running for an elected office.

Other Professional Experience

I served the City of Sequim for 35 years in various roles, including as Utilities Manager. I retired in 2024. I served in the US Navy Seabees for 21 years, retiring in 2003.

Education

1978 Sequim High School graduate.

Community Service

Current: Clallam County Opportunity Fund Board - City of Sequim representative.

Prior: Sequim-Shiso Sister City Association - President (2012-2023); Olympic Section of Wastewater Operators - President (2002-2004); Irrigation Festival Committee - Festival on the Field Co-Chair (1998-2002).

Statement

Sequim has been my home for my entire life and I take great pride in living here.

I will bring to the City Council my experience gained over 35 years as a City employee. In my various roles with the City, I have built positive relationships with staff, gained an understanding and appreciation for the City's functions, and collaborated with both citizen boards and elected officials. These experiences will make me a more effective Council member.

In my professional life, I have prioritized listening, team building, and taking a pragmatic, goal-focused approach to problem solving. As a Council member, I will bring this perspective to the issues facing Sequim. Residents deserve a positive voice on their Council who builds upon the features that make Sequim a great place to live, while also serving the needs of the community.

If elected, I will continue to promote infrastructure replacement, repairs, expansion, public safety—including emergency management—responsible growth, and smart budgeting. I believe collaborating with agencies throughout the region should be a priority and will advocate for stronger partnerships with these agencies.

I would be honored to serve my community on the Sequim City Council and humbly ask for your vote.

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Rachel
Anderson

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience
Sequim City Council since 2021

Other Professional Experience

Council Representation on Committees - Council Finance Committee, Clallam Transit System Board, Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization, Housing Solutions, Sequim-Dungeness Chamber of Commerce, Solid Waste Advisory, Sequim-Shiso Sister City Association, Homelessness Task Force

Education

Sequim High School Graduate, AAS Accounting Kaplan University 2009, AAS Business Administration Entrepreneurial Emphasis Peninsula College 2021, Certification Of Municipal Leadership (CML) Association Of Washington Cities (AWC) 2021, Advanced CML AWC 2021

Community Service

2,000+ volunteer hours. Olympic Community Action Programs, Head Start Policy Council, Sequim Farmers and Artisans Market, Sequim Education Foundation, Sequim Shiso Sister City Association Garden Club, Holiday Meal Distributions

Statement

Serving on the Sequim City Council has been an honor and a responsibility I take seriously. Over the past few years, I've seen how essential it is to make informed, future-focused decisions—especially as our community grows. Housing remains my top priority. It's deeply connected to economic development, workforce stability, and the health and safety of our residents. I'm also committed to sustainability, environmental stewardship, and advocating for mental health resources.

One accomplishment I'm especially proud of is the zoning overlay that helps protect mobile home park residents—a vulnerable group during a time of increasing housing insecurity. Policies like this are rooted in protecting people and preserving community.

Since being appointed, I've also learned how important transparency and public education are. There's a lot of misinformation, and I've worked hard to share accurate information, build trust, and support honest dialogue.

Collaboration is a guiding principle for me—especially here on the peninsula, where it can feel like we're doing this work alone. But we're not. We're stronger together.

I'm asking for your vote so I can keep working for you and with you to build a more connected, resilient, and inclusive Sequim.

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Unopposed



Brandon
Janisse

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Sequim City Councilor since 2018.

Other Professional Experience

Control Technician at Clallam County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Army Military Police Soldier.

Education

B.S. in Political Science (Kaplan University), A.A. (Peninsula College), Six Sigma Green Belt (Syracuse University). Advance Cert. Municipal Leadership (AWC).

Community Service

Past Board member, Boys & Girls Club of the Olympic Peninsula.

Statement

For over 20 years, I've been proud to call Sequim home, with several of those years spent serving in the U.S. Army. For the past 7 years, I've worked hard on behalf of Sequim's community as a City Councilmember and current Mayor. I'm proud of what we've accomplished together—but there is more work to be done.

I'm running for re-election to continue advancing affordable and workforce housing, protecting mobile home park residents, and promoting policies that support all types of housing. Every resident deserves the dignity of a safe, secure, and affordable place to live. I will continue to fight for good-paying jobs, housing stability, and a stable local government.

I'm a husband, father, and devoted public servant who puts in 20–30 hours a week to serve our community. I've testified before the state legislature, earned the Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership, and served on the Planning Commission, Clallam Transit Board, Finance Committee, and Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

I will keep building partnerships with local organizations to ensure Sequim remains a welcoming place for all. I'm proud of my record and would be honored to earn your vote.

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**Nicole
Hartman**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

None. Appointed to Sequim City Council April 22, 2024.

Other Professional Experience

Communications & Government Relations Manager, 2017 – Present, PUD#1 of Clallam County; Executive Assistant, 2008-2017, PUD#1 of Clallam County; Marketing Manager, 2000-2008, True North Federal Credit Union

Education

B.B.A, Management Emphasis, University of Alaska Southeast, May 1996

Community Service

Sequim Sunrise Rotary Club, 2018-Present (President 2023-2024, President-Elect 2022-2023, Secretary 2021-2022); Juneau Rotary Club, 2001-2008 (Secretary 2005-2008, Secretary of the Tri-Club District Conference Committee 2006-2007); Alaska Commemorative Coin Commission, Commissioner 2006-2007; Gastineau Humane Society, Juneau, AK, Board of Directors 2001-2002

Statement

I moved to Sequim in 2008, having spent the majority of my life in Alaska, with tours in many other locales as a Coast Guard dependent. I draw from these experiences an appreciation for the uniqueness of the challenges and opportunities in each. I believe that public service and volunteerism build community. This is why my past 25 years of employment have been with not-for-profit entities that are guided by officials elected by the members and communities they serve.

I sought appointment to the Sequim City Council in order to give back and do my part to contribute to Sequim's future. We need creative housing solutions for all demographic segments, competitive schools, and infrastructure that attracts the professionals and services to keep Sequim strong and healthy. I am also passionate about emergency preparedness. We live in an enviable, gorgeous wilderness but that ruralness requires a certain level of self-sufficiency as we would be isolated for some time in the event of a major disaster.

Sequim, like so many other communities is experiencing growth and this growth needs to be managed in a sustainable and equitable manner so that all residents may benefit and we become stronger together.

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**Sarah
Methner**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

PASD Board of Directors 2009-present

Other Professional Experience

Washington State School Directors Association Legislative Committee; Washington State School Directors Resolution Committee; Substitute Teacher; Education and Training Specialist State Farm Insurance

Education

University of Oregon, BA Political Science, US History; Teaching Certificate Seattle Pacific University

Community Service

Pre-3 Co-op President; Roosevelt Elementary PTA President; PASD Fiscal Advisory Committee; United Way Board; Hospital Foundation Board; Camp Fire Central Puget Sound Board; PASD Capital Facilities Committee; Court-Appointed Special Advocate for Children/G.A.L.; Dream Playground; Summer Food Program Boys and Girls Club; Camp Fire Facility Committee; Port Angeles Citizens for Education; 8-year Rotary youth exchange host family

Statement

As your 16-year representative, what’s best for kids is always my north star. I’m so proud of our students and teachers. I want to continue bringing my experience, vision, and commitment so that every child has access to great schools.

Our district now has a very bright future. I co-led our district to one of the earliest returns to the classroom statewide and in providing computers to students in the meantime. I championed expansion of STEM and vocational classes, helped create Seaview Academy, and helped implement new graduation pathways, giving kids multiple routes to success. With the medical community, we created a mobile health clinic serving all schools with essential care. I fought to bring counselors back to every school and worked closely with local tribes to expand cultural and educational opportunities.

Most notably, I helped create and voters passed historic funding measures to rebuild our schools. During my presidency we developed a detailed 30-year facilities plan with input from over 1100 stakeholders, providing major ongoing local construction employment while respecting taxpayers by keeping taxes level and predictable.

With a deep belief in public education and collaborative leadership, I respectfully ask for your continued support.

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**Ned
Hammar**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Real Change, Board of Directors, Seattle 2008-2010; Washington Academy of Family Physicians, Trustee, 2012-2015

Other Professional Experience

Peace Corps South Africa, School Development, 1998-2000; NEAR Sciences (Neuroscience, ACEs, Resilience) Community Presenter, 2017-present; Port Angeles Family Physician Rural Training Faculty, 2018-present

Education

BA, Honors Chemistry, Wesleyan University, 1997; MD, Johns Hopkins Medical School, 2005; Board-Certified Family Physician, Swedish Cherry Hill Residency, 2008

Community Service

I was raised in a town of 400 valuing hard work, family and community. My family has called Port Angeles home since 2015. We have two boys in PASD and believe in respecting, cooperating with, and learning from everyone.

Statement

With two children in district, our family *felt* last April’s paraeducator strike. It was humbling to see the challenges our staff face. I also learned that the situation was complicated. Our State Constitution mandates education for all, yet relies on property taxes to fund schools, making poor districts poorer, rich richer. There’s no “extra” from the State for the extra challenges that rural kids face—challenges I know all too well as a family doctor. Against this backdrop we organized a community forum, allowing better understanding with the board/administration. We also helped shift the bond measure to better balance investment in buildings *and* people. This bond successfully passed, following years of failed measures.

Our district’s three strike actions over the past five years could have been avoided with more accountability, transparency, and communication. With your vote I will champion these practices. Community members deserve a board who will listen. Parents and families deserve a board who will advocate for our children. Educators deserve the support they need to do their job. I will listen and take action.

In this community I’ve seen people work together to achieve great things. Together we can get results. Our kids deserve nothing less

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**Mary
Hebert**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

President Port Angeles Education Association; Port Angeles School District Board of Directors

Other Professional Experience

29 years Elementary Teacher; 7 years Elementary Principal; 5 years Assistant Superintendent

Education

AA Peninsula College; BA and MA Western Washington University; Principal Certificate Seattle Pacific University

Community Service

North Olympic Health Care Network Board Chair; Festival of Trees Chair; Duck Derby Sales; Sonny Sixkiller Golf Tournament; Harvest of Hope; North Olympic Health Care President; Peninsula College Athletic Advisory Board; Port Angeles High School Athletic Hall of Fame Board

Statement

Re Elect Mary Hebert, Proven Leadership for Port Angeles Schools.

I bring a lifetime of service to public education as a teacher, union leader, principal, assistant superintendent, and now school board member. Over the past four years, my school leadership has delivered real results for students and families across the Port Angeles School District.

I have championed expanded Career Technical Education programs, launched Seaview Academy, and supported new ideas and multiple routes to graduation and student success. I have worked closely with NOHN to create a mobile health unit, ensuring all students have access to essential care at school.

As a former district administrator and school leader, I have built strong relationships with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. I continue to collaborate with the tribe to support culturally responsive practices and create opportunities to help Native students thrive.

I have also played a key role in the passage of an historic school bond, securing transformational investments in Port Angeles High School and Franklin Elementary.

My experience on the board reflects my deep commitment to listening to families, addressing their concerns, and celebrating student achievement.

I am an experienced, student-centered leader delivering for our schools.

Contact

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**Nancy
Hamilton**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Parent Policy Council for Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (3 years)

Other Professional Experience

I am first-generation from the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. I am the Community Liaison for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (LEKT)- Admin team. Previously, I was the Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator for the LEKT; and Family Advocate for LEKT. I am a certified peer Counselor. I am a proud United States Army Veteran-Combat medic.

Education

Army Medical Center of Excellence; Washington State DSHS Division- Department of Behavioral Health; Peninsula College

Community Service

Chairperson-Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Committee, LEKT Housing Authority Commissioner, LEKT Parent Policy Council, Certified Peer Counselor

Statement

I am deeply invested in the success of our schools. As a mother of four, with two children currently in PASD, and a husband who is a PASD teacher, I understand the needs of students, parents, and educators firsthand. As part of the community-led forums during the paraeducator strike last year, I participated in conversations to urge the district to restructure the bond and levy package to bring levy dollars to our district without raising taxes. I am a co-founder of Port Angeles Parents for Education.

I have dedicated my life to public service. My work and leadership have equipped me with valuable skills in communication, advocacy, collaborative problem-solving, and a driven work ethic.

If elected, I will be a strong voice for parents - working to increase transparency and to ensure that parents' perspectives are heard and valued. I am dedicated to supporting our educators and school staff, recognizing their crucial role in shaping the future of our children. I strive to consistently sustain the highest standards in upholding the public's trust and will do so in PASD School Board Position 2. Thank you for your consideration.

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submitted

**Sandy
Middleton**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Crescent school board director, board appointed, June 2020- present.

Other Professional Experience

22 years in the dental field.

Education

Pima Medical Institute 2002, Seattle, WA

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

As a resident of Joyce and a parent of two students in the Crescent School District, I am deeply committed to the success of our school. Since my appointment to the school board in 2020, I have worked alongside fellow board members to be a positive voice for all Crescent students by supporting policies that help them thrive.

I enjoy working with our students, staff and community, and believe that strong collaboration is essential to a successful school system. With your support, I look forward to continuing to serve and advocate for a learning environment where every student can succeed.

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Joey Currie

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Currently serving on the Crescent School District Board of Directors since 2020

Unopposed

Other Professional Experience

Energy Analyst for the City of Port Angeles

Education

Bachelors Degree from Washington State University; Associate of Arts degree from Peninsula College

Community Service

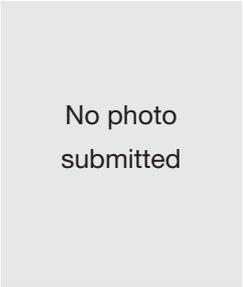
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Statement

My family and I chose to move to Joyce from Port Angeles in 2017 because we were excited for the unique educational and athletic opportunities at Crescent School, as well as the small class sizes. I joined the school board in 2020, ran for election in 2021 and I am seeking another term because I value the opportunity to represent my children's interests, my families values, and the views of the Joyce community as a school board member, while helping to shape the future education of Crescent students.

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No photo submitted

Melinda M Avrett

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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**Patrice
Johnston**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Director, Sequim School Board, District 2, 2021 - present

Other Professional Experience

Retired attorney, practiced family law for 14 years and general corporate litigation for 12 years. Legislative Assistant to US Senator Slade Gorton, 1985-1986. Secretary, Dungeness Irrigation District and Sequim Prairie Tri-Irrigation.

Education

JD, University of Washington, 1983; BA English, University of Puget Sound, 1980

Community Service

Founder and Coach, Sequim HS Mock Trial Program; Clallam County Court Apointed Special Advocate for children in foster care; tax prep volunteer, AARP; Parent Board and classroom volunteer, Board President, Childbirth Education Association of Seattle; Soulumination volunteer.

Statement

I am running for re-election to the Sequim School Board because I believe that good schools are the heart of a healthy community. I spent my career resolving emotionally and financially complex issues such as the issues facing the School Board. I know the value of listening to all points of view, doing your homework, behaving in a professional manner, putting aside personal and partisan agendas, valuing teamwork, and focusing on the goal at hand.

During my past four years of service on the school board, the district has hired a dynamic new superintendent, obtained public and private funding to create a new Career and Technical Education Center of Excellence to provide state-of-the-art vocational training for our middle and high school students, passed its first construction bond in almost thirty years to replace Helen Haller Elementary School and a number of buildings at the high school, and taken strong action to address academic and behavioral concerns that have continued to be an issue in schools throughout the country post-covid. Although the board members have difference viewpoints on certain issues, we work together respectfully to model professional conduct and promote the best interests of our students and families

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**Maren
Halvorsen**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Appointed to Sequim School Board in 2022; elected in 2023 for a two-year term.

Other Professional Experience

Principal and Director, Saturday and Summer Programs (grades K-8), Robinson Center for Young Scholars, University of Washington; Instructor, Writing Across the Curriculum, University of Washington; Lecturer, History Department, University of Washington; Instructor and Principal, Transition School, Robinson Center; Curriculum Writer, Educurious.

Education

B.A., University of Oregon; M.A. and Ph.D., History, University of Washington

Community Service

Parent Volunteer, Seattle Public Schools; Volunteer, Reading Partners, Seattle Public Schools; Civics Education Committee, Clallam County League of Women Voters; Volunteer, Sequim Boys & Girls Club; Board Member, Sequim Education Foundation

Statement

Since joining the Sequim School Board, I have worked to address the needs of students, staff, and families. I am proud of my work on the Board. We have been diligent in overseeing a sustainable budget during challenging economic times. We have seen to the successful realignment of Helen Haller and Greywolf schools, and worked for the approval of a school bond for the construction and renovation of school buildings. Our new buildings represent our community's strong commitment to our schools.

As we move forward, student achievement has to be front and center. We need clear metrics to understand what works in the classroom and what doesn't. New facilities have a huge impact, but at the core of our students' achievement are a challenging, rich curriculum, innovative teaching, and a strong positive culture of academic excellence and exploration. That's where the focus needs to stay, for each and every student. I believe in high expectations and strong support for students and teachers. Our students must be prepared for the world that they will inherit, as citizens and community members. Public education is essential to a strong democracy.

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**Janine
Ledford**
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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**LeAnne
Fletcher**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Currently employed with the Department of Corrections; Fiscal Technician 1995-1998; Secretary Senior 1998-2000; Community Involvement Program Coordinator/Public Information Officer 2000-2008; Business Manager 2008-2016; Program Specialist 2016-2025; Religious Program Coordinator 2025-present

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

LeAnne Fletcher is a person who loves life. She is a daughter, sister, wife, mother, and grandmother. LeAnne and her husband have spent the last 32 years living in Clallam Bay because they love the community. Much of life experiences have taught her that it is our responsibility to not only to take care of our own family, but to also take care of our neighbors, our community, and our cities. She knows that there is no way to accomplish this all at once. It takes patience, time, and hard work. Partnering with those that have the same objectives will make it much easier to accomplish these goals. The Mission Statement of the Cape Flattery School District "In partnering with the Cape Flattery communities, is to ensure that each student be given the opportunity to gain the knowledge, skill and self-esteem necessary to become a contributing member of society." LeAnne wants to make sure every child gets the same chance as any other child. She will make it her goal to see that this happens every day with every child. Be positive, have faith, and work hard.

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Kevin Hinch
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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Ron Hurn
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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**William
Henderson**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Fire Commissioner for Clallam County Fire District 1 since July 2024

Other Professional Experience

I have worked for the Quillayute Valley School District for 34 years. I also served as a reserve police officer for the Forks Police Department.

Education

Graduated from Forks High School.

Community Service

City of Forks Civil Service Commission

Statement

As a long-time resident of Forks, Washington for 46 years and someone deeply committed to public service, I am seeking the opportunity to continue serving as a Fire Commissioner for Clallam County Fire District 1. With 34 years of experience working for the Quillayute Valley School District, eight years as a reserve police officer, and my current role as a Fire Commissioner since July 2024, I bring a strong understanding of our community's needs and the importance of effective, responsive emergency services.

I believe our fire department is a vital asset, and I would like to see it grow and expand to better serve our district. One of my goals as Commissioner is to work toward the development of EMS and ambulatory services within the department. By enhancing our emergency response capabilities, we can better ensure the health and safety of everyone in our community - especially in remote areas where timely care is critical.

I am committed to working collaboratively with fellow commissioners, first responders, and the public to create sustainable plans for growth. I respectfully ask for your support as we work together to strengthen the future of Clallam County Fire District 1.

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John Buonpane
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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Steve Hopf
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

I have been proud to serve as your Commissioner for Fire District #2 for the past 6 years.

Other Professional Experience

I have been a volunteer and paid firefighter for over 30 years. I have been a nurse, operating room technician and biomedical electronic technician for Olympic Medical Center and an electronics instructor at Peninsula College.

Education

2 Associate degrees with multiple technical certificates.

Community Service

Volunteer firefighter, worship team member

Statement

It has been a privilege to serve the past 6 years and I look forward to serving another 6 years. This community has been my home for over 66 years.

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Mike Taggart

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Fire Commissioner, East County Fire and Rescue (ECFR), Clark County, WA (2014-2025); Fire Commissioner, Idyllwild Fire Protection District, Idyllwild, CA (1998-1999)

Other Professional Experience

Research Associate, UC Riverside; Managing Director, RhizoSystems, LLC (retired); Senior Development Engineer, UC Riverside (retired)

Education

UCLA, Communications; Control Data Institute, Computer Engineering

Community Service

Founder and Chair Emeritus, Forest Service Volunteer Association; ARRL, Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator, former Volunteer Exam Coordinator, and former RACES member

Statement

My wife's family moved to PA around 1934, so we were familiar with Sequim when looking for a place to retire. We purchased property in Sequim in 2022 and moved here from Camas in July of 2024, where I am currently completing my term as commissioner and vice-chair at ECFR. I spent 25 years as a volunteer Wilderness Ranger for the USFS, giving me an understanding of fire operations. I will bring nearly 40 years of public service to Clallam 3 if elected to serve you. Below are endorsements from two ECFR colleagues. Thank you for your vote!

"Mike is a first-rate fire commissioner. Mike was instrumental to my understanding of the fire service. He's knowledgeable, personable, and dedicated to public service. He understands how to run a fire district and will be an asset on Clallam 3's board."

-Josh Seeds, ECFR Board Chair

"Mike Taggart is an adept fire commissioner with a proven track record. Joining East County Fire and Rescue in 2022, I collaborated closely with Mike on critical financial and strategic initiatives. His sharp attention to detail and unwavering strategic vision have been instrumental in guiding our district forward."

-Chief Ed Hartin (Ret.)

Contact

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Bill Miano

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

First term as Commissioner for Clallam Fire District #3

Other Professional Experience

Retired firefighter/paramedic from West Valley City Fire Department, UT.

Education

Fire Science AAS from Utah Valley University, Paramedic Certificate from Weber State University.

Community Service

Volunteer assistant coach for youth soccer

Statement

The population of District #3 has grown throughout my first term, and with it the calls for service ballooned to record highs. Fire District #3 now has a "big city" call volume of over 9200 fire and medical calls per year, but still has a budget of a small rural district. It is not uncommon to have all of our units busy while more calls are dispatched.

Through my first term, the Board has focused on increasing staffing to meet this high call demand by adding 3 responders per day. We have sold surplus equipment and property, shifted "office" chiefs to responding Battalion Chiefs, and trimmed all of the fat from the budget.

Our dedicated volunteers help to cover some of the demand, but just like everywhere else in the country, they are becoming more difficult to recruit and retain. The demographics of our area make it an even bigger challenge.

If re-elected, my focus will be on adding more responders to help meet the increasing demand, as well as building and remodeling facilities for those responders. The pandemic and inflation have rapidly increased costs for construction and equipment. We must act decisively before the costs are out of reach.

Contact

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**Sam
Nugent**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Served as Clallam County Fire Commissioner Position No. 3 since 2009

Other Professional Experience

Marketing and advertising career. Retail and newspaper experience. Successful grant writer for non-profits. Named Olympic Peninsula Entrepreneur of the Year 2005

Education

BA Business Administration, WSU. Master Public Administration, Strayer U.

Community Service

Founder of Extreme Slug Racing, now in its 10th year, established as fund-raising effort for Joyce Fire and Rescue.

Statement

It has been my honor to serve as your Fire Commissioner, and I'm seeking re-election to continue supporting the life-saving work of Joyce Fire and Rescue. Over the past 15 years, I've seen an incredible team of volunteers and staff who are dedicated, highly trained, and deeply committed to serving our rural community. I'm proud of how far we've come together. Today, our district is recognized by neighboring departments for our high standards of professionalism and training. We've built a reputation as one of the safest rural medical emergency districts in Washington State. This is thanks in part to the addition of advanced life support paramedics to our services—an achievement that has made a measurable difference in saving lives. Dozens of residents owe their survival to the swift and skilled response of our EMS teams. As Commissioner, my focus has always been ensuring our volunteers and staff have the equipment, training, and support they need to do their jobs safely and effectively. Serving in this role has been the most meaningful and rewarding work of my life. I am honored to continue working for you—keeping our district strong, our responders supported, and our citizens safe.

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Lynne
Kastner

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Current Fire District 4 Commissioner

Other Professional Experience

Worked in the accounting/finance field for corporations such as Hewlett Packard, PADI, Costco, Trinity Racing and Clallam Transit

Education

Associates of Art Degree in Business Administration

Community Service

Fire District 4 Commissioner

Statement

The last 6 years I have witnessed the inner workings of Fire District #4 and have come to appreciate and admire the skill and training obtained by the personnel within this organization and I'm proud to be a part of its success. I'm seeking to continue in this role to provide the fire district with the tools and resources necessary for this district to continually provide their services to this community.

Contact

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Glen
Nicholas III

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

I have been the active fire commissioner for Clallam County Fire District #5 and enjoy being part of the department. I believe I bring a new and valuable perspective to the team of commissioners and look forward to improving the department for the betterment of the community.

Other Professional Experience

I have been with the Department of Corrections for nearly 15 years. Prior to that I was a commercial and residential glazier since 2000.

Education

Clallam Bay High School

Community Service

Serving as Fire Commissioner Clallam County Fire district #5

Statement

Thank you for your time and consideration in this election. I encourage everyone to go out and be part of your community somehow and be part of the change you want to see

Contact

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**Chip
Keen**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

CCFD6 Lead Commissioner, July 2014 to present

Other Professional Experience

Innkeeper, software developer, mechanic

Education

Bachelor's Degree, Biology, UCSC

Community Service

Clallam County Emergency Management volunteer

Statement

During my tenure, my fellow commissioners and I have achieved significant milestones. We installed emergency water storage tanks at the Quillayute Airport to better serve residents of the Prairie, completed two door-to-door outreaches, launched 3riversfire.org, replaced pagers with handheld radios, retrofit the firehall's main bay for earthquake resilience, replaced our obsolete brush/rescue truck, applied each year for grants to replace aging equipment, repaired the weather-damaged SW firehall wall, installed a whole-building emergency generator, improved firefighter radio communications with a repeater, upgraded our District's insurance rating, created a classroom with a donated computer and monitor and a Starlink subscription, instituted an insurance cost recovery plan, had the Quillayute Airport recognized as an all-hazards emergency staging area, received a Washington DOC grant for a solar microgrid feasibility study, erected an emergency communications tower, and unified our incident command system with the Forks and LaPush fire departments.

Today, increasingly complicated equipment and reporting requirements that are mandated, yet unfunded, threaten our fire department's survival. I ask for your vote to help navigate and overcome these challenges for another six-year term.

Contact

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No photo submitted

Frank Pickering
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

I am a Long time SARC Board of Commissioners member and was key in arranging for the Y to lease and operate the facility.

My key focus is to keep the facility operating for the fitness benefit of residents.

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No photo submitted

Donald Grafstrom
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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submitted

**Susie
Brandelius**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Current Commissioner and Secretary of the Quillayute Valley Parks & Recreation District.

Other Professional Experience

25 years as a Social Worker currently as Regional Specialist for Olympic Area Agency on Aging in Forks.

Education

BA in Communications - University of California, San Diego

Community Service

Current Soroptimist International of the Olympic Rain Forest Treasurer, Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisor, 2023 Forks Citizen of the Year, Forks Elks Lodge Member and Past Officer of the Year, Forks Emblem Club Member, Forks Community Hospital Patient Family Advisory Committee Member.

Statement

No information submitted

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**Tyler
Maxfield**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Vice President, UW Biomedical Engineering Society;
Captain, UW Climbing Team

Other Professional Experience

Biomedical engineer focusing on Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCI) treating spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, and ASL. I work directly with medical researchers and human patients who have received BCI implants, which they use to control computers and robotics. Using BCI, these patients gain freedom in their lives and express themselves in ways that were previously impossible.

Education

MSc Bioengineering, University of Washington; BSc Bioengineering, University of Washington

Community Service

Volunteer Firefighter, CCFD6, Three Rivers Fire Department; Swift Water Rescue Technician, CDFD6, Three Rivers Fire Department; Mentor, Underwater Robotics Team, Quileute Tribal School

Statement

Our community deserves leaders who excel at service. Leaders who do what's best for everyone, not only what is expedient or easy. Leaders who know just enough to be useful, and not enough to be entrenched in past mistakes. As a father of two small boys, I am invested in making the future a place where they can thrive. It is up to leaders with a vision for opportunity and growth to help shape this close knit community into someplace people want to lay down roots and grow with us.

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Quillayute Park & Recreation District

Proposition No. 1
6-Year Regular Property Tax Levy

The Board of Directors of Quillayute Park and Recreation District adopted Resolution 2025 - 1 concerning a proposition to fund maintenance and operations of District assets. This proposition would authorize a Regular property tax levy equal to \$.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, for six years commencing in 2026 for collection in the years 2026 through 2031.

Will the Quillayute Park and Recreation District be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of \$.30 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years?

- YES
- NO

Explanatory Statement

Written by **Bert D. Boughton**, Attorney for District

The Quillayute Park and Recreation District (the "District") serves the greater Forks area and owns a facility that the Forks Athletic & Aquatic Club operates out of as a public/private partnership. In 2000, voters approved general obligation bonds to construct this facility but rejected a levy to support the maintenance and operations of the District. As a result, the facility was closed for several years until the public/private partnership was created. Future operations of the facility are threatened by lack of revenue to support ongoing maintenance of the facility. Based on the current assessed value of property within the district, the proposed \$.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value would result in an estimated levy amount payable by an owner of a home with an assessed value of \$300,000 of \$7.50 per month or \$90 per year.

If Proposition 1 passes, the District will have sufficient revenues to support the operations and maintenance of the facility.

If Proposition 1 fails, the District will likely be forced to defer required maintenance and eventually close the facility in the coming years.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

Argument For

This levy will secure the future of our community pool and recreation spaces while giving the board stability to plan, grow, and dream again. Passing this levy doesn't just provide funding—it brings our timber tax dollars home. Right now, because we don't have a levy, this revenue goes to Clallam County, where others decide how it's spent. With this levy, we decide.

The board is implementing stronger financial practices, updating contracts ensuring that this levy is managed with greater accountability and transparency.

The district already supports vital programs and spaces: Feeding 5000, Soroptimist Medical Supply Closet and meeting space for the American Legion, Lions Club, AA, and future after school programs. Through our public-private partnership with Forks Athletic and Aquatic Club, our pool offers swim lessons, family swim, aqua aerobics, lap swim and hosts afterschool STEM competition for underwater robotics teams. Our multipurpose room offers yoga, tumbling, self defense, dance, and other fitness classes. Our weightroom offers workout space, personal trainers, and fitness equipment. A community room and kitchen used for parties, community service, CPR class, and more. These programs keep our community connected, healthy, and active.

At just \$0.30 per \$1,000 assessed value - half the maximum rate - this levy is a responsible investment in our future. It will maintain our current assets, prepare for emergencies, and finally move forward with the original vision of more fields, programs, and opportunities for our community. Let's keep our money local and invest in ourselves. Vote YES on Proposition 1.

Written by

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Argument Against

We all value the community pool and recreation spaces the district maintains, but public trust and transparency matter just as much as public access. While a new board member has joined with fresh energy and the board is working toward a revised lease and updated contracts, the district's most recent audit (2019-2021) raised serious concerns about weak internal controls, missing documentation, and inconsistent budgeting practices. Even now, the district is struggling to provide complete financial records for its current audit.

The board is voluntarily led, and their commitment is appreciated. But even volunteer-led public agencies must meet basic standards of accountability before receiving six years of new tax revenue. We should know how funds will be used, what safeguards are in place, and how progress will be tracked. The district does appear to be moving in the right direction, setting its sights on updating contracts and aligning rents with market rates. Let's give the board space to finish that work, adopt new policies, and return with a stronger, well-supported levy proposal next year.

Voting "No for now" does not mean "No forever." It simply encourages the district to continue reforming and then come back to voters with a clearer, more sustainable path forward.

Vote NO on Proposition 1 — so we can all say yes to a better plan.

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

30+ year career with a Fortune 500 company, with 20 in Management roles.

Education

Chemical Engineering, University of Waterloo (Canada)

Community Service

Volunteer with Sunland North HOA Habitat work parties.

Statement

My wife and I have resided in the Sunland area for over two years, enjoying many of the aspects that our community has to offer. If elected, I will work with fellow commissioners to ensure that the community's interests with respect to water and wastewater management are represented and we pursue Sunland Water District's mission to provide exceptional water supply, wastewater disposal, and water resource management to customers in a safe, reliable, environmentally sensitive, and financially responsible manner.

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