Primary Election
August 4, 2015

You decide who moves on to the November Election.
Message from the Auditor

“Where have you been?” [We missed you, too.]

Pierce County didn’t have any Special Elections this year. The last ballot you received from us was October 2014!

But, we weren’t idle. We took advantage of this unusual gap to tackle some major projects.

Efficiency

Our mighty team of 13 employees analyzed ballot processing in order to meet two new targets:

• Count 95% of expected ballots by post-election Friday, 100% of the time.
• Decrease ballot processing time by 20%.

We documented what happens to your ballot after it arrives in our office. Staff mapped flow time, touch time, number of people, travel distance and quality yield. We documented 66 steps between arrival and the moment your ballot is ready to be counted! [Even we were surprised.]

Taking law, security, and quality into account, staff identified 10 steps for future elimination. If all 10 steps are cut, we believe that we can maintain our 99.99966 accuracy and realize one hour of time savings.

Future

Washington State’s voter registration system is due for major upgrade and it’s an opportunity for fresh thinking. Pierce County has taken a leadership role in this mega project being led by the Secretary of State. We’re on a statewide team documenting the current and future state of Washington’s voter registration system.

Back at home, we took our first preparatory steps to replace our outdated election equipment and software. We brought together four large counties and the Secretary of State’s Office for demonstrations of the newest certified election technology. It was a good showcase of the technology that’s out there, certified and lab-tested.

Until November!

Julie Anderson
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P.S. Woot! Woot! Election Manager Mike Rooney received the Employee of the Year Award from Secretary of State, Kim Wyman. Please join us in congratulating Mike, a man of great character and integrity.
Do you wish you could meet the candidate before you vote?
Want to learn more about candidates for Tacoma offices?

Now you can! We found a way to bring the candidate to you, wherever you are, in a forum setting for the Primary Election and individually for the General Election.

Look for the QR code at the bottom of the candidate’s statement. Scan the code with your smartphone giving you a face to face with the candidate!

The Auditor’s Office partnered with TV Tacoma to pilot a video voters’ guide for Tacoma offices (Port of Tacoma, City of Tacoma, and Tacoma School District). Participation was optional and candidates paid a videotaping fee.
Ballot Drop Boxes - No Stamp Required

Open July 17, 2015 through August 4, 2015. (Close 8:00 p.m. August 4th)

**Anderson Island**
Anderson Island Park and Ride
Yoman Rd (near Villa Beach Rd)
Anderson Island, WA 98303

**Bonney Lake**
Bonney Lake (South)
Park and Ride
Sky Island Dr E & 184th Ave E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391

**Browns Point/ Northeast Tacoma**
NE Police Substation
4731 Norpoint Way NE
Tacoma, WA 98422

**DuPont**
DuPont Ross Plaza
1500 Wilmington Dr
DuPont, WA 98327

**Eatonville**
Barney’s Corner
40512 Meridian E
Eatonville, WA 98328

**Edgewood**
Edgewood City Hall
2224 104th Ave E
Edgewood, WA 98372

**Fife**
Fife City Hall
5411 23rd St E
Fife, WA 98424

**Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula**
Gig Harbor Fire Station
6711 Kimball Dr
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Key Center Fire Station
8911 Key Peninsula Hwy, KPN
Lakebay, WA 98349

Pt. Fosdick Safeway
4811 Pt. Fosdick Dr NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Purdy Fire Station
5210 144th St NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98332

**Graham**
Graham Fire & Rescue
Station 91
10012 187th St E
Puyallup, WA 98375

**Lakewood**
Lakewood City Hall
6000 Main St SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

Lakewood (SR512)
Park and Ride
10417 South Tacoma Way
Lakewood, WA 98499

All drop boxes close at 8:00 p.m. on August 4, 2015.

Maps, directions, and photos are available online: PierceCountyElections.org
Ballot Drop Boxes - No Stamp Required

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**Orting**
Orting Public Safety Building
401 Washington Ave SE
Orting, WA 98360

**Parkland/Spanaway**
Parkland/Spanaway Library
13718 Pacific Ave S
Tacoma, WA 98444

Roy Y Park and Ride
SR 507 and Pacific Ave S
Spanaway, WA 98387

**Puyallup/South Hill**
Puyallup Library
324 South Meridian
Puyallup, WA 98371

South Hill Library
15420 Meridian E
Puyallup, WA 98375

**Steilacoom**
Steilacoom Library
2950 Steilacoom Blvd
Steilacoom, WA 98388

**Sumner**
Sumner Library
1116 Fryer Ave
Sumner, WA 98390

**Tacoma**
72nd Street Transit Center
1319 E 72nd St
Tacoma, WA 98404

Central District
902 S L St
Tacoma, WA 98405

Kandle Park Police Substation
(parking lot)
5140 N 26th St
Tacoma, WA 98407

Pierce County Annex
2401 S 35th St
Tacoma, WA 98409

Pierce County Community
Connections (behind building)
3602 Pacific Ave
Tacoma, WA 98418

Tacoma Area Coalition of
Individuals with Disabilities
6315 S 19th St
Tacoma, WA 98466

Tacoma Dome Park and Ride
610 Puyallup Ave E
Tacoma, WA 98421

**University Place**
University Place
Fire Department
3631 Drexler Dr W
University Place, WA 98466

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Maps, directions, and photos are available online: PierceCountyElections.org
Return your ballot early!

Drop by 8 p.m. August 4th
Mail by August 3rd

Voting Centers

Open August 4th
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Services available:

- Accessible voting using touch screen equipment.
- Provisional ballots.
- Voting assistance from staff.
- Voter registration.
- Ballot drop off.

Gig Harbor Civic Center
3510 Grandview St
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Pierce County Election Center
2501 S 35th St, Suite C
Tacoma, WA, 98409

Puyallup Library
324 South Meridian
Puyallup, WA 98371

Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID)
6315 S 19th St
Tacoma, WA 98466

To vote on a touch screen, bring photo ID and don't return your ballot.

For more information on accessible voting in Pierce County, call us (253) 798-VOTE (8683) or visit our website: PierceCountyElections.org

Additional assistance:

Center for Independence
(253) 582-1253 (voice)
800-724-8172

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center
(253) 475-0782 (voice)
(253) 474-1748 (TTY)
(253) 292-2209 (videophone)

Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities
(253) 565-9000 (voice)
711 (TTY)
Not registered to vote?

To register to vote, you must be:

• A citizen of the United States.

• A legal resident of Washington state.

• At least 18 years old by Election Day.

• Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

How to register:

• Online - PierceCountyElections.org

• By mail - Call us at (253) 798-VOTE and we will mail you a form.

• In person - Pierce County Election Center, 2501 S 35th St, Suite C, Tacoma, WA 98409, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Deadlines:

• Online or mail deadline is July 6, 2015.

• In person deadline (new Washington voters only) is July 27, 2015.

Who donates to campaigns?

For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit www.pdc.wa.gov.

Public Disclosure Commission
www.pdc.wa.gov
Toll Free (877) 601-2828
What can you vote on?

1. Review your voter registration card to identify your voting districts

A ballot will be mailed to you each election.

2. Download the Pierce County MyVote App

- Check your registration status.
- View your sample ballot.
- Find your nearest drop box or voting center.
- Find out if we’ve received your ballot.

3. Visit our website and check Info By Address at PierceCountyElections.org

- Under Voter Resources, click Info By Address.
- Enter your address to find your district information, elected officials, and more.

4. Helpful Staff
   pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us
   253-798-VOTE (8683) or 800-446-4979
On February 17, 2015, the Pierce County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2015-2s authorizing the Pierce County Executive to proceed with financing and construction of the proposed new Pierce County General Services Building on County-owned property in the City of Tacoma (“Project”).

Since adopting Ordinance No. 2015-2s, the Council has received citizen comments asserting a lack of public outreach and limited opportunities for obtaining information and expressing a voice in the decision to finance and construct the Project.

On April 28, 2015, the Pierce County Council adopted Resolution No. 2015-55 requesting an advisory vote on the question of whether the Project should be developed. The outcome of this vote is advisory only and shall not be binding on Pierce County.

Should Pierce County proceed with financing and construction of the proposed new Pierce County General Services Building on County-owned property in the City of Tacoma as authorized by Pierce County Council Ordinance No. 2015-2s?

Their pencil’s broken. The true cost is $230 million with interest. This plan has many flaws: traffic, parking, location, high cost and lack of transparency to all of Pierce County.

Why is new debt and spending the only answer when existing locations are available that will save taxpayers millions? Ask yourself, why are we laying off our workers so a King County contractor can be paid our tax dollars?

Vote No, let’s restart this idea.

Committee Members: Jerry Gibbs, Elizabeth Burris, and Kit Burns, letvotersdecide@yahoo.com, (253) 241-6978, www.letvotersdecide.us

Committee Members: Cathy Pearsall-Stipek, Cathyps@harbornet.com, (253) 405-1086, Joe Stortini, and Mark Martinez

Citizens for a Sensible Government

Citizens For Responsible Spending

Statement For
Please vote yes to support the cost saving plan to consolidate 19 government programs into one location. No more wasted time going to different places for county services. Already approved by the County Council, the $127M public/private partnership consolidates programs currently housed in 14 locations.

Fact: no tax increases are necessary. The project saves taxpayers money by ending expensive leases and reducing 38 positions that would be redundant in one location. Fact: the fully furnished costs are locked in – with the prices guaranteed by the builder. Fact: maintaining existing leases, older facilities and redundant positions will cost tens of millions more than a new, centralized building over 30 years (including interest).

This pencils out. One new building is more cost effective than renting numerous buildings. Don’t be misled by scare tactics and political shenanigans. Saving money + customer service = fiscally responsible governing. Get the facts: www.piercecountywa.org/GSB

Statement Against
The current plan lacks transparency and public input from all of Pierce County
The building’s authorization was narrowly approved by 4-3 vote. The full council doesn’t support this project, neither should you. Since July 2013 building costs have doubled to over $230 million.

A rushed plan to spend over $230 million without transparency or a public vote
Projected cost savings and financing plans are based on wishful thinking. The contract allows significant lease increases which could drain County funds from other local projects and community programs. Jobs will be eliminated to pay for this 30 year project.

Building costs and poor planning cause project spending to spiral out of control
Current leases for 30 years cost approximately $100 million. The new building is estimated to cost over $230 million. Current annual leases total $3.2 million; the proposed new lease is estimated at more than $8.1 million per year. We can’t bet on imaginary savings to make up the difference.

Your No vote sends an important message to Pierce County government to start over
Stop this fiasco. Costs were underestimated; benefits are overstated. We must start over with a public review committee that considers project alternatives, saving taxpayers millions. Vote No.

Transparency: The county publicly announced this proposal two years ago. It’s been discussed at over 30 public meetings. The County Council voted 6-1 to spend $1 million to design the building on land the county already owns. Like a home mortgage, the fixed 30 year lease saves money for community priorities like public safety. Critics refuse to acknowledge that consolidating operations makes fiscal sense. Please don’t let their false claims block a more efficient government.

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Statement For
30th Legislative District, State Representative, Position No. 2

Carol Gregory  
(Prefers Democratic Party)


Other Professional Experience:  
An accomplished executive, Carol directed a nonprofit, Burst for Prosperity, helping small businesses succeed and promoting job training and family wage jobs; Previous Director, Small Business Improvement Council. Past President, Washington Education Association, overseeing operations of a 300 person organization. Former school teacher.

Education: BA, Education, University of Washington.

Community Service: Longtime community volunteer and grandmother dedicated to bringing people together to solve problems, Carol founded the community service program King County City Year. Former Director, Highline School District Community Engagement Program, mentoring community nonprofits. Active in: King County Workforce Investment Council; Communities in Schools.

Statement: Your State Representative, Carol Gregory is a respected voice for fiscal responsibility, class size reduction, lower college tuition, and transportation improvements. A former teacher elected by Federal Way citizens to cleanup wasteful spending at the School Board, Carol knows investing in education and leveling the playing field for small businesses makes our economy strong.

One of the few lawmakers to refuse a pay raise, Carol will use her budgetary and executive experience to pass a balanced state budget, fight for middle-class families, ensure big corporations are held accountable, and combat local crime. Keep Carol as your voice in Olympia.

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www.electcarolgregory.org

Teri Hickel  
(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience: This is my first time seeking elective office.

Other Professional Experience: 15 years, Executive Director Advancing Leadership, training adults and youth the skills and knowledge to become community leaders. 12 years, Federal Way Chamber of Commerce including interim CEO. 5 years, Executive Director, Federal Way Education Foundation (now Communities in Schools)

Education: Washington State University, Bachelor Science

Community Service: I have served the community for over 20 years. I recently received the "key to the city" awarded to individuals who have demonstrated significant contributions, school district outstanding volunteer of the year (6 times), Seahawk Community Quarterback award, and nomination for citizen of the year.

Statement: As your state representative I will focus on four critical areas: education, small business development and jobs, transportation and reduced congestion, and finally, efficiency in government programs and spending. I care deeply about our community and our future. I will work across party lines to solve problems and not be marginalized by extreme ideology. My campaign team is made up of republicans, democrats and independents-because they know I care about the issues not the party. I would be honored to serve you in Olympia.

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The Charter Review Process

Primary 2015 - General 2015

You elect a 21-member Charter Review Commission. Three members are elected from each County Council District.

Late 2015 - Spring 2016

The Commission meets and proposes charter amendments.

November 5, 2016 General Election

You vote on proposed charter amendments. A simple majority results in new law.

Late 2016

Approved amendments are added to the new County Charter.

For more information, view the Pierce County Charter at http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/countycode

The Pierce County Charter was formed in 1980 and reviewed by Charter Review Commissions in 1987, 1996 and 2006.
Charla Neuman

**Elected Experience:** N/A

**Other Professional Experience:** Government Affairs and Public Relations Consultant; Communications Director in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives

**Education:** University of Washington, English

**Community Service:** Puyallup Sumner Chamber of Commerce Boardmember; Sumner Rotary Club

**Statement:** Every ten years we have a unique opportunity to weigh in on how county government can work better for us. I have seen government serve people poorly and I’ve seen it serve the public well. The best decisions occur when the rules are fair and put public interests first. The best way to do that is to make sure people who aren’t politicians set the rules.

We want politicians who will make the right decisions for the right reasons. While I truly believe our county elected officials serve with the best of intentions, our existing charter can be improved to prevent government abuse.

I would like to see the county charter include provisions that ensure elected officials and their families can’t financially benefit from any vote they take. I am in no way suggesting that is happening now but, because of my varied experience of working with a variety of government agencies, I can see where we have loopholes in our county charter.

Many politicians (or their spouses) are signing up to be on the charter review. Their experience and service is appreciated but they shouldn’t be the only ones writing the rules. I appreciate your vote.

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Jan Shabro


**Education:** B. S. Education and M.A. Educational Administration - Pacific Lutheran University

**Community Service:** Member Creator Lutheran Church; Member of Tacoma Area Literacy Council; Member East Pierce Republican Women’s Club

**Statement:** I have lived in East Pierce County for over 30 years and am honored to have represented its residents both in state and county governments. As a County council member, I studied and worked under the County Charter for eight years. Consequently, I think I am especially qualified to analyze and recommend charter amendments to the people for their vote.

For example, I think the commission should offer a charter amendment that outlines the appointment process for either the auditor or assessor-treasurer should they leave office prior to completing their term in office.

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<th>Lynda Hunt</th>
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<td><strong>Elected Experience:</strong> No information submitted</td>
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<td><strong>Other Professional Experience:</strong> Military Veteran and Small Business Owner</td>
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**Community Service:** I am actively working with my husband in an effort to restore the WA State Soldiers Home Cemetery in addition to being an active member in other political campaigns.

**Statement:** I am married to Graham Hunt and we have 3 children (2 girls, and 1 boy). I am active within my church and balance my time working in our small business and homeschooling our children. I am a 2nd Amendment enthusiast and enjoy spending time in the outdoors with my family. I believe in order to continue to do that we need to have accountability within our local government to protect our individual rights, have accountability with finances, and encourage economic development so that our communities can flourish.

The Charter Review is here to ensure that the needs of our County are being met, with the ability to propose amendments that are put to a vote in November 2015. This position is only elected every 10 years and serves for a period of 6 months. Because of this it is crucial to ensure that we elect fiscally responsible, constitutionally minded individuals to ensure our liberties and freedoms are preserved.

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Shawn Bunney


Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: Evergreen State College - 1986 UPS Law School - 1993

Community Service: Eagle Scout, Ronald Reagan White House Intern, Rotarian, Founding Chairman - Judson Family Justice Center, Chair - Lake Tapps Task Force, Former Boy Scout Chairman and Executive. Fundraising lead for Buckley Youth Center and Orting Setback Levy.

Statement: As a 22-year-resident and former Pierce County Councilmember I understand the importance of the County Charter to ensure our interests are protected in East Pierce County. As a Dad, I want our future to be as big and bright as possible.

The charter is the backbone of Pierce County, and revising it now is important for economic growth for our families.

The values learned as an Eagle Scout, the experience gained through over 20 years of public service, and my appreciation for smaller, efficient, transparent government as a small business owner all will help me do a good job representing you. Thank you!

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Nnenna C. Hill

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Owner, Amaris Family Services; former Visitation Specialist, Multicultural Family and Hope Center, former Community/Family Support specialist, Catholic Community Services

Education: York College, BS, Business Administration minor in communication

Community Service: Volunteer and member, Church of Christ; volunteer with United Way, Rescue Mission

Statement: I love and appreciate Pierce County, where my husband and I have lived for over 8 years. Strong communities create strong families. That is why we are raising our two (soon to be three) children here. As a mother, I am dedicated to the continuous improvement of our community. I have worked in the human services field for over a decade. Today I am a small business owner helping improve the lives of foster children and their families.

I believe in Individual rights, equal representation and justice for all. Our citizens’ voices must be heard when it comes to issues that affect our quality of life and well-being. The charter review commission is the place to ensure that continues. It is my goal to see that we work together in a fair manner to represent your best interests. As your Charter Commissioner I will work hard to ensure transparency and accountability. We all benefit from an open, collaborative process of reviewing our charter. If you are looking for someone to listen to you and ensure your concerns are addressed, please honor me with your vote.

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Michele Smith

**Elected Experience:** Precinct Committee Officer (PCO)

**Other Professional Experience:** 10 years Senior Legislative Assistant at the House of Representatives with extensive work on transportation solutions, DUI legislation and various other constituent issues. Legislative Aide for Washington State Senate and 2 years Assistant Pierce County Council.

**Education:** A.A., Highline Community College; Boston State College

**Community Service:** YMCA volunteer of the year award, Foster Parent for 10 children, Vice President of Argus Manor low income senior housing, President PVRW, National Education Board FRW, Green Feather award (United Way), Girl Scouts, Organizer for Nursing Facility visitations.

**Statement:** I was born and raised in the north end of Boston, the same place America’s heritage began. There I developed a deep reverence for those who blazed the trails to make possible the freedoms we enjoy today. I believe the wisdom that governed our past holds true for our future.

Pierce County has been my home for over 25 years. It is where I raised my children, attended college and served my community. My experiences while volunteering developed my understanding of how government affects our lives. This led me to work as an assistant in the state legislature and the Pierce County Council.

My life’s work experiences and desire to serve make me qualified to work for an open, fair and efficient Pierce County Government that reflects the will of the people! I will be accessible and open to discuss the Charter with you and make what we believe are important changes. I want Pierce County to be an even better place to live.

I offer my leadership and record of public service to craft a Charter that will guide Pierce County into the future. I will be honored to be your voice on the Pierce County Charter Review.

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Carolyn Edmonds

**Elected Experience:** Washington State House of Representatives, King County Councilmember

**Other Professional Experience:** Windermere Real Estate Broker, Guardian ad Litem for Vulnerable Adults, Seniors Fitness Instructor, Assistant and Acting State Long Term Care Ombudsman, Product Manager Bank of America

**Education:** Masters Public Administration University of Washington, Bachelor of Science Business Administration San Jose State University

**Community Service:** Co-Chair NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council, Board Member Save NE Tacoma, Board Member The Links HOA. Prior service as Board Member for a senior center, historical museum, community college foundation, PTA, and Shoreline Rotary; Co-Chair Shoreline Planning Commission.

**Statement:** We are fortunate to live in a democracy. That means citizens have the right to participate in the decisions of our government. One of the most important decisions in which we, as citizens of Pierce County, can participate is the review of the “rules” of how our county is run. That is why I am running for the Pierce County Charter Review Committee. Because citizen participation is important.

I have experience at the city, county and state levels of government. In reviewing the Pierce County Charter it is important to understand what county responsibilities are and what the responsibilities of a city or the state are. I have that understanding.

In the many “roles” I have had in the community I have learned two qualities are very important in public service: listen and make thoughtful decisions. Just because we can make changes to the Pierce County Charter, doesn’t mean we should. I will listen to your views and thoughtfully distinguish between what parts of the charter are working for the citizens of our county and what parts, if any, could be improved.

I am grateful for your consideration and I would appreciate your vote.

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| **Charter Review Commission**  
**Council District 2, Position 2** |
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<td><strong>Other Professional Experience:</strong> I am a proud Boomer; a lifelong resident of Pierce County. I recently retired from city government as City Clerk at the City of Des Moines. I continue my professional association with colleagues, mentoring new Washington municipal clerks. I follow and support legislation favorable to cities and counties, where the real people live and work.</td>
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<td><strong>Education:</strong> I was educated in the University Place School District, Central Washington University and graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.</td>
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<td><strong>Community Service:</strong> I volunteer with the Algona Senior Center and the Tacoma Junior League. I currently serve on the Pierce Transit (Community) Transit Advisory Group (CTAG).</td>
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<td><strong>Statement:</strong> The Charter is the backbone of Pierce County government, the rules by which we must all play. I support government of the people, by the people, and for the people, and that concept seems lost. This position is not a political one, but one in which everyday citizens review and discuss the Pierce County Charter, validate initiatives that are working, and suggest amendments to the ones that do not.</td>
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<td><strong>Marianne Lincoln</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Elected Experience:</strong> Bethel School Board</td>
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<td><strong>Other Professional Experience:</strong> Auto Insurance Claims Associate, College Instructor, business owner, grant writer</td>
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<td><strong>Education:</strong> University of Puget Sound, California State University Stanislaus, Bachelor of Science, Chemistry</td>
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<td><strong>Community Service:</strong> Scandinavian Cultural Center Board, Spanaway Community Association, Pierce Prairie Post, 723 Networking, Eastside AUSA, wrote key grant for LeMay Skate Park, worked on Parkland-Spanaway-Midland and Graham Community Plans, Purdy Prison Chapel Project, Friday Firesides</td>
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| **Statement:** Together we can make our community strong and our lives more comfortable. With participation and dialog, we can learn the best way to grow and run our government. For more than 30 years, I have worked to bring together people, their ideas and needs with the government departments and officials necessary to improve the quality of life in Pierce County.  
At times it takes great ideas and careful planning. I have also risen on many occasions to take up the fights that needed fighting, mitigating impacts detrimental to the greater good. When things work well, you don’t change them. I will work with all sides, finding the common ground and common goals. It is important to think through all the impacts, ignore the rhetoric of distraction and get to the facts, then the right decisions are made for everyone. |
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Charter Review Commission
Council District 3, Position 1

Jason Bergstrom

Elected Experience: State Representative Candidate 2015 (29th District), Elected PCO 29th Legislative District, Board Member South Sound Ronald Reagan Club

Other Professional Experience: Comfort Consultant Trane/Mitsubishi HVAC, Member Big Brother big sister Puget Sound, WSDA Pesticide applicator license, Communications Technician 3 (Commtech).

Education: AA-IT Degree IT Technology Networking (3.25 + GPA), Jennifer Dunn Leadership Institute, Chamber of Commerce Leadership candidate training, Metropolitan development council entrepreneurial leadership program

Community Service: Big Brother @ Big brother big Sister Puget sound, Orting Old Soldier cemetery Cleanup, Helping animals in any way possible.

Statement: Being a constitutional conservative I believe the laws by which we are governed are paramount to liberty, it is our civic duty to insure those laws are being followed and instituted according to the State and local constitutions/charters. If elected, keeping the tax limitations in place is a key priority (maintain the 2/3 majority to raise taxes.)

Our state/county has a burdensome tax code and system of regulations which reduces family wages and lowers our standard of living. Elected Representatives need to be accountable to you the taxpayer. I oppose higher taxes, enough is enough!

Keep Term limits for council members. “In free governments, the rulers are the servants, and the people their superiors . . . For the former to return among the latter does not degrade, but promote them.” – Benjamin Franklin

Our Second Amendment rights are as well a crucial aspect to a free society. I want to ensure those rights are not being infringed upon. If elected I will be a voice for the citizens of Pierce Counties 3rd Council district, I will ensure a fair and balanced charter review. I have been endorsed by 28th District State Representative and prior council member Dick Muri

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Charter Review Commission
Council District 3, Position 1

Amy Cruver

Elected Experience: PCO; VP, Secretary, Treasurer various organizations

Other Professional Experience: State legislative and county council assistant (10 years), solving constituent issues, navigating government, policy research/writing; partner in husband’s construction business; extensive private sector work experience (secretarial, sales, retail management).

Education: Arizona State, B.S.; student of Hillsdale Constitutional courses; completed Center for Self-Governance course; avid reader of educational nonfiction, e.g., Carroll Quigley’s Tragedy & Hope.

Community Service: Member—Citizens United for Responsible Education, Citizens Alliance for Property Rights, lifetime NRA; active in campaigns and political issues; support GBA, Eatonville Chamber, 723; past volunteer side-walker equine therapy, assisted reading program, church outreach.

Statement: My roots are in Coon Rapids, Iowa, a town like Eatonville, only smaller (great places to grow up). While raising my boys (Keaton & Corbett) and assisting in my husband’s (Dave) business, I was the task-oriented mom who was there to help—fundraisers, cleaning, preparing snacks, AWANA leader, taxi, etc. Now, a 30 year resident of Pierce County with both boys grown (no more soccer, no more track), I look forward to this new challenge—representing you on the Charter Review Commission.

Values and principles I embrace include: a limited government; promoting self-governing principles; securing individual property rights; encouraging individual goals over government’s goals; reducing our burden of debt; reducing regulatory burdens (bring back the joy in life!); using factual research; encouraging private sector economic development.

For the past ten years, it’s been my privilege to assist constituents in navigating and engaging with their government. Now, I’m seeking your support to apply my experience and values to review the structure of Pierce County’s Charter. The Charter should reflect timeless governing principles, as passed down by our Founding Fathers. Its purpose is to be the framework to protect our sovereignty—individual independence.

Please vote for Amy Cruver—practical over partisan!

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Greg Hartman

**Elected Experience:** President International Association of Firefighters, Local 864.

**Other Professional Experience:**
- Many firefighting command positions including Deputy Fire Chief, Battalion Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, Fire Marshal, EMT; Urban Search and Rescue Taskforce; Coast Guard veteran; Small business owner.

**Education:** Highline Community College, AA; North Seattle Community College, Fire Command Administration, AAS; Columbia Southern University, National Fire Academy.

**Community Service:** Pierce County Firearms Advisory Commission; IAFF Local 864 Benevolent Fund board of directors; Range Safety Officer; Volunteer; Fire Fighter; Member Tacoma Sportsman Club; Pierce County Sports Council.

**Statement:** My family has lived and worked in Tacoma and Pierce County for longer than I can remember. I was born in Pierce County. What happens in Pierce County matters to me.

I believe government is about us. It’s important that our county is guided by a charter that fits those of us who live here. So, now is the time that we review our County Charter to make sure it is right for our future. All sections of the charter must aggressively respect personal and property rights. We need to be certain county officials' operate with a transparency that shows an understanding and values of residents in Pierce County.

Forty years on-the-job experience making government work for folks who need help immediately, gives me constructive ideas of what is important to people. From the guy on the frontlines of firefighting, and as manager trained to deal with crisis. I know how to cut through the fog of government to get to what is important for you and your family.

Representing my friends and neighbors of Pierce County’s 3rd District on the Charter Review Commission would be a great honor. For more information: electgreg@comcast.net; 206-799-1748

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John F. Seidl

**Elected Experience:** 2008-2012 Precinct Committee Officer 2nd Dist., 2010-2012 2nd L.D. Leader, 2012-Present 2nd L.D. Club V.P., When elected, I will provide a business approach and a citizen’s watchful eye. When the meaning of the Charter, regresses to the interpretation of a select few, time has come to: Elect a board that is more willing to listen and hear the peoples demands. Previous CRB’s have ultimately been formed by the same old process of electing former office holders or failed candidates. Instead of following the same old "Railroad Tracks" to their predictable end, join me in finding alternative methods to success.

**Other Professional Experience:**

**Education:**

**Community Service:**

**Statement:** Whether you are a homeowner or renter: all members of our community have a vested interest in county government. The leadership, through their actions, gives the "Citizens" confidence and courage, for the future, or it does not ! Confusion of thought and purpose -- leave the average person: to distrust the method and the end result. Ultimately the "Voter" drops out of the selection process. We must start a new process. Begin by selecting: New faces, New Ideas, New Roads -- to the future.

Join me in creating the" New Groups" necessary to pave these roads to the future. Not -- those same old " Railroads " to confusion.

My door will always be open to your ideas.

I ask for your vote.

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Patrick W. Durr

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** I’ve served Professionally in the United States Military, Active Duty, for the Last 32 years, the last 10 at the executive management level.

**Education:** Excelsior College, NY, Bachelors of Science (History) / Senior Leadership Military Academy

**Community Service:** Until my very recent retirement from the military in April, community service was concentrated on supplying resources and monies for local charities and activities. These include, The Humane Society, State Fair Foundation, American Red Cross, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, various food drives, and St. Judes Childrens Hospital...to name a few.

**Statement:** I moved to Tacoma in 1984, was married, and served my initial military assignment while here. I’ve returned many times through the years, growing my family and strengthening my ties to this community each time. I’ve had the pleasure of living in Lakewood, Tacoma, Spanaway and Fort Lewis. Since returning to Tacoma for the final time in 2008 and having experienced all that the world had to throw in my direction, It is now time to take my community and world exposure and leadership experience, and put it to good use for the benefit of all those who would give me that chance. Thank you.

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Kerry Hooks

**Elected Experience:** 2nd LD Leader, PCO, Frederickson Clover Creek Community Council.

**Other Professional Experience:** Retired US Navy, Paralegal, Professional singer with caroling company.

**Education:** Degrees in Leadership, Forensic Technology and Paralegal Studies; EMT school; Various military schools and training.

**Community Service:** Frederickson Land Use and Advisory Commission; Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) leader; Vice Chair of local citizen’s watchdog group; Board Member of an education non profit; State Director of a national human rights grassroots organization; Volunteer with Friends of Cross Park, March of Dimes, American Lung Association, The Compassionate Friends, Habitat for Humanity and other local groups.

**Statement:** I was born in Tacoma and I love Pierce County. Having served 20 years in the military around the world, I realize how fortunate we are to be able to participate in our community and our government to make it the best place to live, work and play.

The Charter is our county’s constitution and was created to give us responsible and integrated county government, the rights of initiative and referendum and to encourage citizen participation. The charter is meant to confer the greatest control for local self-government and protects us from an out of control government. The policies created from the charter affect many people in the county. It is imperative that we maintain civic authority over our government and that it remains under the consent of the governed. We are not customers of the government, we are the government. It should not be difficult or intimidating to engage our government.

Choosing a Charter Review Commissioner is important. As your representative on the Commission, I will be watchful for language that may be used to undermine your rights and authority. I would be honored to have your vote for the Charter Review Commission.

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Robert Hill

**Elected Experience:** Precinct Committee Officer, in the 27th Legislative District.

**Other Professional Experience:** citizen & political party activist in western Washington for twenty years.

**Education:** alumnus of University of Washington, Tacoma; alumnus of University of Puget Sound; graduate, AAS certificate, Tacoma Community College

**Community Service:** The Sensible Tacoma Committee, League of Women Voters, ACLU, Blue Rag Brigade.

**Statement:** A little more than a hundred years ago, Congress passed the "Apportionment Act of 1911", which set the size of the House at 435. The population of the country then was 100,000,000. Today, the population is more than 300,000,000...and yet there's been no proposal to triple, or otherwise increase the size of the House, to provide appropriate Representation.

There are almost half a million (446,972) voters in the county. I believe that the size of the County Council should be much bigger than it currently is. Taking the Top-Three winners in the General Election, for the "legislative branch", would allow better representation of political minorities...in each of the current seven districts. More people would register, and participate in the civic process, if their vote was more likely to 'stick' to a winning candidate. Reducing the threshold from "50% + one-vote" is necessary.

I believe that Ranked-Choice Voting was improperly maligned in 2008, by the previous Auditor. I support using the "Post-Election Candidate Convention" method for maximizing the utility of votes cast; and providing proportional representation of interests & constituencies.

*I support a "Lifetime" term limit of ten years, cumulatively.*

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John W. Ladenburg

**Elected Experience:** Former Pierce County ExecutiveFormer Pierce County Prosecuting AttorneyFormer Tacoma City Council Member

**Other Professional Experience:** Practicing Attorney at Law 40 yearsChair Puget Sound Economic Development CouncilPresident Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Chair Pierce County Regional Council of Governments

**Education:** Gonzaga University Law School Juris DoctorateGonzaga University Bachelor of Political ScienceStadium High School

**Community Service:** Boys and Girls Clubs Habitat for HumanitySafestreets Board

**Statement:** I am running to bring my background and experience to this important job. We all remember the mistake we made in changing our Charter method of voting that brought our former Assessor-Treasurer into office. By the time we got rid of him, it cost taxpayers millions of dollars and we were forced to change back. Charter review should be just that, a review to see if changes are really needed. It is not a place to experiment with our form of government. If it’s not broken, don’t fix it! If there are important changes that need to go to a public vote, let’s examine them thoroughly and thoughtfully before putting them on the ballot.

I have had the pleasure to serve in both city and county government, giving me insight into what changes are actually necessary and not just amendments for the sake of doing something. As an attorney I understand the importance of language of our Charter which is like the Constitution of the County. I would be happy to serve my community again and I ask for you vote.

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Charter Review Commission
Council District 4, Position 1

Elizabeth (Liz) Burris

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Lt Col (ret) US Army, Occupational Therapist (OTR/L)


Community Service: Presently, I am: Chair New Tacoma Neighborhood Council, Secretary, Community Council Tacoma, HOA President Reverie @ Marcato, Legal Guardian, two individuals with severe disabilities, WILLO founding member, City Club of Tacoma, program cmte, Amtrak Freighthouse Station Citizen Advisory Cmte, life member of AMVETS and American Legion, Co-creator “Smile Bags” for children at Mary Bridge, Mentor to quadriplegic/vent dependent individual, Quilt Maker for disabled vets and others in need.

Statement: The reason I’m seeking this position is because I care deeply about transparency and citizen involvement in Pierce County. The charter was initially established to restore trust and ensure “We the People” have a say in our government. There are individuals who believe the present charter gives too much power to the citizens of Pierce County, I disagree.

My 30 year service in the military helped me become a keen and effective leader, including my time in the Gulf War. For my service in the Gulf I was awarded a bronze star and meritorious service medal. Since my retirement from the military, I continue to serve my community as a health care practitioner and volunteer in various organizations.

I will look closely at all the issues, and will listen carefully to all views. I realize that the decisions made to the Charter can have long lasting effects to the citizens of Pierce County. You can be assured that I will take this commission position very seriously and will do the best job possible for all citizens of Pierce County. Endorsed by Rosa Franklin, Jim Merritt and Dawn Lucien. Please vote for Elizabeth (Liz) Burris.

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Catharine (Cat) Jeter

Elected Experience: None.

Other Professional Experience: Self-employed accounting professional and cannabis entrepreneur with a 30 year professional history of accountability in Washington since 1993, and Missouri, in the information, building and health care industries.

Education: BA w/Dept Honors, magna cum laude, Seattle University, 2007; Certified in Public Accounting, 1990; BS Accounting, Missouri Western State College, 1987; Department of Defense Information School honor graduate, 1976.

Community Service: Current: Washington state cannabis rights activist; Tacoma Hempfest and Independent Cannabis Producers’ Cooperative Board Member. Past: Occupy Tacoma; Board Member/Speakers Bureau Coordinator, Legal Marriage Alliance; Treasurer, Forward Kansas City; Kansas City, MO Ethics Commission; United States Army, 1975-1975 (served as one of the first women in combat units)

Statement: As a grassroots, social activist, I have long focused on change from outside the system, however, I am convinced that my life’s experience is now well applied to the serious task of reviewing the Pierce County Charter in this upcoming review period.

In this current charter review, commissioners will examine the county charter for needed changes and will propose charter amendments to the public for voting. It is time to elect serious commissioners who will evaluate the county charter from an “every person” point of view. The hopes, goals and success of every citizen will be at the front of my mind during every assessment rather than a single-focused on business, governance, or furtherance of political goals.

My history of personal activism and defense of all citizen rights, is your personal assurance of my focus on the issues that matter most to Pierce County residents and my sincerity in representing the voters of Pierce Country rather than special interests.

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<td><strong>Elected Experience:</strong> No information submitted</td>
<td><strong>Elected Experience:</strong> Pierce County Council member, Elected to two terms in 2004 and 2008.</td>
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<td><strong>Other Professional Experience:</strong> Organizer with the Tacoma Action Collective, Regional Director with the Coalition Against Police Violence</td>
<td><strong>Other Professional Experience:</strong> Tacoma Charter Review Commissioner; Chair of Tacoma Planning Commission; Legislative Staff, State House and Senate; Policy Analyst for Washington State Parent Teacher Association.</td>
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<td><strong>Education:</strong> Bachelor’s of Arts in Creative Writing</td>
<td><strong>Education:</strong> Master of Business Administration; Bachelor of Arts, Political Science; Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, California.</td>
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<td><strong>Community Service:</strong> Because Jamika is currently an active organizer in her community, she has done outreach through the Tacoma Action Collective and many other local grassroots organizations.</td>
<td><strong>Community Service:</strong> Pierce County Performance Audit Committee; Economic Development Board of Tacoma-Pierce County; North Slope Historic District, Broadway Center Board of Directors, Fred Oldfield Western Heritage Center; Jason Lee PTA; Safe Streets.</td>
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<td><strong>Statement:</strong> As a Tacoma native and community activist I am not just interested, I am invested in reviewing the Pierce County Charter. Being part of the processes which shape the rights and privileges laid upon the county would allow me to bring an impartial, informed, and passionate perspective to the table. Having long been an advocate for equality, fairness, growth, and autonomy, I assure you the dedicated work I would put in as a review commissioner would be, foremost, for the people.</td>
<td><strong>Statement:</strong> Tim Farrell is running for the Charter Review Commission because of his ongoing commitment and experience making government work efficiently for the citizens of Pierce County. Elected twice to the Pierce County Council, Tim Farrell earned a strong reputation for his ability to bring people together and achieve real results. With your support, Tim Farrell will use his commitment and experience to help bring needed leadership to the Charter Review Commission.</td>
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Anna Bybee Anderson

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: I currently work within the commercial construction industry representing sustainable flooring materials. I volunteer in many organizations related to construction and their commitment to human health and environmental impacts. I truly enjoy the ability to work with architects, designers, facility owners and other industry professionals through education and discussion to resolve their needs to select more sustainable materials while maintaining the durability required in a commercial environment.

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: I also serve as a board member of the Point Defiance Zoo Society offering additional community involvement by sharing the message of conservation.

Statement: Serving on the boards of several professional organizations, education and understanding of sustainability and conservation are key to my every day life. I would like the opportunity to work with Pierce County to ensure our initiatives are realistic and empowering, not consuming and inconvenient. It is important to create paths to sustainability that our businesses and community can support and execute without feeling punished. Sustainability goals can be achieved in many different ways and we need to ensure we are providing the right goals at the right time with the right tools.

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Jeff Anderson

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: 10 years in ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. 25 years in the restaurant industry as a bartender, server and manager. Served as the Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator in Neil Goldschmidt’s successful campaign for Oregon Governor. Editor-in-chief of the Willamette student newspaper The Mill Stream. Father of two daughters.

Education: Graduated with honors from Boise High School, class of ’76. Attended Willamette University, Salem, Oregon. Graduated with honors from Portland State University, magna cum laude, twice on dean’s list, class of ’90, BS in History. Masters of Divinity from Vancouver School of Theology, 1998

Community Service:

Statement: I am writing this one month prior to the US Open at Chambers Bay and two weeks after the opening of Whole Foods in University Place. This is an exciting time in the life of Tacoma and in Pierce County. It is important that we have a charter that makes it possible for us to move ahead in growth while protecting minority rights and empowering all people. It is also a time when we need to ensure that the county charter makes it possible for the Council to move ahead in a careful and deliberate way while acknowledging all voices in the community.

I am presently a food server but I have also been a restaurant manager and a leader in the church. I care a great deal about the people who choose to live in our community and I also have a clear understanding of what makes for effective leadership. I believe that this diversity of experience will serve the county well in examining the County Charter.

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Hugh Winskill

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Commercial Real Estate Broker, NAI Puget Sound Properties

**Education:** B.A., University of Washington; Stadium High School

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** At least once a decade, citizens are called on to review the County Charter. This document requires a thorough and thoughtful examination. I believe my business experience, life-long ties to the County, and deep interest in good government gives me the knowledge and insight necessary to effectively serve in this position. If elected, I will work together with my fellow commissioners to assess the current Charter and help develop common-sense amendments for the voters to consider in the next general election.

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Alice McDaniel

**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Current Pierce County Council employee: supporting the legislative body in policy development and assisting County residents in troubleshooting a variety of issues. Former Northrop Grumman employee: providing document management and training coordination as well as operations and project management assistance.

**Education:** B.A., History and Political Science from Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH; Associates from Pierce College Fort Steilacoom, WA

**Community Service:** Past student leadership/council roles and club involvement at Pierce and Franciscan; various parish and local ministries

**Statement:** Long time resident of beautiful Pierce County, I have always believed communities are stronger when neighbors, families, students and individuals step up to serve at the local level. Citizen involvement is irreplaceable. Every ten years we have an important opportunity to review our home-rule charter and take the pulse of our local constitution to effect change or establish protections where needed. With an understanding and background in both private and public sectors and a resume that does not include decades of partisan politics, I believe I bring a fresh perspective to the table. As we review the issues, I will carefully consider each proposed amendment, work collaboratively with my colleagues, listen to and serve you the voters, and work diligently to keep our local government responsive and accountable to “We the People.”

I look forward to serving my community and County as your next Charter Review Commissioner for District 4, Position 2. Thank you for your support!

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<th>Jamie Nixon</th>
<th>Jack Curtis</th>
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<td><strong>Elected Experience:</strong> Precinct Committee Officer for precinct 28-538; 2010-2012</td>
<td><strong>Elected Experience:</strong> I was Honored to be elected to a City Council position and during my term as a Councilmen, I was the Chairman of finance, transportation and on the City planning, Economic development and Public Safety committee’s.</td>
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<td><strong>Other Professional Experience:</strong> Communications Specialist - Washington State Legislature; Present</td>
<td><strong>Other Professional Experience:</strong> As a Manager of a large Materials Facility, I have 25 years of business experience and 40 years in the construction industry. In my position, I work closely with different Local, State and Federal Agencies on a regular basis.</td>
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<td><strong>Education:</strong> Bachelor of Arts - Interdisciplinary Arts &amp; Sciences; UW Master of Arts - Communications &amp; Leadership; Gonzaga University</td>
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<td><strong>Community Service:</strong> Board Member with Communities in Schools-Tacoma; 2012-2013</td>
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<td><strong>Statement:</strong> My family has been part of the Pierce County community for over 12 years. My wife and our two children have developed deep roots here. We feel very connected to the dynamic politics which help to make Pierce County a special place to live and raise a family. Our time in Pierce County has been filled with wonderful memories of meeting good people, and making great friends. In that time, I have heard many viewpoints regarding the proper role of government. Some would like to see government play less of a part in the day to day activities of our community, others think a more robust government would best serve the needs of the people. Wherever you fall on the political spectrum, I believe most agree that government should be accessible, accountable, responsive, and fair. These are the principles I will carry with me to the commission if I am fortunate enough to earn your vote. I believe my education, work experience, and background make me an ideal candidate for this position. I thank you for your consideration of my candidacy. Jamie Nixon; For more information feel free to contact me at: <a href="mailto:jamienixonforcharterreview@gmail.com">jamienixonforcharterreview@gmail.com</a></td>
<td><strong>Statement:</strong> I have been married to my wife Stacia for 27 years, we have 3 children and 6 wonderful grandchildren and love living in the Tacoma area. My years of experience in management and as a City Councilmen, I think give me an outlook and insight in the process to be a Charter Review Commissioner. A Charter review is a very important part of our County and changes, if any, should be made after careful review. There are important reasons why the Charter was created and as citizens it is up to us to make sure it is preserved with the purpose for which it was intended.</td>
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Greg Cook

**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** Writer/Editor, 1982-present; Committee Clerk, Washington State House OPR, 2011 Session; Library Page, Pierce County Library System, 2002-2010; Adjunct College Instructor, 1987-2001; General Assignment Newspaper Reporter, 1/99-10/00; gas station attendant; shipper/receiver; laborer.

**Education:** BA and MA, SUNY Plattsburgh; MPA, The Evergreen State College.


**Statement:** Review of the county charter requires members with no agenda other than to serve the public. Those beholden to party politics, special interests, or hoping to use this opportunity as a political stepping stone or for ego gratification should not be allowed to hijack the democratic process. I am not affiliated with any political party and I have no pet issue to advance. I simply want a chance to represent citizens of Pierce County and to make sure the county charter is a document favorable to all residents.

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Gerald (Jerry) Jackson

**Elected Experience:** 28th District Precinct Committee Officer

**Other Professional Experience:** Consultant: Building Materials Industry; Former Sales Manager Nationally Recognized Company; Self Employed Contractor; Retired, US Navy, CDR, Aviator

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts - Accounting, University of Washington, 1972

**Community Service:** Board Member: Military Officer’s Association of America

**Statement:** As a 43 year Pierce County resident, I am keenly interested in contributing to and providing a conduit for refinements to the Pierce County Charter.

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Charter Review Commission
Council District 4, Position 3

John Orlando

**Elected Experience:** This is my first time running for office. The charter review defines the future of Pierce County policy and I am dedicated to doing my best to serve the people as a new voice.

**Other Professional Experience:** I am a Pierce County employee and Owner of Puget Sound Theatre Consulting, a University Place based business.

**Education:** I attended and graduated from Tacoma schools; I attended Western Washington University and am finishing my Business Degree at Washington Governor’s University.

**Community Service:** I coach water polo at Curtis HS for Puget Sound Polo; I have volunteered with Ram Actors Guild, and Scintillation Boosters.

**Statement:** We live in a changing world that demands stewardship from people who recognize the importance of new legislation for new concerns. Recycling waste is good, recycling politicians is not. The time is now to rethink business regulations and match them to current business practices; to reassess criminal codes; to re dedicate our resources in parks and recreation; and, to focus our concerns in health regulations.

Pierce County is my home. I was born and raised here in a family that has a long tradition of community service and local involvement. I am a self-employed small business owner and a Pierce County employee. I have a deep understanding of the ways in which charter amendments affect great impact on local businesses.

As a resident, family man, and business owner of Pierce County, I am always concerned for the wellbeing of families and businesses in our growing economy. Twenty-first century innovations in business practices have changed the way businesses operate. Our County positions and policies need to stay abreast of current trends in this competitive economy. I will bring youthful energy and contemporary ideas to the conversations about the Pierce County Charter.

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Charter Review Commission
Council District 4, Position 3

Matt Larson

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Washington State Registered Architect, Facilities Planner State of Washington - DSHS & DES, Capital Facilities Budget Administrator, JJ&RA Pierce County Department of Facilities Management

**Education:** Master of Architecture - University of Oregon, Bachelor of Science Mathematics - Western Washington University

**Community Service:** Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound, Habitat for Humanity, Puget Creek Restoration

**Statement:** I began my dedication to public service six years ago. I met the challenge of my duties in this turbulent economic time through lean yet thoughtful facility planning, design and management. I will bring my analytical skills and experiences working within state and county government to the County Charter review process.

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Charter Review Commission
Council District 4, Position 3

Cathy Pearsall-Stipek

Elected Experience: Former: Pierce County Auditor, Pierce County Council Member, District 5, Tacoma School Board, State Representative 29th District

Other Professional Experience: Former: President National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks, CERV: Certified Election and Recording Vendor By the Election Center

Education: University of Washington Seattle Campus 1950-1952

Community Service: Local and State PTA’s 1959-1972, Pierce County Drug Alliance, Tacoma South Rotary, Safe Streets

Statement: A promise to you the voter, if you Vote for me, you can expect the following while I represent you on the County Charter Commission.

I have worked under the County Charter for fourteen years and can start deliberations on day one of the six month term, and I will seek out your concerns by e-mail or phone, and I will brings maturity and experience to the deliberations.

I don’t believe in change for change sake and promise you I will not vote for any change that is of special interest.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported me in the past, and would like to personally ask for your Vote for this very following while I represent you on the County Charter Commission.

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Charter Review Commission
Council District 4, Position 3

Clare Bungay

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: I began teaching in the Eastern Washington and Spokane School District, moved to University Place and continued teaching and counseling in the Clover Park School District. During my tenure of teaching/counseling, I also taught economics, psychology, political science and citizenship classes for naturalization at several colleges.

Education: My undergraduate education was completed at Washington State University in the Social Sciences and Economics. I received a full scholarship to attend Eastern Washington University and received a Master Degree in Counseling and Educational Curriculum.

Community Service:

Statement: Pierce County has been my home since 1966. I am running for this position because I believe that, with my experience in education and in the community, I can fairly consider all proposals without any preconceived agenda. I am committed to participate in this committee without bias toward recommendations that may be presented. It would be an honor and privilege to serve Pierce County in the County Charter Review Commission process. Thank you for your vote.

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<td><strong>Elected Experience:</strong> Contributed to the writing and editing of Proposition 1, the 15Now initiative.</td>
<td><strong>Elected Experience:</strong> I have no elected experience, however I am a citizen who wishes to bring a &quot;fresh set of eyes&quot; to the process of the Pierce County Charter.</td>
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<td><strong>Other Professional Experience:</strong> I am a private school classroom teacher and a printshop cooperative owner-operator.</td>
<td><strong>Other Professional Experience:</strong> I have worked in the professional world for over 20 years, in various capacities, and in varying sizes of companies. From Small 1-2 person businesses to Fortune 1000 corporations, I have been successful and grown as a professional along each stop. I have led teams of people, and have also followed some of the best leaders on the planet.</td>
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<td><strong>Education:</strong> Bachelor in the Science of Mathematics, graduated 2010 from the University of Washington. Associate of Arts and Sciences, graduated two days before my 18th birthday from Tacoma Community College with Honors.</td>
<td><strong>Education:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Community Service:</strong> My 9-to-5 as a classroom teacher is at a 501(c)3 private school providing services to low income families. Street cleanup volunteer leader.</td>
<td><strong>Community Service:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Statement:</strong> The Charter Review process is treated like the &quot;B-list&quot; of elections. I think this is a mistake. The periodic review and revision of the county charter keeps the political life of our community dynamic, and healthy. It is an important process that must be taken seriously- a responsibility to be discharged professionally and with reverence for the process and the people of the County who are trusting us to review their charter. On researching prior charter review cycles and the current language of the charter it is clear what is to be done- I will work to bring amendment proposals to the voters that will increase access to the democratic process, improve transparency and accountability in county governance, and resist attempts to abuse the charter review process for partisan political gain. I am a life-long Pierce County resident. It's a great place to live and I mean to raise a family here. We have a vibrant, strong and diverse community that deserves protection from partisan political abuses, and freedom to grow, develop and thrive. I will bring an optimistic attitude, and strong conviction to the Charter Review process.</td>
<td><strong>Statement:</strong> I am a family man. I love my family, I love my community. I am not a politician. I am a common-sense realist that seeks to do his part to help our county move into the future. I don't have anything eloquent to say about the process of elections, duty, etc. I have only a commitment to offer to approach this position with the same passion and vigor I approach all facets of my life with. I want to ensure the district has a voice to the county, and the needs of our citizens are well represented. I do not believe politics should play a part in helping our County grow and prosper. My political affiliation is irrelevant in this case. I believe in humans helping humans. No one of us is better than another. Thank you for your consideration.</td>
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Eric Herde

Elected Experience: 25th Legislative District candidate for State Senate, 2012

Other Professional Experience: Tacoma Metropolitan Parks District, Pool Manager since July 2013, Lifeguard since June 2009; Committee to Elect Greg Hartman, Campaign Manager from May 2014-November 2014

Education: Pacific Lutheran University, class of 2014: magna cum laude; B.S. in Mathematics; and B.A. in Political Science, Norwegian, and Environmental Studies
Washington High School, class of 2010, Valedictorian

Community Service: Mid-County Land Use Advisory Commission (LUAC), member since October 2013, Chair since April 2015

Statement: One of my priorities on the Charter Review Commission will be to help make sure that our Charter promotes open, effective, and responsible County government. Important decisions should only be made after properly-noticed and well-advertised public forums where we can make our voices heard.

In my service on the Mid-County LUAC, we often discuss issues of great importance to the community with few members of the public attending the meeting. I think this is because people are not aware of the meetings, not that they do not care. I look forward to working to ensure that the Charter promotes greater public participation.

My other main priority is to prevent the County Charter from being used to attack the rights of working people. Throughout our state, there have been recent efforts to use local government to restrict the rights of workers to organize and collectively bargain for better working conditions, wages, and benefits. All working people benefit from having those rights, and I will work to protect them.

As a lifelong resident of Parkland and Collins in the 5th County Council District, I ask for your vote to represent our communities on the Charter Review Commission.

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April Sanders

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Policy Director for King County Council-member Kathy Lambert, specializing in land use and transportation policy

Education: Masters in Public Administration at the University of Washington’s Evans School, 2015; Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the University of Washington, 2012; Graduate of Franklin Pierce High School, 2010

Community Service: Former Tacoma Human Rights Commissioner; Member of Rainier View Christian Church; and I recently became a CASA volunteer.

Statement: My name is April Sanders and I am running to represent you on the Charter Review Commission. My entire professional and educational career has been dedicated to improving local government, and as a lifelong resident of the county, I know the problems and opportunities facing our community. I love Pierce County. A commitment to serving our community is why I chose to earn my Masters Degree in Public Administration at the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance and it’s why I’m asking to represent you on the Charter Review Commission.

There’s a reason why local government works better than Congress – we’ve done a better job preserving bipartisanship and civility. I will protect both. Some want radical changes to the charter, but I know that we should never use our county’s “constitution” for partisan or political gain. I am proud to have the support of both Democrats and Republicans in this election, and I look forward to answering any questions you might have about my qualifications and values. Thank you for taking the time to read this statement.

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Charter Review Commission
Council District 5, Position 1

Steven T. Cook

Elected Experience: Twelve years: Town Councilman – George, WA

Other Professional Experience: Manager of Loan Office; Account Coordinator to Program Manager – Channel Marketing Company (Clients: Fortune 100 firms); Small Business Owner; Licensed Mortgage Loan Officer.

Education: BA – Pacific Lutheran University; M Div – Concordia Theological Seminary; Continuing Education – (Psychology, Customer Service, Theology) – Multiple Organizations

Community Service: Serving on boards of several local non-profit organizations, in some, as elected officer.

Statement: My wide-ranging background, has given me a solid foundation to work with the other members of the Charter Review Commission to bring about the best, most necessary revisions for our County Charter. While I was on the Town Council in George, I reviewed the town ordinances and verified they conformed to the latest changes to state law. I also worked with other council members to ensure we understood what the state laws were saying.

To meet the licensing requirements to become a Mortgage Loan officer, it was necessary for me to understand and know how the mortgage laws applied. With this knowledge, I was able to help train others in the laws in preparation for their taking the qualifying exams.

While serving some non-profit organizations, I have been called on to compile, or review and revise their organizational constitutions or charters – so that the people’s control of their organization would be maintained. I bring that same commitment to the role of reviewing the County Charter.


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Charter Review Commission
Council District 5, Position 2

Carolyn M. Merrival

Elected Experience: Pierce County Charter Review Commissioner, 2006

Other Professional Experience: Environmental Chemistry Consultant at Ch2MHill

Education: PhD in Chemistry - University of Washington, BS Physics Central - Washington University, BS Chemistry – Central Washington University

Community Service: Vice President, Summit-Waller Community Association; Advancement Chair Boy Scout Troop 172; Children’s Ministry Champion Centre

Statement: Re-elect Carolyn Merrival to the Charter Review Commission. She served faithfully on the last commission in 2006 and was a leader who was able to work collaboratively to find solutions. Carolyn is a great communicator and negotiates well because she finds the value in all opinions and is able to overcome partisan obstacles.

The Pierce County Charter Review shouldn’t be a partisan process, and Carolyn is committed to serving the citizens. She is passionate about improving the quality of life in Pierce County and recognizes that a well-functioning and efficient government is essential to that goal.

The Charter is the foundation of our County government and we need someone who will take care to preserve those parts of it that work well while bringing to the attention of the voters portions of it that fall short. In particular, the integrity of the Charter Review process must be protected and strengthened, so that it is truly a review by a citizen’s commission. Return a strong, reasonable voice to the Charter Review Commission!

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Charter Review Commission
Council District 5, Position 2

Terry Harder

Elected Experience: 3 terms as PCO

Other Professional Experience: A railroad switchman, a computer service technician, a service manager, a salesperson, account executive, small business specialist and a small business owner.


Community Service: Activities include sending 174,000 holiday packages to the troops (All volunteer and 100% of all donations went to the troops).

Statement: I have lived in Pierce County for 57 years, in fact I watched I-5 being built as a child. I attended Rogers, Gault, Lincoln and Bates Vocational Technical Institute. I have the life experience of being a Laborer, a railroad switchman, a computer service technician, a manager, a salesperson, an account executive, a small business specialist and a small business owner. I cofounded an organization that raised funds for and delivered holiday packages to over 174,000 troops, all with volunteers, no paid workers or reimbursement of any kind, 100% of all funds went to the troops. I and others garnered the support of all persuasions of political views as donors and volunteers, truly non-partisan because we all love and support our troops! I believe this gives me a significant edge in getting people to listen and work together for what is best for Pierce County. I am able to get people talking to achieve mutual goals by listening to them more than talking, by doing the hard work not avoiding it. I ask for your vote and will work hard as your next Charter Review Commissioner - District 5, Position 2

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Charter Review Commission
Council District 5, Position 2

Lucas Nolta

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: I currently work as an Insurance Claims Adjuster at State Farm in Tacoma.

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Whitworth University and a graduate of Tacoma Baptist High School.

Community Service: Pierce County Juvenile Court Diversion Program- through this program I apply principals of restorative justice to help low-risk juvenile offenders succeed. I have participated in this program for over six years in Spokane and Pierce County.

Statement: My name is Lucas Nolta and I am seeking your vote for Charter Review Commission in order to give back to the community I call home. Growing up in Tacoma as the son of a public school nurse and a police officer, I understand the challenges facing our region - challenges which require more than partisan bickering and ideological answers. As one of your Charter review commissioners I will seek a temperate and practical approach to amending the County Charter. I’m not running to promote any particular agenda, other than a belief in good government.

I will promote modest reforms which ensure transparency, accountability, and opportunity for all Pierce county residents. By promoting these values I believe we can guarantee that Pierce County will be an exceptional place to call home for decades to come. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about my candidacy. I encourage you to vote for me for Charter Review Commission.

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<td><strong>Elected Experience:</strong> Elected to Bethel School Board 1999-2009. Currently President of Local 53 for Pierce County WA State Employees. Committee Chair for many Union, Educational and Political organizations.</td>
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<td><strong>Community Service:</strong> PTA member and held the office of President and Vice-President. Golden Acorn winner. Have given over 5 gallons of blood. Adopt a Road organizer. Chair of Bond and Levy committees.</td>
<td><strong>Community Service:</strong> South End Neighborhood Council Board Member; Volunteer for: Salmon for Soldiers, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Veteran Retreat (West Pierce Fire and Rescue); Veterans advocate</td>
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<td><strong>Statement:</strong> I want to be on this commission to make sure the voice of everyone is heard. I want to listen to everyone who wants to be part of the process and use common sense to make a document that is both fair and understandable to the people of Pierce County. I have live in Pierce County for most of my life. I value our farmlands, parks and way of life. I want to leave our children a great place where they can raise their families in safety.</td>
<td><strong>Statement:</strong> I was born and raised in Pierce County, I have called Tacoma my home for most of my life; I love my community. I have served my country in the Army, and would like to serve my community in my retirement. Since retiring, I have found pleasure in serving my fellow Veterans, their Families, and my community. I see service with the Charter Commission, as yet another way to give back to the people who have given me so much. Pierce County, is a wonderful place to live, we are fortunate in having the ability to form our own destiny. From time to time, it is essential to review the foundation of a wonderful institution, to insure it is solid, and keeping true to the needs, and values of the community. As a member of the Charter Review Commission, I will take in to account the values and needs of those in this community, and represent them to the best of my ability. My life’s passion is to be a servant to people, and an effective, compassionate leader. I would be honored to continue my service to you and this wonderful community. I would appreciate your vote.</td>
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Charter Review Commission
Council District 5, Position 3

Justin Van Dyk

Elected Experience: Tacoma Charter Review Committee (2014); Community Health Executive Board (2015); South End Neighborhood Committee (2014); Precinct Committee Officer (2014-2015)


Education: BA (Political Science), Western Washington University (2010)

Community Service: Relay for Life; American Heart Association

Statement: I am a lifelong Pierce County resident and advocate for the county I call home. For the last several years I have given up almost all my free time working in the community and working with politicians to make positive changes. That is why I served on the Tacoma Charter Review Committee because I knew I could fight to have my neighbors voices heard. I worked with former Mayor Bill Baarsma and many other civic leaders who all wanted to revise the current Charter which happened because of great teamwork.

The Pierce County Charter Review Committee needs not only people with political experience but also needs people who will work hard and will listen to the concerns of their community. This is not about party politics, this is about the future of Pierce County.

As a recent member of the Tacoma Charter Review Committee I have the experience very few have when it comes to a charter review. I put in hundreds of hours of work while on the committee to get the job done and I would do the same if elected.

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Charter Review Commission
Council District 5, Position 3

Robin Morgan

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: 15 years’ experience in Human Resources Management.

Education: BS in Business Administration and Human Resources Management, City University of Seattle

Community Service: Member of the Society for Human Resource Management, National and South Puget Sound Chapters; member of the Pierce County Chamber of Commerce; Registered Training Agent for the Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee; volunteer with WorkForce Central, helping Pierce County workers to develop job skills and find gainful employment.

Statement: It would be a privilege for me to represent District No. 5 on the Pierce County Charter Review Commission. My experience as Human Resources Manager has provided me the experience necessary to be successful in this role. It is my every day duty to represent my employees and if allowed the opportunity to review the Charter I would do the same for Pierce County residents. I will use feedback from the people in order to propose amendments that are in keeping with the wishes of the residents of Pierce County. I am able to work well with people in group situations to ensure an outcome that is fair for all concerned. The work done here will be crucial to the next ten years in Pierce County and I can help the County to reach its goals.

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Janis Clark

**Elected Experience:** 2005 Pierce County Charter Review Commission; 2013 SouthEnd Neighborhood Council Board of Directors; 2014 Elected President, Safe Homes Board of Directors.

**Other Professional Experience:**
Founder and Visionary, Safe Homes, a 501(c) (3), not-for-profit, community-based corporation since its inception in 1995. Served over three decades of military service in the United States of Regular Army, Washington Army National Guard and the US Army Reserves.

**Education:** Master of Science, Human Resources, Chapman University; Bachelors of Arts, Business Management, Saint Martin’s University; Commissioned Officer, Washington Military Academy, Officer’s Candidate School (OCS); Associates Arts & Science, Pierce College; Diploma High School

**Community Service:**

**Statement:** Janis continues to be very thoughtful in seeking solutions for a better quality of life for all of Pierce County residents.

Giovanni Vendetti

**Elected Experience:** 25th Legislative District Republican Committee - Treasurer (2012-2013) Chair (2013-2015)

**Other Professional Experience:** Vice President Public Relations The Reserve Club, LLC.

**Education:** Puyallup High School

**Community Service:** United Way of Pierce County (Member), Salvation Army Puyallup (Christmas)

**Statement:**
Friends, Transportation for goods and services will continue to drive Pierce County. Growth within the I-5 corridor and the Port of Tacoma will bring more manufacturing jobs near us, and bring in fuller employment. When goods are more easily moved from point A to B at a healthier cost we all save money.

Services around the county have also been diminishing. Mental Health is in shambles, and our people are on our streets needing assistance. Juvinile Justice is hindering our childrens future, and also needs major reforms to update a broken system. Reinvestment back into these services will also help us with our Public Safety.

As I’ve been around our county, Public Safety is another huge concern. The safety for our citizens, and protection for our elderly and most vulnerable lay at the core of who we are as a community. How Police and Fire manage incidents save everyone time, money, hastle, and concern. These are where we get a great return on our investments, and accomplish one of our paramount duties in Pierce County.

I hope to earn your support. Thanks again, and remember to vote steady Vendetti for Charter Review Commission. Giovanni E, Vendetti; (253) 353-5259

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Charter Review Commission
Council District 5, Position 3

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<td><strong>Elected Experience:</strong> City Council, DuPont Mayor, DuPont</td>
<td><strong>Elected Experience:</strong> Clover Park School Board Director, Precinct Committee Officer.</td>
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<td><strong>Other Professional Experience:</strong> Michael’s experience spans corporations, government agencies, and non-profits. He is the Division Manager for the second largest recycling and environmental services company in the U.S., and former Public Affairs Director for the Puget Sound Partnership.</td>
<td><strong>Other Professional Experience:</strong> Decorated fighter pilot with recommendations from Navy, Air Force, Marines, and NASA. Entrepreneur business owner. Advanced to lead larger companies and staff, working in retail, management, grocery, construction and finance.</td>
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<td><strong>Education:</strong> Pacific Lutheran University, BA, Business Administration University of Washington, MA Public Administration</td>
<td><strong>Education:</strong> University of Washington BS in Aeronautics and Astronautics, Air Force Test Pilot School, Naval Aviation Safety Officer School, Command and Staff College.</td>
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<td><strong>Community Service:</strong> Michael lives in DuPont with his wife and children. In addition to serving as Mayor, Michael is the Vice Chair of the Pierce County Regional Council, Board member of the Puget Sound Economic Development District, and a former Young Life Leader and Wildland Firefighter.</td>
<td><strong>Community Service:</strong> Commissioner Lakewood Planning Commission, Lakewood YMCA Board, neighborhood watch leader, church mentorship and community volunteer. Married 42 Years to Linda Stolz. Children: Scott (Lazer Physicist), Jay (Air Force Pilot) wife Kirstin and granddaughters Briscoe and Annoua.</td>
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<td><strong>Statement:</strong> I’m running to represent you on the Charter Review Commission because I’m committed to improving the future of our community, county, and region. As a husband, father, Mayor, and PLU graduate, I’ve successfully worked to create safer, stronger, sustainable communities for residents, businesses, and military members across Pierce County.</td>
<td><strong>Statement:</strong> Like many of you... I don’t exactly fit the stereotypical political box. We need to be conservative with our tax dollars and spend wisely, but we also need to responsibly invest in education and the health and wellness of our people. The Charter allows us as a diverse group of citizens to self-govern. Changes should reflect the values of our communities be rigid enough to protect our individual freedoms but flexible enough so that our elected leaders can function and complete the people’s business. The review commission must remember to put the people first. A charter that puts the people first considers the following: Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Sincerity, and Transparency. I am committed to working with the other elected commissioners to listen to all suggestions, evaluate the merits of proposed changes and support recommendations that represent our community. We need to maintain leaner, more effective and balanced government budgets but also care for our most vulnerable neighbors, as well as our veterans. I believe that with freedom comes the responsibility to live within our means, protect our people, and maintain the traditional values our Creator has blessed this country with, &quot;Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.&quot;</td>
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<td>As Mayor, I brought our community together to establish a performance management system that strengthened communications, increased transparency, and made measurable improvements to government performance. We stabilized the city’s finances, increased reserves, received two credit rating increases to AA+, and created a budget that is sustainable through 2020. We improved public safety services, are ranked one of Washington’s top five safest cities, and partnered with other leaders from Lakewood, Steilacoom, University Place, and Tacoma to develop the plan to fix the gridlock along the I-5/JBLM corridor.</td>
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<td>The Charter Review Commission is important because we will review and propose amendments to the “constitution” of Pierce County to ensure future needs are met. I will bring collaborative, forward-looking leadership that focuses on the essential roles of government, sets priorities, and achieves results.</td>
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<td>Together, we will identify unmet needs and build an even better future. I ask for your vote.</td>
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Tom Bradbury

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Teacher, Army NCO.

Education: Bachelor of the Arts, Washington State University; Masters in Teaching, Western Governors University

Community Service: Founding Board Member Patriot Athletic League serving youth in DuPont, Steilacoom, Lakewood and JBLM. Served for 6 years as volunteer baseball coordinator for the City Of DuPont. Member, Kiwanis Club of Steilacoom.

Statement: In order to be a "Government of the people for the people" government needs to be accessible. As a member of the Charter Review I want to represent my neighbors, my colleagues, life long residence of Pierce County and our veterans. To do that I believe my first job is to listen and be accessible to them. The Charter Review is a short but important process, a process where all voices need to be heard.

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David Sawyer

Elected Experience: State Representative (2012-Present)

Other Professional Experience: David works as a law clerk. He is a former small business owner.

Education: David is studying to be an attorney. He is studying through the Washington State Bar Association Law Clerk Program (APR 6). He attended Central Washington University and earned two Bachelors of Arts - one in Political Science one in Geography and Land Studies.

Community Service: David served as a Big Brother for Big Brothers Big Sisters. He also served on the board of Project U (a United Way sponsored program).

Statement: As our State Representative, David Sawyer has built a well-deserved reputation as a leader who’s determined to bring people together, find common ground and get things done.

When a local woman was sued by her husband’s murderer from prison, Sawyer passed a law that helps ensure victims will not be frivolously sued by prisoners for the purpose of harassment. Sawyer also passed a first in the nation law that puts a $1000 per image fine on those convicted of downloading child pornography – the money will be used to rescue children from sexual abuse.

As a lawmaker and law student, Sawyer offers experience and understanding of the importance of our Pierce County Charter. He believes that changes to a charter should be done very rarely –if we move forward on changes it should be done with great care, deliberation and public input. Sawyer will fight to ensure that proposed changes to our charter are non-partisan and for the betterment of all of the citizens of Pierce County.

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Don Anderson

**Elected Experience:** Lakewood City Council 2008-present. Selected by fellow Council members as Mayor 2013-present and Deputy Mayor 2008-2013. Puyallup School Board 1971-1975, serving as the youngest school board president in the US.

**Other Professional Experience:** Following three years overseas as a US Navy JAG, Don has practiced law locally since 1981

**Education:** Degrees in business and law from UPS

**Community Service:** Board member of Pierce Transit, Rally Point 6 and Americal Lake Veterans Golf Course. Co-chair of South Sound Military & Communities Partnership. Former board chair of Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region and over thirty years of active volunteering.

**Statement:** The charter review process provides the public with an opportunity to take a fresh look at the structure of county government. Unlike the seven former county partisan elected officials and several employees have who filed, I can offer the viewpoint of a mayor and councilmember from a relatively new city. I have faced the challenges of providing urban services areas that were long unincorporated and have experienced first-hand the challenges of working with the county on permitting and jail issues. We need an objective look at the charter, not an effort to control and consolidate power by the old guard.

A county resident since 1966, I have over 30 years of experience solving problems in private enterprise. As a city official, I understand county government, but am not part of it. I work closely with JBLM, the special jurisdictional aspects of which greatly impact the county and especially Council District 6. I believe we should consider moving county elections to odd years, when municipal elections are now held. This would allow for greater public scrutiny of the candidates in years when they are not lost “down ballot” behind presidential, congressional and legislative contests.

Please honor me with your vote.

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Barbara Gelman

**Elected Experience:**

**Other Professional Experience:**

**Education:**

**Community Service:**

**Statement:**

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John M. Anderson

**Elected Experience:** Steilacoom Historical school Board 8 years, Steilacoom Historical Board of Directors

**Other Professional Experience:** 24 years Aerospace Engineer The Boeing Company - retired, United State Air Force (14 years) enlisted and commissioned officer - Vietnam veteran

**Education:** BS Computer Science University of Idaho

**Community Service:** Steilacoom Historical School district volunteer, Pierce County Juvenile Court volunteer, Steilacoom-Dupont Relay for Life

**Statement:** I have been actively involved with various Pierce County Governments agencies for twenty years. I believe that our government is empowered by the people by way of policies and regulations that are enacted by the people.

I willing to under take the responsibility to review those policies and recommend changes that will improve performance and services of our county government. I willing to being openness fairness and balance to the review committee

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David Swindale

**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Director, Planning and Development Services, City of University Place. Previous Professional Experience: College Instructor, University of Idaho. Chair of Pierce County Growth Management Coordinating Committee, Vice Chair, Chamber - Clover Creek Watershed Committee, Lakewood Advisory Commission (pre- incorporation).

**Education:** Bachelors of Science in Geography, University of Utah. Masters of Science in Geography, University of Idaho.

**Community Service:** City of Lakewood, Vice Chair Pre-Incorporation Planning Committee, Past President of Lake Louise Improvement Club, Outdoors for All Ski Instructor, Cub Scouts/ Webelos Den Leader, Boy Scouts of America, Lake Monitor for Pierce Conservation District.

**Statement:** I have lived in Lakewood and worked in University Place for over 20 years. My wife Mary and I have three children Tom, Tim and Cora, who attend WSU, Clover Park High School and St. Francis Cabrini respectively. My parents, taught me the values of honestly, hard work and community service. I care for what happens in our community.

Recent discussions between the County Executive and the County Council reveal confusion in the interpretation of the Charter regarding the powers and responsibilities of each branch. It is important that we, the citizens of Pierce County have a clear and concise document for their elected officials to follow. Please review the Charter at www.codepublishing.com/WA/PierceCounty and let me know your concerns.

In my career and community service I have strived to represent the public interest. The candidates running for the Charter Review Commission, incude elected officials, previous County Councilmembers, a previous County Executive and other special interests. As a member of the Commission I want to bring the public perspective to the Commission. Thank you for your support. (No campaign contributions accepted).

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April Sims

**Elected Experience:** Democrat Precinct Committee Officer, 29th Legislative District

**Other Professional Experience:** Legislative and Political Action Field Coordinator, WFSE/AFSCME

**Education:** Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Workforce, Education and Development

**Community Service:** Advisory Committee, Labor Education and Research Center, 2009-Present. Board of Directors, Washington Bus, 2010 – 2015. Member, Working Washington Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity

**Statement:** My name is April Sims, and I’m a life-long resident of Pierce County, wife of a small-business owner, and working mother of three.

I’m running to be a voice for my neighbors. I want to make sure our government is accessible to everyone, not just political insiders and special-interest groups. Our charter has played a key role in developing Pierce County into a beautiful place to live, work, and play, and I know that as we continue to grow we need to evaluate our charter to make sure it still fits who we are today.

I’ve spent the last 10 years of my career connecting workers to elected officials so they could advocate for changes they want to see in our government. I have experience working with diverse constituency groups and advocating for laws and rules at the local, state, and federal levels. I bring my interpersonal communication skills and experience building consensus to this position and will listen to your concerns and ideas before recommending any changes for our county.

I’m proud to be endorsed by the Pierce County Democrats, and I would be honored to serve you on the Pierce County Charter Review Commission.

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Linda Farmer

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Communications Director, Pierce County Library System. Former Community Relations Officer, City of Tacoma; Communications and Government Affairs Manager, City of Federal Way; Communications Director, Washington State Puget Sound Action Team; Communications Director, Association of Washington School Principals; News and Information Director, Pacific Lutheran University; newspaper reporter.

**Education:** Master of Science, Communications Management, Syracuse University; Bachelor of Arts, Communications and Political Science, University of Washington

**Community Service:** KPLU 88.5 Community Advisory Board Member. Chair, Administrative Review Task Force, Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). Past Board Member: PRSA, City Club of Tacoma, Citizens for a Healthy Bay.

**Statement:** I’ve lived in Pierce County since the mid-1990s. Currently, I serve as the Communications Director for your Pierce County Library System. My role is to help Pierce County residents discover the world of information and imagination that still exists at the library (yes, there is a world outside of Google!).

I’ve also led communications efforts for the state of Washington and the cities of Tacoma and Federal Way. Somewhere along the way I fell in love with local government. That sounds corny, I know. There’s nothing more satisfying for me than connecting citizens with the services they pay for.

After spending years learning the intricacies of animal control, sewer pipes, traffic circles, economic development and parks, I’ve come to appreciate the complex undertaking of providing a full range of services to residents and businesses.

But as a former newspaper reporter, I understand that government shouldn’t get a free pass. Government functions better when citizens are involved in its management. The Charter Review Commission needs someone who can balance the complexity of government service delivery with the needs of the people who make Pierce County such a great place to live, work and play.

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<td><strong>Community Service:</strong> 1) YWCA Board 2) PAA Youth Sports Coach 3) Little League Coach 4) Served on various education and civic committees</td>
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<td><strong>Statement:</strong> In 2011, when I finished serving on the Pierce County Redistricting Committee, I said that I wanted to help rewrite some of the laws that made the process so frustrating and controversial. I’m running today to keep that promise.</td>
<td><strong>Statement:</strong> As a resident of unincorporated Pierce County, I want our county government to run smoothly and efficiently. With my experience in the public sector and a network of contacts in the media, government and business, I am committed to helping our county officials deliver even better service to our citizens.</td>
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The Pierce County Charter is a mess. The laws and rules are written in ways that favors politics over process, and that cuts out public comment and input for issues that will impact thousands. I’ve worked with the Charter, I know its ins and outs, and I hope to have a chance to fix the many problems written into it.

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R. Randall (Randy) Harrison

**Elected Experience:** I have not ever been elected.

**Other Professional Experience:** I am an attorney for the last 36 years and also serve as an appointed pro-tem judge in Tacoma.

**Education:** BS in Accounting and a JD in Law.

**Community Service:** Pro-bono legal serve to indigent clients. Help with dependant children as a Prosecutor.

**Statement:** I am committed to our community and wish to serve as a non-partisan voice on the County Charter Review. I am a long standing, practicing attorney in the community and serve as a pro-tem judge in our community as well. I also work with dependant children as a part-time Prosecutor. Our Charter is our county's constitution and is an important part of our democratic society. It needs open and fair processes with appropriate checks and balances for a vital and vibrant community. I have raised six kids and have seen how important the decisions of our elected officials can be in many aspects of our family and community lives. As a long-time resident of Pierce County I pledge to listen to input from all people and seek specific input within our 7th District. Please vote for Randy Harrison on November 3, 2015 for Pierce County Charter Review Commission.

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Richard Samuelson

**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** Current employment: Active with an investing group helping early stage companies across several sectors, including: water purification, software, medical technology and industrial products. Also, grade CFA exams. Prior Employment: Investment banking in Asia for UBS and BNP Paribas.

**Education:** MBA, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. MA, The Fletcher School, Tufts University. BA, Yale University. Professional Designations: (CFA), (FRM), (CAIA).

**Community Service:** Member, Charles Wright Academy Endowment Committee Member, Yale Alumni Schools Committee (interviewing candidates for admission.) Prior Community Service: Member, finance committee for local church. Vice Chairman, Capital Markets Committee, American Chamber of Commerce.

**Statement:** It is vital to bring an open mind to the Charter Review Commission. My training and experience in the private sector enable me to bring a seasoned financial perspective to this important process. Additionally, my familiarity with other cultures and governments may contribute to a broader discussion of any proposed amendments.

An important starting point is to ensure that the Charter represents current best practices. Comparing charters found in other municipalities would serve that end. We should look for ways that the Charter could both draw more business to the County and ensure that county governance is as effective as possible.

My governing philosophy may be summarized as follows: *the government which is closest to the People governs most effectively.* The current charter already underscores this concept in both its preamble and throughout its ten articles. In keeping with that spirit, an important priority for me is to assure that the provisions found in “Article 5 –The Public Interest” are aligned with those found in “Article 6 –Financial Administration”. This could pertain, for example, to large-scale capital projects. In such instances, a public hearing procedure could be introduced to ensure that the Will of the people is heard.

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Steve Victor

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Former Senior Assistant City Attorney for the City of Tacoma (staffed Tacoma’s first Charter Review Committee in 2005), former attorney at Gordon Thomas Honeywell, and current City Attorney of the City of University Place.

Education: University of Washington, University of Washington School of Law.

Community Service: Former Pro Bono counsel to Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound and LeMay America’s Car Museum.

Statement: I am seeking election as a Charter Review Commissioner without a political agenda or any further political ambitions, but with a commitment to use my knowledge and experience to deliver beneficial results from the Charter review process for our County Council District, and for Pierce County as a whole.

My wife and I were born in Tacoma, are lifelong Pierce County residents and are proud to be raising our son in this beautiful area. I am a twenty-five year attorney in both private and local government practice, and I understand the impact that our local government has on our lives and families. Every day I strive to fully implement my belief that the power of government should be wielded with great restraint, great transparency, and only for the common good.

Working collaboratively with the other Charter Review Commissioners, I will seek to identify possible changes to the Pierce County Charter that will increase efficiency, reduce internal conflict, and improve residents’ confidence in County government. Drawing on my experience as staff to the original 2005 Tacoma Charter Review Committee, I will work to ensure that any recommended changes are well and carefully written.

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Richard H. Wooster

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: I am a partner in Kram & Wooster, P.S. I have served as an Attorney in Washington State since 1983. From 1986 through 1991, I was a Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney handling labor and employment matters for Pierce County. I have extensive experience representing individuals, government agencies, officials and businesses in labor and employment related legal issues. I also represent a number of Pierce County businesses in various matters. I have represented the Pierce County Library System for over 20 years. My pre-law experience was in corporate accounting and financial management.

Education:

Community Service:

Statement: Pierce County’s home rule charter is a thoughtfully drafted document. However, there are certain ambiguities regarding the interdependence of various elected officials and the authority of one elected official to restrict actions of other elected officials. My legal training and experience representing government agencies and officials will help me highlight the potential consequences of changes to the current charter to achieve a recommendation to the voters with fewer unintended consequences left unexplored by the Commission.

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Charter Review Commission Council District 7, Position 1

Will Baker

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** I believe the number one issue in the 2015 Pierce County Charter Review Commissioner elections should be the illegal and unethical election practices used by Pierce County Executive Pat McCarthy, the County Auditor and the County Council.

Fact: The County Charter is the Constitution for Pierce County.

Fact: Pierce County voters elect 21 people every 10 years to "review" the County Charter for 6 months for possible improvements.

Fact: Pierce County citizens vote on all proposed amendments/changes to the Charter. Fact: Ralph Abernathy said, "There were hundreds of tricks to keep Blacks from voting, and this courthouse crowd knew them all." (Source: "And The Walls Came Tumbling Down")

Fact: Will Baker says, "There are hundreds of tricks to keep everybody from participating in free and fair elections in 2015, and this Pierce County courthouse crowd knows them all." Fact: If elected, Will Baker will propose an amendment to the Pierce County Charter giving all candidates the right to have a 300 word candidate statement printed in the voters pamphlet and barring the Pierce County Auditor from having any editorial control over candidate statements.


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Charter Review Commission Council District 7, Position 1

Randy Boss

**Elected Experience:** Chairman Peninsula Park and Recreation District, Peninsula Metropolitan Park District.


**Education:** University of Washington and thirty years of continuing education.

**Community Service:** Chair Pierce County Parks Advisory Board, Chair Peninsula Park and Recreation Council, National Recreation and Park Association, Washington Recreation and Park Association Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Governor appointee to the Tacoma Narrows Bridge Citizen Advisory Committee, Chairman Citizens Against Tolls.

**Statement:** As a fifty year resident of Pierce County, an elected official, multi-business owner and community activist I have had a wide and varied involvement in the courts and both State and County government. As one of the few Charter Counties in the State, we enjoy one of the most vibrant, effective and open forms of government and I want to make sure it stays that way.

The Charter requires a citizen review at least every ten years. I attended and participated in every meeting ten years ago to insure all recommendations were well conceived in law and in the political realities of our times and then vigorously debated in an open and civil process involving “we the people” of Pierce County.

I possess a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of county and State government, the legal issues involved with this Charter review as well as a comparative analysis of Home Rule v. the Commission form of government. I will bring a thoughtful, fair and respectful analysis of our Charter to the table and work collaboratively with the other 20 members of the Commission to present meaningful substantive recommendation back to you, the voters, for your final review and recommendation.

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Charter Review Commission
Council District 7, Position 1

Martha Lantz

Elected Experience: None.

Other Professional Experience:
Twenty-four year legal career, primarily in public service: judicial clerk Washington State Court of Appeals; Assistant Attorney General, State of Washington; currently Deputy City Attorney, City of Tacoma. Also worked in private practice.


Community Service: Founding member, Board of Directors, Grand Cinema Tacoma. Three-term member, Board of Directors, YWCA Pierce County. American Leadership Forum. Member, Board of Directors, Greater Metro Parks Foundation. Chair, Washington State Bar Association Legislative Committee. Volunteer in my children’s school, sports, and community activities.

Statement: I grew up in a Gig Harbor family committed to public service. My father helped draft our County Charter as one of the original elected Freeholders. I campaigned for him as a teenager, ringing doorbells and telling people why examining our form of County government was important. It was inspiring to observe the civic process -- the Freeholders brought diverse ideas and backgrounds and worked together to draft the Charter. They wisely planned for periodic citizen reviews.

More than thirty years later, I live with my husband and my own teenagers in one of the Tacoma neighborhoods I visited for my dad, and I am still inspired by the power of civic engagement. I am running for Charter Review Commissioner in that spirit. I am not furthering an agenda. My goal is a fair and open process honoring the integrity of our existing Charter, but recognizing that changes and updates may be needed.

My skills and experience will add value to the charter review process. I have been a legal advisor to state and local government regarding open government laws and process, most recently to the City of Tacoma’s Charter Review Committee. Thank you for your vote.

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Charter Review Commission
Council District 7, Position 2

Brenda Wiest

Elected Experience: none

Other Professional Experience:
Legislative Affairs Coordinator for Teamsters 117 working on local, county, and statewide issues. Appointed to the Mayor’s Minimum Wage Taskforce. Helped draft paid leave policies, and taxi/rideshare legislation. Serving on the Washington Foodsystem Roundtable and Board of the Pierce County Central Labor Council.

Education: Studied at Willamette University

Community Service: Boardmember at Emergency Food Network; created a Community Sponsorship program that provides direct sponsorship to a variety of community events our members participate in statewide; Crew Coordinator for Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful (4 years); my husband and have a son and a daughter. Active in PTSA and community sports.

Statement: I’m deeply committed to making sure our government is accessible and efficient. I want to ensure that the Pierce County Charter doesn’t become a dumping ground for divisive and polarizing issues. The best way to deal with that is to have a strong voice and ability to work collaboratively with other Charter Review Commissioners. Many of the issues facing the County Council will make our work reviewing the Charter challenging. However, my success in working with elected officials, stakeholders and the community has required a collaborative approach and will be an asset to the process.

I grew up on a farm in a rural community and now live in an urban neighborhood. Having an understanding of both city and country life provides a good context for work on behalf of our communities on both sides of the bridge. I know local, county and state legislative processes well.

My interest in serving is because I bring knowledge and love for Pierce County. I believe government needs a diversity of opinions, background, and gender to be successful, my hope is to ensure the county charter is reflective of that, and that it works for people from everywhere in our county.

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**David Olson**

**Elected Experience:** Currently serve as Vice President, Peninsula School District, Board of Directors

**Other Professional Experience:** Assistant Vice President & Branch Manager, US Bank (current); United States Navy (retired)

**Education:** B.S. Organizational Leadership

**Community Service:** Board Member, Peninsula School District; Board Member & Treasurer, Hilltop Business Association; Board Member, Gig Harbor/Peninsula FISH Food Bank; Past Regional Coordinator, Drug Education for Youth Program; Tacoma Rotary #8; Junior Achievement; Tacoma Rescue Mission; Salvation Army Family Shelter; Habitat for Humanity

**Statement:** The Pierce County Charter can best be described as the County’s constitution. As citizens and taxpayers, the Charter provides guidance on how the County Council operates. As a result, the County government must be responsive to the people it serves. As taxpayers, you should be confident that your money is well spent.

Every ten years, the County Charter Review Commission is tasked with reviewing the Charter. As a member of the commission, I will work to provide a charter that protects your civil liberties and property, while maintaining the vital services needed to effectively, and efficiently, support citizens of Pierce County.

Having lived in several countries around the world, I have personally seen how a lack of resources and responsible government negatively affects entire communities. I am committed to helping Pierce County stay on the right course for growth and development without sacrificing our quality of life.

I believe my experience and extensive community involvement will enable me to effectively review and recommend amendments to the Charter to be voted upon by the citizens of Pierce County. Working together, we can keep County government responsive and accountable. We “the people” must have a say in how our government operates.

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**Michael Jankanish**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** I have been teaching for 41 years in secondary schools, community colleges and technical colleges. National Board Certification earned in 2001 and 2011.

**Education:** B.A. Political Science and M.A. in Secondary Education, both from Western Washington University. M.A. Politics; University of York (England).

**Community Service:** Served for almost three years on the Tacoma Human Rights Commission. Led successful neighborhood petition effort to have the city repave our roads. Have participated in a variety of church based charitable activities. Active for 10 years promoting Tacoma and county youth baseball.

**Statement:** I am pleased to offer myself as a candidate for the Pierce County Charter Review Committee. I have lived in Pierce County most of my life, as a boy and young man in Fife, working on produce farms and graduating from Fife High School. Since 1992 my family and I have called Northwest Tacoma our home.

I am seeking this position because sound governance flows from an appropriate county charter. We need the best institutional tools available for the decision makers who must respond to the complex issues in Pierce County. I believe I have the experience, knowledge and common sense to make a positive contribution to the Charter review process.

If selected, my goal will be to perform like a juror in an important trial. I will not bring any pre-set agenda to the committee. I will instead consider proposed revisions with close scrutiny and judge each against these principles: fiscal responsibility; transparency of the decision making process; accountability; security of property rights, and the elevation of the common good over special interests.

Having a strong Charter is a necessary first step to achieve these goals. I ask for your vote. Thank you.

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Andy Leneweaver

**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:**
Senior Public Safety/Emergency Management Communications/IT Manager; US Army Colonel – 33 year career – Active, Reserve & Guard:
- Enterprise Organizational Development & Project Management;
- Senior Information Systems & Communications Leader;
- Combat Deployment - Special Operations Director of Communications

**Education:**
- Masters level studies - Leadership & Information Management - US Army Command & General Staff College;
- BA - East Stroudsburg University

**Community Service:**
Tacoma Historical Society - Board Member; Washington National Guard State Historical Society - Board Member; Boy Scouts of America – Youth/Adult Leadership; Metro Parks Tacoma - Youth Sports Assistant Coach; Fort Washington Fire Company – 18 years active service

**Statement:**
The opportunity to review our County’s charter gives the citizen a direct voice in how the county runs. The review must be done in a manner fitting the unique and diverse nature of our county. There is no place in the charter review for partisanship or agendas. The charter review must be conducted as an open, transparent organizational analysis, which provides the citizens a comprehensive assessment of their county government along with clear recommendations for improvement, if needed.

My background and experience in leadership, organizational development, community service and project management uniquely qualifies me to serve on the commission. I have no agenda – except to ensure an open, transparent charter review; and I represent no political party. I am not “connected” or somebody’s “friend” and I am not a former elected official.

I am just “Joe Citizen” who has been a resident for 20 years and who sees an opportunity for further service to our community.

Because of my background, experience and desire to serve, I ask for your vote and that you allow me to represent you on the Charter Review Commission. I am Andy Leneweaver.

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Ron Lopp

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:**
BS in Marine Fisheries @ U of W; BA in Elementary Ed @ U of W

**Community Service:** Member of PC Peninsula Advisory Commission (9 years)

**Statement:**
A Challenge to PCCRC Candidates: Pierce County Charter Review Commission Members faced this “Problem” at a Charter Review Commission meeting in 2016. What should they do about it? The members of the Pierce County Council [the Legislative body] now receive $696 per month because they are members of the Pierce County Council and are therefore entitled to these exclusive “entitlements” called "a car Allowance." They (He or She) receive it whether or not they have an automobile or not; they are on vacation or not; they are in a hospital or not; they are living overseas or not; or if they walk to the courthouse or not? [In the 1980’s the allowance was only around $225/month]? Decide whether the “facts” are or are not a problem that does or does not require the Commission’s members immediate attention and or consideration or not?

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Martin (Marty) McClendon

**Elected Experience:** Precinct Community Officer- 26-335, Candidate for State Senate-2010, Candidate for US Congress-2014

**Other Professional Experience:** I have worked for 16 years as a Real Estate Broker, 7 of which has been as a Managing Broker responsible for the oversight of all company employees, sales production, document review and training. I have 13 years experience as an Anesthesia Technician, I have experience in media, church, and community relations as well as over 17 years management/ownership experience in Finance, Real Estate, Media, and Healthcare.

**Education:** Attended University of Washington- Pre-Medicine, Washington State Managing Brokers License

**Community Service:**

**Statement:** Hello, My name is Marty McClendon, I am asking you for the opportunity to serve as your Charter Review Commissioner.

The County Charter is our County’s Constitution and provides the framework for how our Elected officials and your government can operate and how government can relate to you, it’s citizens. It is extremely important to make sure this document protects all our citizens from government: abuse, overreach, and waste, And provide a framework for all Pierce County residents to live safe, peaceful and productive lives.

It has become clear to me that we need to be vigilant in our effort to keep Pierce County a place for free market economics and sensible regulation. Our framing document should make it easier to, create business opportunities and live on your property not harder and more complicated. The government is designed to serve the people and not the opposite. The proper framework will keep County government working for the priorities of the individual.

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Justin Camarata

**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Nine years of experience in various roles at large and mid-size Puget Sound tech companies

**Education:** BA, Political Science, University of Washington

**Community Service:** North End Neighborhood Council, City of Tacoma Bicycle & Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group, City of Tacoma Transportation Commission Streetcar Subcommittee, City of Tacoma Board of Ethics

**Statement:** The Charter Review allows us to ensure that Pierce County’s framework document reflects our values and that elected officials are held accountable to principles of good government. It’s a process that calls for thoughtful analysis, a listening ear, an independent mind for policy, and a willingness to focus on the basics, disregarding talking points and narrow political agendas. That’s why I’m running.

I’m an active community member, a neighbor, and a husband and dad. I’ve served on several citizen boards and commissions in Tacoma, including the Board of Ethics, where my job was to hold our elected officials accountable. I'm running to provide the perspective of an engaged citizen without ties to the numerous special interests that seek to control this process. I’ll approach issues like elections, districting, the powers of local offices, and the referendum process with a love of good policy and experience in advocating for solutions that work for everyone, regardless of their political insider status.

I’d be honored to serve you. I ask for your trust and your vote.

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Hans Kueck

Elected Experience: None.

Other Professional Experience: I have held executive management positions responsible for the success of the firms and the employees that depend on them.

Education: BA Political ScienceTeaching Certificate(s) Master of Business AdministrationExtensive traveling without a tour guides

Community Service: Chair, United Way Allocations CommitteeMultiple beach clean upsCub ScoutsHome Owners' Association

Statement: My background as a self employed business person, educator, and corporate manager and executive taking part in decisions that will impact not only the firm and its employees, but also the community is very relevant to the work of the Charter Commission.

I have read the Charter and will work to keep those things that work for the community, and evaluate proposed changes. I will support changes/additions only if they materially benefit the residents of Pierce County.

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Charter Review Commission, Council District 7, Position 3

Todd Iverson

Elected Experience: PenMet Parks Commissioner 2007-Present

Other Professional Experience: Longshoreman at the Port of Tacoma.

Education: Attended Bellarmine Prep and graduated with a BA from the University of Portland.

Community Service: Youth sports coach, enough boards and committees to drive my wife crazy.

Statement: It would be an honor to represent our community on the charter review board to ensure our Pierce County government works efficiently and productively for the citizens.

As an elected Parks Commissioner, I have experience working with the many facets of the Pierce County government. My experience serving on several diverse boards will ensure I can provide the leadership to make sure our communities needs and desires are represented on the Charter Review Commission. Most importantly, I hope to bring an energy and passion that our goal is to promote a smart, efficient government with this charter and not have personal agendas dominate.

My wife, Suzette, and I have three boys, Augustus, Arthur and Finn.

Thanks for your vote.

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Beckie Krantz

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Annie Wright School, Director of Development. Washington Friends of Higher Education, Director of Research. LegiCrawler Analytics, CEO (Current)

**Education:** 1984: University of Puget Sound, Magna Cum Laude: Mortarboard, Honors Program, Phi Kappa Phi. 1988: University of Puget Sound School of Law, Cum Laude: American Jurisprudence Award in Constitutional Law

**Community Service:** 2007-2014: Pierce County Land Use Advisory Commission, Gig Harbor Peninsula. 2011-2014: Tacoma Narrows Airport Advisory Commission. Communities in Schools Peninsula: Math Tutor and Program Committee Member

**Statement:** My roots in Pierce County go back a long way. My great-grandparents were married in Tacoma in 1888, a year before Washington became a state. My mom grew up here and has been a leader in the community as well. I went to school here as did my children. My husband and I started our small business in Pierce County.

I have been honored to serve on local boards and commissions in past years. Now, I look forward to working on the Charter Review Commission to make Pierce County governance and policy-making more accessible, transparent and efficient.

The Pierce County Charter is like a county constitution; it provides the framework for the county government and the public’s participation in that government. As its title states, it is “A Home Rule Charter By and For the People of Pierce County.”

I firmly believe that the best years for Pierce County are ahead of us and I want to help strengthen our county’s foundation, the County Charter, to best provide for our County’s future success.

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Rodger Deskins

**Elected Experience:** Ran for State Representative Pos. 1, Legislative District No. 27 ...2014

**Other Professional Experience:** Century 21 North Homes Realty, Broker

**Education:** Graduate of Wilson High School and Tacoma Community College

**Community Service:** RGSB booster club, volunteer Tacoma Mission, Seamens club.

**Statement:** I will be honored to serve on the Charter Review Commission to help make proposals for enhancements to our Charter. Society changes over time so our Charter needs to reflect these developments. I can bring my knowledge and skills to the table for a good evaluation for a Charter update.

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<td><strong>Elected Experience:</strong> NA</td>
<td><strong>Elected Experience:</strong> I’ve never run for office and bring a citizen’s voice to the Charter Review.</td>
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<td><strong>Other Professional Experience:</strong> Cook has 40 years of successful business and financial experience and has been a business and financial consultant since 2000. Earlier he was Assistant Manager of the largest bank in Arkansas, and Research Director at the University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO), where he was part of the Private Markets team responsible for investments totaling $500 million per year.</td>
<td><strong>Other Professional Experience:</strong> Associate Professor of Economics, University of Washington Tacoma 2000-2015. Columnist writing on local, state and national policy, The News Tribune, 2010-2013</td>
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<td><strong>Education:</strong> B.A., University of Arkansas-Little Rock, 1977. M.Ed., Harding University, Searcy, AR, 1980. Ph.D., University of Texas Austin, 1994.</td>
<td><strong>Education:</strong> PhD Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst; MS Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University; BA Economics, University of California, Berkeley</td>
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<td><strong>Community Service:</strong> Cook is a director of Family Church of Gig Harbor, Indigenous People’s Foundation, WorkLife.</td>
<td><strong>Community Service:</strong> Economic Consultant to Tacoma’s Minimum Wage Task Force; Member of Governor’s Steering Committee on economic impact of climate change; Member of City of Tacoma Task Force on revisions to its tax policy; College Success Foundation Mentor, Lincoln High School; Lowell Elementary PTA Member</td>
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<td><strong>Statement:</strong> I am a business and financial consultant, husband, father and church elder, and love my county, state, nation, family and God. I am a candidate for Charter Review Commissioner, District 7, Position 3, and I ask for your vote this fall in the primary campaign and general election. In an era of increasing globalization and interconnectivity of business, industry, jobs, technology, finance and economics, we need to steward our natural resources wisely. In western Washington we are blessed with an abundance of coastal and inland waterways and strategic seaports. As a major gateway region to Asia, it is vital that we maintain and develop viable and sustainable transportation and telecommunications infrastructure and logistics capabilities and an educated workforce to help keep our people employed and commerce flowing. Pierce County has an excellent quality of life and we need to showcase and leverage that and provide tax and other incentives for industry and startups to locate and expand here. I want to help build on the existing history, many accomplishments and success of Pierce County and give back to the region and see us become more accessible by rail, water, air and land. If elected, I will do that. Thanks!</td>
<td><strong>Statement:</strong> The County Charter establishes the scope of the County’s authority. Periodically reviewing the Charter offers ordinary citizens the chance to shape local government. I would like to be one of those citizens representing you. I believe I bring the right background to help make sure our elected officials are transparent and accountable, represent our interests, and are effective in their jobs. I’ve been a professor of economics at the University of Washington Tacoma for fifteen years. My roots in Pierce County extend back four generations, and I’m proud of our community and care deeply about the effectiveness of our local government. We’ve all seen how ineffective local government can be if it is poorly structured. I know from personal experience that charters can and should be crafted to have a positive impact on individual citizens. As chair of the University of Washington Tacoma’s Faculty Assembly, I have worked with a wide array of people to revise the University’s governance structure in ways that have improved it. In cooperation with others on the Commission, I will do my best to make sure that the recommendations we make – recommendations Pierce County citizens will vote on - will improve our county’s government.</td>
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Port of Tacoma - Commissioner, Position No. 5

Dick Walters

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: United States Navy Captain retired, active duty including Vietnam and reserve duty totaling 26 years, with 8 Commanding Officer tours. Wood products career in management, sales, contractual relations and accounting concurrent with Navy reserve in Pierce and King County.

Education: University of Puget Sound, Bachelor of Arts Degree, Business Administration

Community Service: Loaned Executive for United Way of Pierce County for 10 years; multi-decade leadership positions at his family church in University Place; former and current Board positions with local non-profits.

Statement: Dick Walters fully supports our planned partnership in the Northwest Seaport Alliance with Seattle and the immediate need for major improvements in our transportation infrastructure, both of which he knows are key to future performance in providing the highest level of dependable and reliable service to our customers. Dick will work hard for the Port of Tacoma to secure additional commercial development which will increase our skilled blue-collar jobs base and the Port’s long-term profitability. He will engage in improving our International footprint, setting the Port apart from others as the market leader in the United States and providing for sustained gains in local employment. Dick will urge additional investment into technology, safety and security; be more inclusive of fresh views and press to achieve financial goals which will assure that our Port can continue to profitably acquire vital assets. Our future success needs to concentrate on improving our area’s diversified employment, cultural, environmental and business values; Dick is fully qualified to make decisions using his leadership skills acquired in both his U.S. Navy and business careers that will result in increased economic growth for our entire region. Please support Dick Walters for Port Commissioner.

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Clare Petrich

Elected Experience: Port of Tacoma Commissioner, 1996 – 2015

Other Professional Experience: Business owner & Manager: Petrich Marine Dock; Tacoma Mayor’s Commission on International Relations; Transportation Futures Committee, Puget Sound Regional Council; Former Chair, Economic Development District Committee; Former retail importer.

Education: Aquinas Academy, Tacoma; Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Manhattanville College, New York; Master of Education, University of Virginia.

Community Service: Washington Council on International Trade; Trade Development Alliance; Washington Trust for Historic Preservation; Youth Marine Foundation; Fellow, American Leadership Forum; Founder and Former Director, Commencement Bay Maritime Fest; Tacoma Community Boat Builders; Tall Ships 2017 Planning Committee; Sister Cities International.

Statement: As a Port Commissioner for the past 19 years, Clare Petrich has developed global relationships and a visionary perspective for the Port of Tacoma. Together with her fellow Commissioners, Clare has led the effort between the Ports of Tacoma and Seattle to create a bold, new Northwest Seaport Alliance. This Alliance brings together two strong competitors who will now partner to create the business development, planning and infrastructure we need to better compete in the ever changing marketplace. In 2014, the two Ports collectively supported more than 48,000 jobs and generated $4.3 billion in economic activity. The new Alliance now combines the strengths of the respective Ports to create the most productive Maritime Gateway in North America. The Alliance is a victory for Pierce County because it provides a solid foundation for family-wage jobs and sustained economic growth. In the next four years, Clare will focus on the management of the regional Alliance and the expansion of economic diversity at the Port of Tacoma.

Clare has the experience we need at the Port in today’s complex and competitive global marketplace. Business, community and labor leaders agree: Clare Petrich deserves our support for reelection as Port Commissioner!

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Patrick A. Gallagher

Elected Experience: Democratic Party Precinct Committee Officer, 29-641

Other Professional Experience: Healthcare and Logistics Security Specialist; United States Army Veteran

Education: Associate in Arts Degree- General Studies- Pierce College, Lakewood WA (emphasis in Social Sciences); Associate in Applied Science- Criminal Justice- Ashworth College, Norcross GA; Bachelor in Arts- General Studies- Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester NH (emphasis in Political Science and Military History)

Community Service: Veterans of Foreign Wars; AMVETS; Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America; American Red Cross

Statement: The Port of Tacoma is the economic driver of our community; one out of every four jobs in the South Sound region are a result of the Port’s presence. The Port has an excellent opportunity for modernization and growth, if guided properly. In fact, the Port faces numerous challenges as it reaches its centennial anniversary. These challenges include: the expanded Panama Canal Project; British Columbia port expansions; geopolitical and economic events. These challenges must be dealt with in a strong manner that does not compromise our community.

Our Port needs modern infrastructure that can make it the number one choice for logistics providers. Build the Cross-Base Highway, build the central off-site rail yard, and build improved bridges and roads. Be the Port that creates good paying jobs!

I promise to endeavor in good faith to help the Port of Tacoma maintain its global presence and its promise of economic opportunity for our South Sound community. Thank You for your vote!

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Voters' Guide
Emily Jones

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Currently, I am a paraprofessional for the Carbonado School District. Here, I am involved with many parents and students of our community. As an attendee at Carbonado Community Church, I have held a Deaconess position, currently teach Sunday school, work with children, and have been a pulpit committee member.

**Education:** After completing my high school diploma and raising a family, I studied and obtained my paraprofessional qualifications.

**Community Service:** For the community of Carbonado, I was a volunteer EMT and a firefighter for 13 years. Work with the Kids Club and AWANA at the Carbonado Church for 10 years.

**Statement:** Carbonado has been and will forever be a community of hardworking kind and generous people. This is a time when we must work as good neighbors collectedly making tough decisions. The viability of our town depends on it! If I am elected every action and idea will be measured carefully and thoughtfully with the town of Carbonado’s future in mind.

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Carbonado, Council, Position No. 4

Tim Johnson

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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Carbonado, Council, Position No. 5

Amos Green

**Elected Experience:** Committee chair for local Boy Scout troop 577.

**Other Professional Experience:** General forman for Andersen Construction.

**Education:** White River High School

**Community Service:** Boy Scouts, New Hope Community Church

**Statement:** I am running for office because I want to better the town of Carbonado. This I will do by bringing in the experience I have gained through having managed my own business, coaching little league baseball and football, regularly attending and contributing to my church, serving as a Committee Chairman for Boy Scout Troop 577, and raising four children. I intend to guide, steward, and serve this town just as I do for others daily. My philosophy has always been to get things done well and on time. That’s exactly what I will do if I am elected.

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Buck McBride

**Elected Experience:** Former member of the Carbonado Planning Commission, Helped with the development of the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinances and Development Regulations. lampo member

**Other Professional Experience:** Plumbing Contractor and Business owner, retired

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** Initiated and successfully wrote the grant for the 8th Ave Park, volunteered time and professional service for the 8th Ave park. coached youth Baseball, T-ball, Football and Basketball. I am an active community member and have volunteered to many projects

**Statement:** I believe it is of the utmost importance to pay attention and listen to what others have to say, weather you have been to one council meeting or 10. We are all citizens of Carbonado, and have vested interested in living here. I have learned just because one doesn’t attend all the meetings, that does not mean you do not care. Being a council member is a great responsibility and one that is not to be taken lightly. Because the future of our town is at stake, we need to put aside our own agendas and come together as a community to share ideas, and work towards a common goal.

I appears our water plant is going to get a new reservoir and this could potentially mean more water and could in turn play a big part in the future of Carbonado for growth.

The marijuana issue has been put to rest thanks to all of us standing together. I wish to thank all who came out and and spoke for or against this issue in our community.

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Carbonado, Council, Position No. 5

Dale Lyons

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: Lived in Carbonado 28 years, love the town & people, desire to keep the city united for the good the next generation.

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Edgewood - Mayor

Special Note
- This is the General Election for the Edgewood Mayor position.
- The citizens of Edgewood voted to change their form of government and elect a Mayor in November 2014.
- Candidates filed for Mayor in February 2015. As only two candidates filed a Primary election was not needed.
- This is the final election for this office. The candidate who receives the most votes in this race will be elected.

Wendal Kuecker

Elected Experience: I have no elected political office experience, I do have many years of practical experience in hard work and community service.

Other Professional Experience: For the past 42+ years I have been a commercial property owner and manage my own properties. I was a Founder and on the Board of Directors of Sound Bank

Education: Graduated from Federal Way High School, some College experience.


Statement: Edgewood appealed to me as an open-space, friendly rural farming community which is why I chose to move my family here from Federal Way in 1973. The quiet, the nature, it’s where neighbors look out for each other. It is a community who care and help each other. My vision of Edgewood is that it continues as a rural residential/farming community with moderate to low growth. I envision Meridian as service-oriented business to support our citizens. Edgewood has come a long way, but we need to listen to our citizens, as it is their City. I understand business and know how to manage an organization. I have spent most of my life promoting community service. Our City is at a crossroad. It is time to decide if we should stay on the current path, changing the face of our community forever by building low-income, high density apartments or choose a better path and preserving the atmosphere and way of life that enticed us to live here, while promoting responsible growth. If elected, you can trust my tenure and experience to effectively manage financial matters so utility taxes never become necessary. Thank you for your consideration.

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Daryl Eidinger

Elected Experience: Edgewood City Council 2010-Present; Mayor Jan 2014 - Present; Pierce County Regional Council 2012- Present; Pierce Transit Commissioner 2014- Present

Other Professional Experience: Senior Pastor, Edgewood Foursquare Church 1991-2013; Weyerhauser, Project Management; Business Owner

Education: US Navy, Highline College, Life Pacific College

Community Service: Volunteer: Edgewood Fire District 8 (20 years); Volunteer: LeMay Museum; Volunteer Coach: Edgemont Jr. High

Statement: Edgewood is a great place to live. We have retained our rural feel as we continue to plan for our future. Through the hard work of our city council, staff, and resident commissions and boards, in conjunction with the input of Edgewood residents, a comprehensive plan has been formulated. In the last year we have finally completed infrastructure along Meridian that will enable us to develop our Meridian corridor. This will provide tremendous community opportunities, strengthen our city communications, and increase the business base of our city providing transportation, services and jobs. The key to our future success is for all residents to work together as a team, whether we have a manager-council or a strong mayor form of government. By working together we can reach solutions for all our residents that are fair, respectful, fiscally responsible, and maximize our city’s resources as we enjoy raising our families in Edgewood. In this change to strong mayor government, there is a small, well financed negative faction that wants to take control of our city at your expense. I have no personal agenda but to serve our community and I have the support of our current council.

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Special Note
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• Candidates filed for Mayor in February 2015. As only two candidates filed a Primary election was not needed.
• This is the final election for this office. The candidate who receives the most votes in this race will be elected.
**Mark L. Creley**

**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** I have 26 years of experience working in the public safety profession as a 9-1-1 dispatcher and as an Assistant Manager of a public safety communications center. Previously, I was an elementary school teacher for Bethel School District.

**Education:** BA Degree from Evergreen State College (Teacher’s Certification through Western Washington University); Puyallup High School Graduate.

**Community Service:** In the 28 years that I have lived in Edgewood, I have served as a volunteer firefighter, coached baseball for the Edgewood Athletic Association, helped as a 4-H leader, and been a member of various citizen advisory boards.

**Statement:** Cathy, my wife of nearly 30 years, was raised in Edgewood and we have raised our two children here as well. I believe that we can maintain the quiet, rural flavor of Edgewood, which makes it such a wonderful place to live, as well as responsibly develop our commercial corridor along Meridian. This will not only benefit our residents with the convenience of having local access to products, services and jobs, but will also be an additional revenue source for the city so that it can become more financially stable. I believe in government that is small in scope, responsive to citizens, and financially prudent.

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**Ted Christie**

**Elected Experience:** I have served as Industry Representative of the Construction Specifiers Institute as well as Shop Steward for the Service Employees International. My experience in these positions lent me insight into listening to various points of view and the importance of weighing the differences of opinion of a chorus of voices to help determine courses of action that affect positive solutions that move in a direction benefiting many.

**Other Professional Experience:** I have a professional background as a Certified Building Inspector, Stormwater Inspector, Public Health Administrative Representative, and Technical Director of an international manufacturing company.

**Education:**

**Community Service:**

**Statement:** I have lived in Edgewood for over 20 years and raised three children here. I witnessed Edgewood become a city and have always been a proponent of government of the people within this city. I have seen the changes in the city come as they are. I am a strong believer in the voice of the people, who I do not consider constituents, but citizens with every right to voice their opinions. I welcome the interaction of debate on difficult decisions. It is my belief that the voice of the people come first and that time should be given to the process of debate when making decisions that affect the whole of the city. Thank you.

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Sean Bailey

**Elected Experience:** I am an interested citizen looking to make a difference in a great community. While this is my first experience running for office, I have been privileged to collaborate with some great minds in the community both old and young and want to bring the community’s ideas to the table.

**Other Professional Experience:** Reaching out to the community is part of my job as a real estate agent, and I have gotten to know many wonderful members of Edgewood that way. I also serve in a leadership position in my church, and serve many of you in that aspect.

**Education:**

**Community Service:**

**Statement:** I have an entrepreneur mind, and am able to see Edgewood for the wonderful place it is and can be. My integrity is a part of who I am, and I want you as the community to have a voice that you can trust through me.

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Edgewood - Council, Position No. 2

Carolyn Trumbull

**Elected Experience:** Advisory Board, Sumner Senior Center, 2013

**Other Professional Experience:** I worked for state, county, and city governments and for community-based non-profit organizations in various capacities as a teacher, interpreter, administrator, workshop planner/presenter, counselor, labor relations and human services specialist. I have current Washington State Teaching Certification.

**Education:** BS in Education, State University of New York; MAT in Slavic Languages and Literature, Indiana University; MA in Industrial and Labor Relations, University of Oregon

**Community Service:** I have volunteered as an interpreter, Russian and ESL teacher, mentor, cashier, fundraiser, public relations coordinator and planner for public service events in the Puget Sound area.

**Statement:** I served the public interest as a teacher and in human services administration. I will continue to do so as a city council member. My focus will be, first and foremost, on meeting the needs of Edgewood residents.

I am concerned about public safety issues, such as the lack of sidewalks for walkers along roads (other than the Meridian corridor), narrow roads with poor visibility, transportation issues for children, elders and the disabled, flood and potential landslide issues, inconvenient locations of playgrounds and parks for some residents, land use, and the impact of development on Edgewood and residents.

I will thoughtfully and carefully examine and evaluate situations to reach decisions supporting safe, quality lifestyles for Edgewood residents, while striving to preserve the uniqueness and special charm of Edgewood.

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Luke Meyers

**Elected Experience:** City of Edgewood (Council Member) - November 2013 to Present. Mt. View-Edgewood Water Company (Board Member) -January 2008 to Present.


**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Geography, Climate Emphasis University of Hawaii-Graduated in December 1997. Unclassified Graduate in Emergency Management (1 Semester) University of Hawaii-Finished Semester Spring 1998.

**Community Service:**

**Statement:** Hello, my name is Luke Meyers and I am running for the City of Edgewood Council Position #2. I believe the future of our City depends on the following: Preserving Local Character; Fostering Smart Growth; Maintaining a Balanced Level of City Services; and Creating a Sustainable City Economy.

Our City is entering the crossroads of change and it is critical to have leadership that is going to be consistent and persistent to guide the policies that will shape our future. Support me in making this a success for our City.

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Edgewood - Council, Position No. 2

Enid T. Duncan

**Elected Experience:** Prior council member

**Other Professional Experience:** Business owner

**Education:** M.Ed

**Community Service:** Pierce county art commission, ECEAP (AVANZA) and Parenting Programs

**Statement:** Government is for the people and by the people to accomplish their goals together. Allowing for input from the voters to create policy is very important

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Brian Burfeind

**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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Nathaniel Lowry

**Elected Experience:** City of Edgewood Planning Commission 2013-current (current vice chair)

**Other Professional Experience:** Licensed Landscape Architect

**Education:** Bachelor's of Landscape Architecture, Washington State University (2003)

**Community Service:** City of Edgewood Planning Commission

**Statement:**
I have lived in the city and north Hill area for over 30 years, grew up in Edgewood and attended Edgemont Junior High, Puyallup High School and college at Washington State University receiving my degree in landscape architecture. My entire immediate family lives in the city as well and I am passionate about Edgewood’s future during a key time in the City’s history. I have been a member of the planning commission for the past 3 years helping shape policy updates for the current 20 year comprehensive plan update among many other important policy decisions. I am the current vice chair on the planning commission, well acquainted with city staff and know my way around city hall. I have built a successful career as a landscape architect and local business owner.

I am well informed on current policies and activities going on in Edgewood and future challenges that face our city. I have a vested interest in seeing policy move forward positively and sensibly in what is an important time for our growing city.

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Jamie Sargent

**Elected Experience:** Twin Lakes Home Owner Association

**Other Professional Experience:** Merchandiser for Dairy GoldCounter manager for mens fragrances for Macy's

**Education:** Auburn Highschool Graduate Highline Community College

**Community Service:** Mountain View Center Auction Fife and Edgewood Food Bank

**Statement:**
When elected I will do my best to voice the thoughts of the people in Edgewood, making decisions that reflect the goals of our community.

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Steve Richfield

**Elected Experience:** Future Edgewood City Councilman.

**Other Professional Experience:** The majority of my career has been as a technical turnaround consultant.

**Education:** I have consulted for several California and Washington State colleges and universities. ***However, my relevant education in Edgewood politics came when I received a notice that the steep hillside upon which I live was about to be hauled away, and be replaced with a high wall having no foundation. ***Further investigation showed that the development technically "met code" despite being obviously unable to survive a future severe earthquake, so the development was destined to be approved despite its poor design!!!

**Community Service:**

**Statement:** There are good developments that benefit of Edgewood’s residents, and inappropriate developments that work to the detriment of Edgewood’s residents.

*** No inappropriate developments ***

Edgewood’s officials are now approving developments that few of Edgewood residents would ever want. Until our Washington State Government sees fit to install better safeguards, Edgewood’s officials must rise above and beyond the call of duty and make this flawed process work for the benefit of Edgewood’s residents.

I will make this process work for you.

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3. Signs the outer return envelope and drops off at a ballot drop box (page 4) or puts a first class stamp on it and mails back to the Pierce County Auditor's Office.

At the Election Center -
4. Voter’s signature is verified, the outer return envelope with the voter’s name and address is opened and separated from the inner secrecy envelope.
5. Secrecy envelopes are mixed with other secrecy envelopes.
6. The secrecy envelopes are opened and the ballots removed. This maintains the secrecy of the ballot.

Is this process observed?
In every county, including Pierce County, political party observers watch the entire election process. Pierce County has a public viewing area that allows any member of the public to observe ballot processing.
Marie Barth

**Elected Experience:** Lakewood City Council, Position 6. Elected 2011 to present.

**Other Professional Experience:** 2012 President of Women’s Council of Realtors® Washington State Chapter, Past Director of Tacoma Pierce County Association of Realtors®, Business Owner in Lakewood 29 years, Allen Realtors® Broker and VP Company Development.

**Education:** Pierce College, 1971, Associates in Business Community Service: I served as a Board Member of: Clover Park Rotary, Lakewood United, Tacoma Executives Association, Go Local. I also worked on the Clover Park School District Bond Campaign 2010. In 2009 I was awarded WCR Entrepreneur of the Year, 2010 the Washington State School Board Community Service Award.

**Statement:** Four years ago I asked for your support, at that time I promised to focus on economic development, public safety, parks, infrastructure and the general good for our community. Under forward thinking leadership, the City of Lakewood has made great strides in these areas as well as establishing sound fiscal policies, replenishing its reserve fund and developing a business friendly environment. I remain committed to being a good leader and citizen of Lakewood, my business experience, training and practical common sense have been assets to the Council these past four years. "What makes the best sense for Lakewood?" has been the question I ask when I cast my vote as your Councilmember. Married to Bruce for 44 years; with one son Jake (Rachael) and 3 fabulous grandchildren.

I have received early endorsements from: Tacoma Pierce County Association of Realtors®, Lt. General William H. Harrison Ret (former Mayor of Lakewood), Pierce County Councilman Doug Richardson (former Mayor of Lakewood), Lakewood Police Chief Brett Ferrar (Ret). I will be honored to receive your vote.

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**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** No information submitted

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Ben Gonter

**Elected Experience:** Building Rep for WEA (Washington Educators Association) Nominated for Excellence In Education and awarded the prestigious award 1999 and 2001

**Other Professional Experience:**
Western Governors University clinical supervisor. 20 years as an educator, special education teacher, Washington National Guard, cavalry/aviation. Singer/songwriter, with major local record label.

**Education:** Master’s Degree, Education, City University. B. A. Anthropology, Central Washington University. B.A. Special Education, English Second Language endorsements Pacific Lutheran University. Commercial pilot/Instrument rated. One year of Spanish, two years of Russian at university.

**Community Service:** Patron of St. John Bosco/St Francis Cabrini (Adult literacy programs). Habitat for Humanity. Special Olympics.

**Statement:** The city of Lakewood needs to recruit big business by giving them tax breaks. This will generate tax revenue for the city and create local jobs. The city council needs to support and welcome small businesses and entrepreneurship. The questions you should be asking are why DuPont has Intel and Amazon.com and University Place has Whole Foods and Traders Joes?

Lakewood was a prominent city in the 70’s and 80’s it can be again, It needs better leadership.

I want all junk car-junk yard codes to be enforced. We need to encourage our code enforcement officers to write tickets, it would create revenue for the city and make our neighborhoods a prettier place.

Finally, no more low income housing-apartments, this madness needs to stop. Also, the housing development off 100th street across from Lowes, needs to be bought from the home owners at market value, demolished, and rebuilt, giving the original home owner the first opportunity to buy back at a discounted price. All revenue from these sells would be reinvested into the city’s budget to keep this project in effect. Help me, help you, clean up Lakewood one junk car at a time.

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Tod Gunther

**Elected Experience:** Have been an active Orting Councilman since 2014. Chair/Co-Chair’s of: Technology & Land, Public Safety, and Recreation.

**Other Professional Experience:** Developer of complex software programs used in companies and products across America. Extensive travel nationally and abroad.

**Education:** US Navy. Professional dive instructor (civilian), deep gas and helium decompression. Leadership/technical courses spanning thirty years in Fortune 500 companies.

**Community Service:** Proud member of Red Hat Days, and one of it’s parade clowns. Created the popular “Humans of Orting” site, the Orting Job Bank for local jobs, and the Orting Photographic Society. On the boards of OSTOP and Farmers Market.

**Statement:** To me, actions speak louder than words. A year ago, Orting conducted a large survey on what was most important to you. And I heard your concerns crystal clear: better policing, bolder recreation, and more small town feel!

So when I became Councillor I went to work. On day one I made satisfying that survey priority one. That instead of the glamorous promises everyone makes, to actually produce Big results for families. As a result, when you look around Orting today, things are starting to buzz!

"Humans of Orting” helping bring everyone closer — and winner of a ‘community impact award’ for 2015. Beat policing, reminiscent of the 50’s, coming to our neighborhoods. Drug houses closing one after another. Huge new recreations being discussed — even for adults! Teen Haven and other big things happening every month from others fantastic work.

Am still listening ... and delivering. What others talk about, I’m doing. Help me to continue making Orting remarkable!

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Jacob Weigley

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted

**Education:** No information submitted

**Community Service:** No information submitted

**Statement:** Let me introduce myself. I am Jake Weigley, a life long resident of Orting. I live here with my wife and my son. I started my career in public service with Search and Rescue at the young age of 15 then joining the United States Army at age 18. I have continued a life of public service volunteering as a firefighter until I became fortunate enough to gain full time career employment. I continue to volunteer with Washington State Patrol and work closely with law enforcement. These life experiences have showed me how vital public safety is to our entire community. I have decided to run for office because I want to be apart of the solution. Addressing our communities issues with public safety is of my highest importance. With your support I aim to work on not only public safety but helping to improve our city services. Let’s work together to make our city a safe place that people are proud to call home.

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Gwen Robson

Elected Experience: I have never run for political office and bring a fresh view.

Other Professional Experience: 3+ years serving the citizens of Orting as a City employee, giving me a unique perspective on city operations. 20+ years of public service in state and county government. Designated as a Certified Municipal Clerk by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Washington Municipal Clerks Association Pierce County Clerks and Finance Officers Association

Education: Studied Business at Okaloosa – Walton Community College. International Institute of Municipal Clerks – Certified Municipal Clerk Northwest Clerks Institute

Community Service: Volunteer for the Governor’s Mentoring Initiative for five years.

Statement: Orting deserves a well-functioning City Council that works with the Mayor and understands the separation of powers of the Executive and Legislative branches of city government. Collaboration between these branches is key to the success of the city.

As a former city employee, I have a unique perspective on issues the city faces.

Councilmembers should support our Police Department by ensuring minimum staffing levels are met. Adequate staffing coupled with face to face connections with citizens fosters two way trust, increases pride and ensures top level service, resulting in lower crime rates and a shared sense of community. I oppose de-annexation from the Orting Valley Fire Department and support keeping our firefighters local. I believe expanding and strengthening our recreation program would provide opportunities for Orting families to participate in safe, fun, organized activities.

With a proven record for aggressively pursuing administrative excellence, and implementation of the most up to date office management systems, I am uniquely qualified to offer relevant contributions to ensuring success of city projects. As a Councilmember I will work diligently toward serving the needs of the citizens and would be honored to serve my community as a City of Orting Councilmember.

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Guy S. (Sam) Colorossi


Other Professional Experience: The Boeing Company - Entry level, worked up to first line management in Production Control. Alaska Airlines - Reservations Manager. REI - Mail Order Systems Administrator. Pierce County - Co-supervisor of the Ballot by Mail program.

Education: Orting High School - General Studies. Highline Community College - Degree in Business Aviation.

Community Service: Orting Youth Council - President - Daffodil Festival - President & Boardmember for many years. Orting Daffodil Float Association - Pierce County - Community Action Boardmember - Pierce County - Disability Board Director

Statement: Over the years, my record reflects that I have given a lot to our community and if the voters are willing I have the time to give more. I have chosen to serve this community without pay for the last eight years and will do so for the next four years. This is my way of giving back to the community.

There are a lot of new citizens in town that I have never met and hope to one way or another in the coming year. I am making myself available for any questions. I can be reached by e-mail or telephone.

In closing, most people view me as a senior citizen and probably should just retire, but I am in good health and seek your vote for another four years.

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Douglas Bishop

Elected Experience: Orting City Council

Other Professional Experience: Project Estimator/Manager JTS Inc

Education: Auburn High School graduated 1992 Associated Applied Science Degree Law Enforcement Spokane Community College 1985


Statement: I have been attending Orting Council meetings, Commission meetings and committee meetings for the last 18 months. Orting Citizens have expressed three important issues. #1. Public Safety. OPD is budgeted for 11 full time officers. During the last 18 months OPD has had 7-10 officers. We need to evaluate OPD retention and come up with a solution to keep our police department fully staffed. Included in this issue is determining what level of service Orting Citizens expect (number of officers) and securing a sustainable funding source. #2. Traffic. Recently Orting was named the number three worst city to commute from in the Puget Sound. No offense list makers but we want off this list. Through Federal, State, County and City of Orting efforts we need to determine the most feasible and cost effect means to get some traffic relief. #3. Growth Management. A majority of Orting citizens want Orting to remain a small town and that urban sprawl needs to be better managed. This issue has fallen to the wayside of late and we need to reevaluate and adjust our land use codes to reflect the Orting Citizens desires.

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Nicola McDonald

Elected Experience: Served on the Orting City Council 2008-2011; Chair, Government Affairs Committee, Vice-Chair, Community and Economic Development Committee

Other Professional Experience: Small Business Owner, Former Marketing and Development Director, Consultant for Business Start-Up and Brand Management

Education: BA in Business and Organizational Management, Cum Laude, Northwest University; MBA in progress

Community Service: Youth Center Volunteer, Youth Sports Coach for Soccer, Baseball and Basketball, Past-member Mainstreet Association and Puyallup-Sumner Chamber of Commerce, Political Campaign Volunteer

Statement: My family loves living in Orting! My husband Matthew and I have 4 children and we truly appreciate the rivers, parks, trails and other amenities in our city. I previously served on the Orting City Council and I’m proud of the work we accomplished, especially our collaborative efforts to balance the budget during a severe economic downturn.

As we look towards our future, we need Councilmembers who understand the issues small cities like ours will face. Good family wage jobs, keeping our neighborhoods safe, and roads and infrastructure that support our community without increasing the tax burden on our hard working families. I support our police and fire departments and appreciate their work to keep Orting a wonderful place to live and raise our families.

My experience working with County and State government ensures that Orting is well represented and receives our fair share. I will build on the strong foundations of our past while serving the best interests of Orting’s citizens with a commonsense vision for our future. I am pleased to be endorsed by Mayor Joachim Pestinger, former Mayor Cheryl Temple, Councilmember Dave Harman, Councilmember Barbara Ford, and many others. I look forward to representing you!

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Zac Green

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Director, Pierce County Victory Center, 2012

**Education:** Rogers High School, Pierce College (Puyallup), University of Washington (Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy), Seattle University School of Law.

**Community Service:** Citizen representative on the City of Puyallup Task Force on Homelessness.

**Statement:** The incumbent’s record on the city council has had the net effect of increasing the financial burden of government on all of Puyallup’s citizens. His votes have also shifted that burden to rest more on the shoulders of those citizens least able to bear it. He was instrumental in passing a massive increase in the city’s utility rates, the largest in our history. By 2017 rates will have increased a minimum of twenty percent over last year’s. Utilities are the most regressive funding mechanism available to the city, consuming a substantially greater portion of income for those with lower earnings. The incumbent voted to increase property taxes, a direct negative impact on home owners, and an indirect one on all citizens through increases in the cost of renting and the prices of goods and services at local businesses. Both of these funding mechanisms disproportionately impact those with the least disposable income.

It’s time for our city to move forward into an era of transparency. We can’t afford to re-elect people who insist on playing a shell game, increasing “fees” so they can redirect tax revenue to new purposes. All while pretending they haven’t effectively raised taxes.

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John Palmer


**Statement:** It’s an honor serving as your Council Member. As a husband and father of our 16-year old daughter, I’m committed to protect and enhance the wonderful qualities of Puyallup. I bring experience, expertise, and a collaborate approach to our Council to help make our great community even better.

**Responsible Government.** I helped create award winning budgets that slashed debt, kept our low taxes, and increased our credit rating. I’m committed to a Council that can work constructively to make fiscally responsible decisions in a transparent ethical manner.

**Strong Community.** I led efforts to increase police funding, build the new splash pad and foothills trail link, improve neighborhood road safety, improve parking and train access downtown, reduce flooding, and strengthen (not cut) recreation and senior services. A vibrant downtown, safe neighborhoods and excellent services are top priorities.

**Smart Growth.** Well planned development is vital to our community, such as the new companies with 500 good paying jobs at the Benaroya Business Park. It’s also important to protect our character, which is why I opposed zoning changes for massive warehouse development and have instead worked hard for farmland preservation, sports fields, and quality development in the Van Lierop farm area.

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Diana C. Martin

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: I was born and raised in Puyallup. Married with one daughter and one granddaughter. Worked in area hospitals and clinics as a medical technologist. Retired from Boeing after 17 years in occupational medicine.

Education: Puyallup High School graduate BS degree in Medical Technology (University of Puget Sound)

Community Service: Current salary board commissioner(Puyallup City Council); Founding Director and current member of the Puyallup Historical Hatchery Foundation; Graduate of the Puyallup Police Citizens Academy; Block Watch organizer and current captain.

Statement: I will listen to all my constituents in district two and do the best I can to help them with their concerns. I will not make promises I can’t keep.

My main concern is Public Safety, therefore I would like to see a new Public Safety Building for the police and firefighters on the south side of the train tracks, but not up on South Hill.

Also I am hoping to get more traffic calming in neighborhoods where speeding is a real concern.

Clark’s Creek silt removal needs to be revisited. Keep working on our infrastructure by repaving or repairing some of our streets. I’ve lived in Puyallup all my life and seen change. Some changes are good, others are not.

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Keith W. Sherrill

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: I have spent the last 12 years of my life in the US Army; a veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan. My experience includes service as an Airborne Ranger, Medical Evacuation Helicopter Pilot, and Special Operations Helicopter Pilot.

Education: I hold a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics. Additionally, my coursework included American National Government, Legislation, Ethics, Economics, and Business Statistics.

Community Service: Board Chair, Puyallup Parks, Recreation, and Senior Advisory Board

Statement: Puyallup has a lot to be proud of. I have lived all over the country but I have found a home in this rural rooted city with mountain views. I am the husband to a beautiful lady, the father of a precocious toddler, and a defender of democracy. Those who vote for me can be sure I will bring leadership and vitality to the Puyallup City Council and positively represent District 2.

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**Ballot Title**

Shall the Town of Steilacoom be authorized to impose additional regular property tax levies in an amount equal to fifty cents ($0.50) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years to provide emergency medical care and services?

**Explanatory Statement**

The Town Council of the Town of Steilacoom has passed a resolution requesting an election to authorize for six (6) years a levy of a property tax in an amount not to exceed fifty cents ($0.50) per thousand dollars ($1,000.00) of assessed valuation. This levy would only be used for providing emergency medical care and services including but not limited to funding a portion of the contract with West Pierce Fire and Rescue to provide advanced life support services and Town personnel performing emergency services, training, operating, and medical supplies.

The existing emergency medical care and services levy authorized by the voters of the Town of Steilacoom at the April 28, 2009 Special Election expires at the end of 2015. This levy will pass if a simple majority of the votes cast are in favor of the levy. If the levy is approved it will become effective in 2016.

**Statement For**

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy funds the portion of the Public Safety Budget that is dedicated to emergency medical services including but not limited to: 1) the Town’s contract with West Pierce Fire and Rescue to provide advanced life support (ALS) and transport services, 2) Public Safety personnel performing basic life support (BLS) services, 3) ongoing training, 4) operating and medical supplies, and 5) growth in demand for services.

If approved, a levy rate of $.50/$1,000 of assessed valuation, the same as currently exists, would be the maximum that Town officials could request and collect on a yearly basis. This levy rate allows for service growth over the next 6 years.

Your Yes vote will allow the Town to continue to provide EMS response and service at the current level.

**Statement Against**

No statement was submitted against this issue.

**Committee Members:** Ron Lucas, ron.lucas@ci.steilacoom.wa.us, (253) 732-8895, and Noah Tchobanoff
Committee for the Town of Steilacoom EMS Levy
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Anders Ibsen

**Elected Experience:** Tacoma City Councilmember; Pierce Conservation District Board Member

**Other Professional Experience:** Real Estate Appraiser. Serving on the City of Tacoma Neighborhoods and Housing Committee; Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee; and Government Performance and Finance Committee.

**Education:** BA in Political Science and Sociology, The Evergreen State College; Tacoma School of the Arts

**Community Service:** Former North End Neighborhood Councilmember; City of Tacoma representative on the Joint Municipal Action Committee and Zoo-Trek Authority; Elements of Education board member; Orchard and Vine Community Garden; St. Leo’s Parish. Sole endorsement from Tacoma teachers, fire fighters and police officers.

**Statement:** It’s an honor serving as your Councilmember. Through hard work and cooperation with the community, I focus on getting results for you. Together we took on a tough economy and a challenging budget, emerging stronger for it. We’ve attracted new businesses like State Farm and Bass Pro. We’ve made serious progress on infrastructure projects in our neighborhoods like South Mildred Street. We’ve also taken proactive steps to invest in core services like mental health. And Tacoma became the first American city in 2015 to pass a paid sick leave ordinance.

Let’s build on the progress that we’ve made together. With my next term, I’ll continue to fight for more street repair, restoring our police and fire departments, responsibly balancing the budget, and improving our neighborhood quality of life.

My campaign promise four years ago was to be a leader who listens. I take that promise seriously and have consistently taken up the fight on the issues that you’ve said are important. I’m an eager advocate with clear and consistent values, and I’m always accessible. Call me anytime on my cell phone at 253-370-0201. I hope to continue working for you, and I humbly ask for your vote.

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Tara Doyle-Enneking

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** GM/Finance Director/Partner of an Automotive Dealership, Private Practice for Marriage and Family Therapy working with troubled Teens, Couples, Families and Corporate Systems, Salmon Beach Board of Directors, High-Tech Executive Recruiter.

**Education:** University of Washington, B.A. in Honor’s Sociology. Pacific Lutheran University, M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy

**Community Service:** WA Federation of Women’s Club Nesika, WA Women’s Soccer Association, Speaker in over 150 Charity Events including United Way, Special Olympics, “Just Say No to Drugs” and D.A.R.E.. WSIADA Business Member, AAMFT Student President, Tacoma Runners

**Statement:** My goals for you- Live, Work, Prosper

I am a passionate, honest and clear-thinking candidate with Real business experience. My Master’s Education at PLU and Systems training offers me the insight and pragmatic skills to bring balance to the City Council. I have the vision and skillset to be fiscally and socially responsible and a productive ally to my District. I recognize the challenges facing families in our community and will work hard to remedy them. Additionally, there should be a balance between natural resources and commerce.

Tacoma is ready for a “fresh-face”- named Tara.

I have been a Tacoma Resident for 14 years, 8 years on Salmon Beach with my husband Mike. Helped raise 4 daughters and now have 3 grandchildren and 2 rescue dogs. I enjoy playing soccer and golf, dirt-biking and paddle boarding; Supported By: Former Senator & PC Exec Joe Stortini, Mayor David Viafore, Mayor Pro Tem Javier Figueroa, Detective & Exec Director of Crime Stoppers Ed Troyer, The Tacoma Rainiers, Tacoma Schools Administrator/Principal/Director Chris Hinds, Carlyn Roy - CEO TAPCO CU, Capt. Brad Thompson, Local Firefighter, Tacoma Stars, Destination Harley, Engine House #9, Asado, 1111, Knapp’s, Joesepi’s, Salmon Beach Historical Society

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John Hines

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:**
Teacher, Todd Beamer High School (currently); Security Officer, University of Puget Sound; Clerk, UFCW 367

**Education:** M.A.T., Secondary Education, University of Puget Sound; B.A, History and Politics & Government, University of Puget Sound; Diploma, Lincoln High School, Tacoma, WA

**Community Service:** Football and Basketball Coach, Henry Foss and Lakes High Schools, Meeker and Stewart Middle Schools; President, Washington Council for the Social Studies; Alumni Board Member, Mentor and Keynote Speaker, College Success Foundation; Board Member, Committee for Public Legal Education; Executive Board Member, Federal Way Education Association; Leader, Safe Streets and D.A.R.E.

**Statement:** As I’ve talked with residents in District 1 on their doorsteps and on the phone, I’ve heard repeated concerns around affordability, access to government and growth. Many Tacomans feel disconnected from their city government and are hungry for new representation. I’m running for Tacoma City Council to bring your voice back to this seat in city government and move beyond the dysfunction that is preventing progress.

I was born and raised in Tacoma, attended Tacoma’s public schools, and chose to raise my family here. However, residents are struggling to afford to stay here and struggling even more to move around the city. We need to encourage growth but listen to the neighborhoods as we do it. We need to keep fighting to bring more living wage jobs to Tacoma and support families and residents still needing a helping hand.

Proudly endorsed by: Sierra Club, Mayor Marilyn Strickland, Councilmembers Victoria Woodards, Robert Thoms, David Boe, Marty Campbell, Lauren Walker, and Joe Loberg; Pierce County Councilmembers Rick Talbert and Connie Ladenburg, Senator Jeannie Darneille, former State Auditor Brian Sonntag, former Tacoma Mayors Harold Moss, Mike Crowley and Karen Vialle; Tacoma School Board members Catherine Ushka and Kurt Miller, and many more.

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I'm running for Tacoma City Council because I want to bring my experience and community involvement to fix some of our city’s biggest challenges. We can lead the South Sound in a financially and environmentally sustainable way, while growing a strong economy with good family wage jobs. Tacoma needs a place for middle class families to thrive, including jobs and local businesses in our neighborhoods. Also, our growth should reflect the character of our neighborhoods. I’d be honored to earn your vote.

Proudly endorsed by: Pierce County Democrats, Sierra Club, WA Education Association, UFCW Local 367, Sena-
tor Jeannie Darneille, Reps Jake Fey and Laurie Jinkins, Tacoma City Councilmember Ryan Mello, former Taco-
ma Mayor Bill Baarsma, Pierce County Councilmembers Rick Talbert, Derek Young, and Connie Ladenburg, and
many more.

Statement: I grew up in a hardworking family in Pierce County where we often fought to make ends meet. My brother was diagnosed with cancer at a young age and hospital bills piled up. I know how quickly finances and debt can burden and sometimes overwhelm families. As a community we can do more to help families who struggle. I’m committed to creating and championing policies that protect working families and residents.

Justin Leighton

Elected Experience: Precinct Committee Officer (2012 - current)

Other Professional Experience: Government Relations Officer, Pierce Transit; 2014 City of Tacoma Charter Review Committee; Currently Co-Chair of Tacoma’s Transportation Commission working on Tacoma’s first Transportation Master Plan; Teacher, Fife High School, Regent of Washington State University

Education: Master of Public Administration, June 2015 Evergreen State College, Bachelor of Science with Teaching Certification, WSU

Community Service: Neighborhood Council, serving terms as Secretary and Chair; Co-Chair of Hilltop Subar-
ea Plan working group; Advisory Board member, YWCA Pierce County; volunteer, Tacoma Rainbow Center & Emergency Food Network; traffic circle adopt-a-spot participant

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Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Accounts Payable, Vendor Management Assistant, Lead Help Desk at American Management Services; Warehouse Laborer, Warehouse Manager, Operations Manager at J&D’s Foods.

Education: Graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School.

Community Service: Whitney was born and raised in the Hilltop neighborhood of Tacoma, where he is very active in his community, currently volunteering as a baseball coach at Al Davies Boys & Girls Club. He has organized community events that have provided cultural/historical education, voter registration, free food and school supplies for families. Whitney consistently advocates on behalf of the community on social justice issues.

Statement: Tacoma is doing a lot of work to promote the image of *The City of Destiny* to the outside world, but we should focus more on making that idea hold true for all of our current residents. Our local politicians and city officials are not addressing the problems faced by the average working-class citizen of Tacoma, rather they cater to the Chamber of Commerce and business interests. We continue to apply temporary fixes to long-standing problems, passing the buck to the next generation to deal with. The city needs to commit itself to making Tacoma a better place to live for everyone, especially the most needy and oppressed of our population.

The residents of District 3 need someone that will *truly represent them*, someone that will stand firm and fight on their behalf. Whitney is that person.

Whitney will continue to develop progressive solutions to issues affecting our city, including legislation to preserve low-income housing, creating a network of youth and homeless services/programs, addressing income inequality, and establishing true and effective oversight, accountability, and transparency with our police department.

Whitney is a voice for the *people of the community*, and we need him on the council.
Tom McCarthy

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Currently, Teacher at Pierce College—English composition; certified interpreter of Spanish; formerly, a Commercial Fisherman in Alaska.

**Education:** Masters in Liberal Arts, Bachelors in Business Administration, University of Oregon; graduate of Bellarmine High.

**Community Service:** Leader in Healthy Tacoma coalition (passed Paid Sick Leave), 2014 Tacoma’s Hilltop Street Fair Organizer (5,000 attended first year); Block-watch leader for 8 years; former Hilltop Action Coalition board member; PTA member at Bryant Elementary. Proud to be born on Ft. Lewis to a career Army doctor, I went to high school in Tacoma.

**Statement:** I am the best qualified candidate to represent you, because I have the most experience working in our community. No other candidate has organized an event which drew 5,000 its first year. Leadership means bringing people and business-owners together to get results!

Tacoma needs good jobs! For too long, Tacoma has been economically stagnant. We should be hitting home runs, not striking out. We can do better, and I have a vision for creating family wage jobs!

Promoting public safety for years as a block-watch captain, I have worked with Tacoma’s police department to solve problems. I have joined with my neighbors to address irresponsible landlords and criminal activity one block from my daughter’s school. As your city councilman, I will work to expand our community policing program and to crack down on car break-ins and property crime.

If you want a hard-hitting councilman with a vision to promote Tacoma and to represent working families rather than an insider handing out subsidies to developers, then I’m your guy. Endorsements: Senator Steve Conway, former Mayor of Tacoma Brian Ebersole, former County Executive Joe Stortini, and the sole-endorsed candidate of the Pierce County Central Labor Council and Pierce Transit bus-drivers.

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Kris Blondin

**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** As a resident of Tacoma for most of my life, I have successfully owned and operated two local businesses in the food and beverage industry. Previously, I worked as a columnist and advertising sales executive for multiple news publications.

**Education:** University of Washington, B.A., Arts, Media & Culture.

**Community Service:** I am active in organizations dedicated to providing education for children, shelter for abused animals, and improving the lives of people suffering from cancer, Alzheimer’s and other diseases.

**Statement:** I love being a part of Tacoma. My husband and I raised our family here and I am a local businessperson dedicated to the idea of making Tacoma a better place to live, play, and work.

My purpose in running is to provide a voice for all residents living in Central Tacoma and help move Tacoma forward. We have become too divisive as some in our community argue over issues without finding real solutions. We have lost sight of what makes Tacoma a great city: Our diversity of people and ideas.

As an advocate for Tacoma, I want to bring people together to find solutions to those challenges we all face. We need to reduce crime, improve our transportation system, protect our parks, provide affordable housing, and grow our economy. I also want to work with the city, unions, businesses, and residents to create a School of the Trades as an alternative for students who do not seek a traditional college education and provide them with marketable skills.

Our district needs someone who can bring people together. As a city councilwoman, I hope to be that person making positive changes in Tacoma. I ask for your vote.

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Valentine Smith

Elected Experience: Central Neighborhood Council, Board Member.

Other Professional Experience: Intelligence Analyst and Logistics Manager, Army National Guard; Infrastructure Project Manager, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Valentine also counseled recently separated, disabled, and homeless veterans on job search skills and finding a career at the American Lake Veterans Administration.

Education: B.A., Organizational Leadership, Brandman University.

Community Service: Vice-Chair, Tacoma City Events & Recognitions Committee; Board Member, Community Council of Tacoma. During his Army career, Valentine served tours of duty in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

Statement: Tacoma’s government needs to do better. The City has cut over 40 police officer positions, despite continuing property crime. There are an estimated 1,400 homeless people in Tacoma, many children and veterans. Tacoma needs a City Councilmember who will fight for basic services and a responsible budget. Tacoma needs Valentine Smith.

Valentine Smith is a true servant leader. As a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, Valentine served his country at home and abroad. As a board member of the Central Neighborhood Council and Vice Chair of the City Events Committee, Valentine has worked to make Tacoma a more vibrant place to live. He’s a father of two sons and a newborn daughter, and has a deep and lasting investment in Tacoma.

Valentine is a strong supporter of equal treatment for Tacoma neighborhoods. For too long, some neighborhoods in Tacoma have not received their fair share of funding for roads, police, and critical services. This is especially true in underserved neighborhoods like Central Tacoma, Hilltop and South Tacoma. Valentine will work for all of Tacoma.

We need strong leadership to truly serve the people of Tacoma. Vote Valentine Smith for Tacoma City Council!

Keith Blocker

Elected Experience: Keith Blocker has not held elected office before.

Other Professional Experience: Former Program Director for the non-profit Tacoma Urban League’s Male Involvement Program, teaching leadership development and conflict resolution to middle school youth. Former Education Advisor for the non-profit Making a Difference in Community, assisting first generation and low-income college students achieve their educational goals. Current Director of Middle School Programs for Peace Community Center, supervises AmeriCorps volunteers while developing and leading academic-focused after school and summer programs.

Education: BA, Communication Studies, University of Puget Sound.

Community Service: Keith sits on the board of the FISH Food Bank.

Statement: I’m running because we need to get back to the basics and focus on the core functions of city government. I understand that being a member of the city council is about establishing relationships and prioritizing issues. With hard work, dedication, collaboration and effectively utilizing limited resources, there is no problem too small or too large that we cannot resolve.

My vision for District 3 is one that is all-inclusive, and considers the needs of our community as a whole. We need to get back to the basics and create more employment opportunities by recruiting innovative companies and continue to create opportunities for the growth of small businesses. We must focus on making our neighborhoods safer by moving toward the practice of community policing - it can work if we work it. Finally, we must dedicate a source of funding to fixing and maintaining our roads, bridges and sidewalks; it is the practical thing to do, and we can do it. As your council member, I will value perspectives from all community stakeholders, and prioritize issues that are in the best interest of our families and residents in District 3. Together we can make our shared vision a reality!
Robert Hill

**Elected Experience:** Precinct Committee Officer, in the 27th Legislative District.

**Other Professional Experience:**
Women’s Sexual Health advocate, and educator.

**Education:** alumnus of University of Washington, Tacoma; alumnus of University of Puget Sound; graduate, AAS certificate, Tacoma Community College

**Community Service:** The Sensible Tacoma Committee, League of Women Voters, ACLU, Blue Rag Brigade.

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Steve Schenk

**Elected Experience:** Precinct Committee Officer

**Other Professional Experience:** 30 years service Army Colonel (retired)

**Education:** BA Gonzaga University; MA University of Minnesota; Masters Strategic Studies US Army War College

**Community Service:** Vice President Pioneer Middle School PTA; Board Member Steilacoom Historic Education Foundation (SHEF); Board Member Pierce Transit Community Transit Advisory Group (CTAG); Board member Mount Rainier Chapter Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); Steilacoom Kiwanis member; Community member SHSD #1 Strategic Plan Development; Community Member input for City of DuPont Comprehensive plan development

**Statement:** There were no schools in DuPont when we moved here in 1996. Through the vision of school board members, superintendents and the work of my fellow citizens we made local schools happen. After the comings and goings of my military career, I am pleased the district thrived given the accelerated growth. Each of the schools my children attended have been excellent and we reside in one of the best districts in the state.

My goal is to keep the schools in Steilacoom, DuPont and Anderson Island the warm and friendly education environment my son currently enjoys. Our community has grown and our transient rate too; I believe increasing the number of school counselors and implementing a mentorship program with senior community members would increase students’ sense of community and add to the caring adults in the lives of many children who are geographically isolated from extended families.

I have had extensive experience with large budgets, conserving taxpayer dollars and working with government agencies. I understand difficult choices and the art of compromise. However, I will not compromise when it comes to maintaining high standards in education or the facilities where our children spend 12 years of their childhood.

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John M. Anderson

**Elected Experience:** Steilacoom Historical school Board 8 years, Steilacoom Historical Education Foundation Board of Directors

**Other Professional Experience:** 24 years Aerospace Engineer The Boeing Company - retired, United State Air Force (14 years) enlisted and commission officer - Vietnam veteran

**Education:** BS Computer Science University of Idaho

**Community Service:** Steilacoom Historical School district volunteer, Pierce County Juvenile Court volunteer, Steilacoom-Dupont Relay for Life

**Statement:** I have been actively involved with Steilacoom Historical School Districts a for twenty years. I have dedicated myself to school improvement through generating additional finances; increasing the capacity of the facilities and providing external resources to the district. I have thoroughly enjoyed embracing the challenges I have undertaken and taken pleasure in establishing excellent relationships with all the stakeholders: the staff, the parents but especially the students.

I recognise that today’s pupils live in an intensely stimulating environment besieged by information from a growing number of sources and believe that information/communication/technology continues to play a key role in their success.

I absolutely appreciate the magnitude of academic achievement but I also believe schools should instill students with skills they need in later life; respect, empowerment and emotional articulacy.

I am enthusiastic in all that I do and know that I have the skills to move the school forward. I genuinely believe that if we encourage students to embrace as many cultures, experiences and positive influences as they can, then not only do we provide them with an education, but with the tools to become ambassadors of the future.

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Yoshie Wong

**Elected Experience:** Steilacoom Historical School District Board, 2011. Current vice chair

**Other Professional Experience:** Twenty years as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist specializing in helping children with challenging behaviors, and their families. Small business owner.

**Education:** MS, Marriage, Family and Child Counseling, San Jose State University BA, Psychology, University of California, Santa Cruz

**Community Service:** Vice chair, Friends of Steilacoom Library. El Jadida-Tacoma Sister Cities, treasurer and secretary. Puget Sound Pet Food Bank, treasurer

**Statement:** Inspired teachers and motivated students, engaged in creative learning, supported by parents and our community are key elements for strong public schools. Differences are welcomed because the diversity adds richness to the learning environment.

My stepdaughters are long past school age, but I have an abiding interest in public education because I care about our community. I have been a family therapist for 20 years. I know when children have problems with school they have big problems in their lives. I also can get people talking to each other, even if there is deep disagreement. Ridicule has no place in the process. Mutual respect is important. I think that is helpful in making school board decisions.

I am proud of my public education from kindergarten to my Master’s degree. Public education has been valuable to my family. Both my stepdaughters were high needs students. I am also proud of serving on the Steilacoom Historical School District board for the last 4 years. Each board member brings a unique viewpoint in supporting students while being careful stewards of taxpayer’s money. I look forward to continuing to serve.

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Will Jenkins, Sr.

Elected Experience: First time candidate, who truly believes education becomes a pathway to unimag- nable Hope.

Other Professional Experience: Ten years as an advocate for victims of sexual assault and domestic vio-

lence; honorably discharged after 21 years in US. Marine Corps and US Army.

Education: Ph.D. candidate in Forensic Psychology, UC Berkeley; Master Information Technology/Project Man-
agement, American InterContinental University

Community Service: President/Founder, Advocate of Community and Social Change; member, NAACP Educa-
tion Strategy Committee; Equity Advisory Team; Green Dot Public Schools Advisory Committee; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.; Vice President, National Tacoma Pan-
Hellenic Council, providing annual scholarships to high school students; Masonic Community.

Statement: "Imagine creative and innovative solutions for our children that addresses all of their needs, this is what my leadership will bring."

Tacoma Public Schools has a 22% fail rate and 14.4% suspension/expulsion rate. That means 3,126 students are projected to fail out of our system. Every year. The district says they are doing "better," however "bet-
ter" isn’t good enough if your child is left behind. The Achievement, Opportunity and Learning Gap, I call "A.O.L Gap" have caused many of our students to fall short of academic success. Community collaboration, reducing dropout rates, improving graduation rates are my top priorities.

How are we going to fix it? Teachers are an invaluable resource for our schools and we need to bridge the divide between the school board room, community and the classroom. Our students can’t wait another 6-10 years for equity and academic excellence to occur – we need change now. It’s time to demand lower class sizes, higher pay for teachers, and academic excellence for our students.

I want to with you and for you and I humbly “Ask” you to "Vote" for me Will Jenkins Sr.

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Catherine Ushka

Elected Experience: Tacoma School Board Director, 2009-current; elected School Board President, 2012

Other Professional Experience: Green River College; Expedia; Job Corps; US Navy Reserves

Education: B.A., The Evergreen State College

Community Service: Joint Municipal Action Committee, Chair; Legislative Representative, Tacoma School Board; Former, Tacoma Charter Review Committee, VP; Ta-
coma Human Services Commission; Eastside Neighbor-
hood Council, Chair

Statement: I was elected to make our schools places to be proud of, where each of our students, and our com-
munity are involved, and every student succeeds. We’ve begun making progress as the only innovative district in the state, offering our students and families both quali-
ity and choice in public education. By implementing the Whole Child Initiative we are looking at student learning beyond test scores because our students are more than numbers.

As a result of these and other important efforts, our graduation rates increased 55% to 78%. We now have hundreds of strong community partners and Tacoma is becoming a national model. We can be proud of these accomplishments and proud that we’re on track to ac-
complish more.

Our work ahead will be challenging. We need to drive changes and empower students from all backgrounds to choose their own paths and thrive. I am running for re-election because I want to ensure this momentum continues and I would be honored by your vote.

Endorsements: Congressman Kilmer; 27th District Sena-	or Darneille and Representatives Jinkins and Fey; 28th District Representative Kilduff; Tacoma Mayors Marilyn Strickland, and Harold Moss, Councilmembers Mello, Campbell, and Boe. TPS Directors Miller, Heinze, and Vialle.

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Antonio Wyatt

**Elected Experience:** I have had the privilege of serving the citizens of Washington state as a Precinct Committee Officer for the 5th and 29th Legislative District. My greatest achievement was serving as King County Civil Rights Commissioner.

**Other Professional Experience:**

**Education:**

**Community Service:**

**Statement:** Thank You Dr. R.A Vernon who stated so eloquently “The occupation of teachers deserve the respect and admiration of all citizens. Teachers are the ones who get cursed out, they get dogged, and dissed by kids who do not wish to learn, whose parents are not preparing them to learn but yet they have to come in every day and make myopic money and do meaningful ministry.” Our nation has become so data focus and number driven that we have forgotten behind every number and behind every statistics are real people with real issues and concerns. Children are just not numbers. They are someone’s child, someone’s son / daughter. Public Education is America greatest asset and my desire is to preserve and protect those assets with integrity & respect.

My top five objectives would be what our country expects from public schools: Guarantee equal opportunities for all children; Unify a diverse population; Prepare students for citizenship in a democratic society; Prepare students to become economically self-sufficient; Improve social conditions.

I will accomplish these objectives by: Increasing the pay of our teachers; Increasing funding for the career and technical program in the middle schools.

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Robert (Bob) Bearden

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:**

**Education:** Bachelor’s Degree in Education from University of S. Illinois and an MBA from St. Martins University, Lacey, WA.

**Community Service:** Volunteer for maritime events along the Foss Waterway, the Maritime Museum, local events for the South Tacoma Business District and veterans advocate.

**Statement:** My wife and I have lived in Tacoma for over 30 years. Our daughters went to our local elementary, middle and high school where we made our home. My wife was privileged to work and volunteer at various elementary schools as a Para-educator where I was able to get firsthand knowledge of Tacoma’s School Board’s wasteful management of our tax dollars. With high rate of drop-outs and non-passing students in the District, where are our tax dollars going that we have paid for with all the school Levies and Bonds? Monies voted for “modernizing” our schools still have some without cooling, needing paint, outdated equipment to work with/or from. Still, we graduate children without the knowledge they require. Teachers are working with large amounts of children in their classrooms. They are “putting-through” as many as they can with little information the kids can retain, but it’s not enough. We pay superintendents large pay-outs for resigning. We must get the leadership on the School Board that believes kids are #1 and do everything possible to educate our children to face their challenges. I can provide that type of leadership. Thank you.

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Andrea Cobb

**Elected Experience:** This is my first time seeking elected office

**Other Professional Experience:**
- Project Manager, Tacoma Housing Authority; Policy Analyst, Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction’s Office; College Access Programs Coordinator, University of Puget Sound; Admission Counselor, University of Puget Sound

**Education:**
- Lincoln High School; BA, Willamette University; MPA, University of Washington; Doctoral Student, Education Leadership and Policy Studies, University of Washington

**Community Service:** I am a member of the Palmer Scholar’s board of directors, a Hometown Mentor with the College Success Foundation, and I will be joining the Read To Me Program at Reed Elementary School in the fall

**Statement:**
School boards create policies that set the direction for our schools. As a Tacoma native and a parent of three boys who attend Tacoma schools, I am running for this position because I am invested in ensuring that our schools continue to move in the right direction.

In recent years, our district has made progress toward increasing the graduation rate, closing achievement gaps, and providing students with innovative school options, but there is still hard work ahead. We have to find ways to engage each student, and to make sure our students come to school ready to learn. We have to partner with our families in our efforts to increase student success, and we have to prioritize the professional growth and development of our educators so that they can rise to the challenge of meeting the needs of our diverse learners.

I have spent my entire career leading in education. I have worked in education policy, in access to college programs, and in higher education. I understand what it will take to keep our district moving forward and I am asking for your vote.

Endorsed by Tacoma’s Teachers (WEA-Tacoma Council). For a full list of endorsements visit andreacobbforschools.com

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Alisa Regala O'Hanlon

**Elected Experience:** Board Vice Chair, Communities In Schools of Tacoma; PTA Member Washington-Hoyt Elementary, represented the school on the 2006 School Consolidation Committee.

**Other Professional Experience:**
- City of Tacoma Federal and Tribal Relations, American Leadership Forum, Safe Streets Campaign Programs Director
- B.A. University of Washington. Attended Evans Graduate School of Public Affairs. McCarver, Jason Lee and fourth generation Stadium High School graduate.

**Community Service:** I’m most proud of my work advancing a comprehensive youth center in Tacoma’s Eastside. Students are my inspiration for running for School Board, and that’s why I’ve volunteered at schools throughout the District including First Creek and Foss.

**Statement:**
I want Tacoma to be a community in which people are proud to raise their families. I’ve dedicated my professional and volunteer work toward making Tacoma a city of choice, and top-notch schools are the cornerstone of a quality community.

Tacoma schools were not praiseworthy five years ago, but I’ve always sent my daughters to our public schools because I believe that the way through a problem is staying engaged. Higher standards in innovation and academic excellence improved graduation rates, but 22% still aren’t graduating.

We must keep digging deep to understand the hurdles standing in our students’ way. An innovative community-school partnership at my alma mater, McCarver, is showing the key to unlocking academic success for many students is to help stabilize their families’ housing. I want to build on projects like this to make Tacoma a model for success.

Community voices like yours, combined with data-driven policymaking, are the best means for identifying how to align community resources to ensure success for our kids. Endorsements: School Board Director Kurt Miller; Tacoma Councilmembers Mello, Walker, Campbell, and Boe; County Councilmember Connie Ladenburg; Dr. George Tanbara; Lua Pritchard; State Senator Darneille and Representatives Fey and Jinkins.

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David Carnahan

**Elected Experience:** I have not served as an elected official before.

**Other Professional Experience:** I have served in the military and worked in the media and think my time around these structured and fast paced environments will be a great match for making informed decisions to help our students.

**Education:** I have some college, and a high school diploma.

**Community Service:** I volunteer at high schools around the Puget Sound. I work with lots of bright kids that want to do well. My time as a volunteer has given me a passion to try and help more students. I have helped with robotics teams and JROTC programs.

**Statement:** I am not happy with the state of our schools. I want a chance to ensure our students will be the people that can lead this Nation into the future. They are the ones that will take care of us when we are old, let’s make sure we take care of them now.

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Pam VanGilder

Elected Experience: Served four years as President of the Orting Cooperative Nursery School from 1991 thru 1993. Served as President of the Board of Trustees for the Orting Chapter of PSE/SEIU Local 1948 from 2004 until 2014

Other Professional Experience: I was a partner in a service station business on Vashon Island for 5 years. My duties included accounting, payroll and in Human Resources. I was employed by the Orting School District as a bus driver for approximately 20 years.

Education: I attended Vashon High School and graduated with honors. With the preschool I earned credits with Pierce College in Early Childhood Education

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement: Having seen two daughters through each of their thirteen years in Orting schools, being employed by and having represented much of the staff of the Orting School District I have seen the triumphs and many of the challenges from several different points of view. As a bus driver I was also able to see and hear from the students what they felt was important and as difficult in their educational lives. As a parent I was able to know first hand the pride as well as the frustration in what the Orting schools were able to do for my children. I believe that under good strong leadership that the Orting School District can and will become the standard of education in our area. I believe that getting input from the community, the students and the staff and using it in the implementation of policy will create a District of solidarity with one mission in mind and that is the best, most honest and most successful education possible for the students of Orting I believe in responsibility, accountability and integrity. I believe in the Orting School District. In what it is and what it can become.

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Jim Winkle

Elected Experience: Economic Development Board for City of Buhl (Idaho); President, Orting Junior Wrestling Club; Charter Member, Restaurant CFO Roundtable (Greater Puget Sound)


Education: AA, Education, College of Southern Idaho; AA, Business Management, College of Southern Idaho; BBA, General Business Management, Boise State University

Community Service: Head Coach, Youth Soccer (Orting Parks & Rec); Assistant Coach, Orting Junior Wrestling Club; Head Coach, Youth Baseball (Orting Parks & Rec)

Statement: I am running to represent District 2 on the Orting School Board. I have been actively involved in the Orting community over the last 10 years as a youth sports coach and board member for youth sports programs.

Having two young boys growing up in the Orting schools, I fully understand the needs of our children and schools, both individually and collectively. I believe combining my business background and the positive experiences I’ve had over the years with many families in our community provides a unique and common sense approach to elevating our school district and enriching the lives of our children today and in the future.

Being elected by the voting public is a privilege and not something to be taken lightly. I pledge to work hard for the children, the families, and the school district to find ways to bring our schools and community closer together and continue to make Orting a great place to live and raise our families.

I would be honored to have your vote! Thank you!

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Stanley Holland

**Elected Experience:** For over 12 years I’ve served as a Councilmember for the city of Orting. During this time I held the titles of Deputy Mayor, Public Safety Committee Chair, and Finance Committee Co-Chair. While on the Finance Committee I was responsible for making recommendations to develop the city budget.

**Other Professional Experience:** Operations Manager

**Education:** Highline Community College 1981-1983 Seattle Pacific University 1983-1985

**Community Service:** Ever since moving to Orting in 1999 I’ve been an active member of the community. I’ve been an Orting Lions Club member for over 16 years and have served the city as a councilmember for over 12 years.

**Statement:** I’m running for Orting School District’s number two board seat. I believe my experience as a parent and longtime Orting resident would make me a strong candidate. Below are a few reasons I think I’d be a good addition to the Orting School Board.

As a father of four children, I know the important role public education plays. Two of my children graduated from Orting High School and I’ve known a number of graduates who have been students of the Orting School District. Watching them grow-up and learn from Orting Schools, I understand how a quality education can boost civic pride, property values, and create a sense of unity in a diverse city such as Orting.

The Orting School District offers students a strong foundation for the rest of their lives. This greatness could be amplified further by harnessing Orting’s small town community values, connections with local universities, engaging the passions of Orting citizens, and providing new opportunities for businesses to get involved.

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Marcia E. Harris

**Elected Experience:** Key Peninsula Community Council Board Member, 2012-present

**Other Professional Experience:** Public School Superintendent/Administrator for 37 years, including 5 years in the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and 11 years (1995 -2006) serving as Peninsula School District’s Deputy Superintendent.

**Education:** University of Puget Sound, MBA, 1980 Gonzaga University, Doctoral Studies, Educational Leadership, 1986-89

**Community Service:** Peninsula Schools Education Foundation, 1995-2006, 2012-present, current board chair. Rotarian since 1989; member of the Rotary Cub of Gig Harbor 1995-2006 & 2012-present Key Peninsula Community Services & Senior Center Board Member

**Statement:** Strong communities support strong schools. Strong schools strengthen and provide educational opportunities for all residents. The Peninsula School District has had a reputation of providing strong educational programs across the district. Support for that tradition needs to be maintained for all students: the college bound, those with vocational talents, special needs populations, the gifted, and other students with unique learning challenges. The District needs to maintain effective programs that meet the needs of our diverse student population.

Based on past school district experience across the State, my pledge to you as your school board representative is:

1) First, to listen to you; 2) To support a personalized education for all students, including those with special needs and challenges; 3) A commitment to financial integrity and accountability; 4) To pursue and support partnership opportunities with other public entities; and 5) To encourage a ‘thinking outside the box’ culture.

Thank you for your support and please contact me with your ideas and suggestions for our school district. Marciapened@gmail.com

Matthew Wilkinson

**Elected Experience:** 8 Years Peninsula School Board

**Other Professional Experience:** People Manager, Sr. Systems Administrator, Microsoft Certifications, Sales

**Education:** Graduated from Western Governors University, MS Information Security and Assurance, Seattle University, BA Major Computer Science, And Minor Criminal Justice.

**Community Service:** President of the Peninsula School Board, 6 years Vice President of the Peninsula School Board; Served on the School Bond and levy committee, PTA member 16 years, Community Emergency Response Team. Boy Scout Committee, Volunteer: American Cancer Society, Juvenile Diabetes, Park Appreciation, Evergreen, KPMS, PHS. PTA. Received the Outstanding Advocate Award from KPMS PTSA.

**Statement:** Raising the performance of every student so they are successful is what Peninsula school district is all about and why I am choosing to continue my service to this community. Schools need to be a place where teachers can deliver a quality education. Schools need to provide an environment that gives our kids the best chance to learn. By working as partners – schools, parent, and the community can provide more resources and opportunities for success. Continued professional development for teachers, comprehensive, globally competitive curriculums, administrative cost controls are all pieces of this success I support. School board accountability for delivery of expenditures, capital projects, and all district activities are also essential for the trust of parents and the community as we work together. Through active participation this school district will continue the tradition of excellence while still making improvements so all kids are successful.

Thank you for your support and please contact me with your ideas and suggestions for our school district. For More Information: (253) 884-1128 mcwilkinson36@hotmail.com

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Write-ins

Think twice.

A write-in line is provided on your ballot for each race regardless of the number of candidates. You have the option to write in the name of a candidate not on the ballot.

Frivolous write-ins, such as Mickey Mouse, result in additional work and expenses to process.

You do not need to make a selection in every race for your votes to count.

Write-in votes are not tallied by name unless the total number of write-in votes could make a difference in the results of the election.

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Leslie Harbaugh

Elected Experience: Co-Vice President Artondale Elementary; Vice-President and Secretary Kopachuk Middle School PTAs

Other Professional Experience: Allied Integrated Marketing, In-Theatre Liaison; Oaks Card Club, Human Resource Assistant; Co-Chair of Citizens for Peninsula Schools

Education: Attended college at San Francisco State University.

Community Service: Parent District Council Representative for 8 years; School Improvement Planning Team (Artondale); Site Council (Artondale); Elementary School Report Card Committee; Coordinated the establishment of Gig Harbor High School Volunteer Parent Organization; Former Board member of Gig Harbor High School Speech and Debate Boosters; Former Board Member of Harbor WildWatch

Statement: Involve All community stakeholders. It is the responsibility of public schools to provide a robust and engaging learning environment for every student who walks through our doors. I will work with community stakeholders to find creative ways to adjust for growth, build a sustainable plan for the future, eliminate waste and identify efficiencies in order to make certain our limited dollars are invested wisely.

Continue focus on student achievement. As a parent of a student attending Gig Harbor High School, I believe we must close the achievement gap; increase graduation rates; provide adequate professional development for staff; provide greater transparency and communication in our community; and ensure our students in every school have a safe place to learn and succeed in a challenging global economy.

Allocate resources responsibly. As a School Board Director, my priorities are to shape District policy, conduct strategic planning, and allocate resources responsibly. Creativity is essential to the task, and I bring that creativity to the board. I will work hard to ensure that every student who attends our schools is provided with every opportunity to be successful in whichever career path they choose.

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Garth Jackson

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: 12 years of teaching math and science in public and private schools. 28 years as a Professional Engineer and supervisor, working as staff for a public board.

Education: Masters in Education, SPU. BS Electrical Engineering, UW. Two years of graduate work in Business Administration, PLU. Graduated from Wilson High, Tacoma.

Community Service: Gig Harbor resident for 41 years. Thirty years of leadership with Boy Scouts of America, thirteen as Cub Master. Four children attended Peninsula Schools, all now scientists and engineers. Several years as a highway cleanup leader. Encouraged minorities and girls towards math and science study.

Statement: Our school board has many responsibilities, each important, but two stand out: First, to represent parents and taxpayers by directing district staff in establishing a constructive, educational climate in our schools. Second, make sure tax dollars are respected and used responsibly.

Real education grows out of a constructive relationship between teachers, students and parents. Unfortunately, education is now often reduced to a relationship between nationalized curriculums and standardized tests. The genius and passion of teachers is being buried under the mandates of standardized, production line instruction. Board policies must stress the hiring of the best teachers and supporting them as they develop the best individual approaches to each class and student. Let teachers teach! We must concentrate on preparing our children for their life, not their next standardized test.

Every community has an obligation to financially support its schools. The Board must invest these dollars wisely. They must place classroom resources ahead of administration and overhead. We must develop voter trust by presenting honest information on specific issues, then respecting voter’s decisions. This is the only way to regain the needed community confidence and support.

With your support, I will pursue these priorities on your School Board.

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**Zachary Smith**

**Elected Experience:** President, Michigan Health Executives Student Association; President, Cascadia Community College Student Government (Bothell, WA)

**Other Professional Experience:** Chief Operating Officer, Evergreen Eye Center (Federal Way, WA); Lieutenant, Medical Service Corps, United States Navy Reserve; Director of Security, Naval Hospital Bremerton; Assistant Officer-in-Charge, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Medical Clinic

**Education:** MHSA, Health Management and Policy, University of Michigan (2009); BA, Latin American Studies, Brigham Young University (2007)

**Community Service:** Assistant Scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America (over 10 years); Volunteer, Parent Teacher Organization, Bechtel Elementary School; Volunteer, Kagei Elementary School Reading Program; Volunteer, Operation Goodwill; Spanish Interpreter, Children’s Health Connection

**Statement:** As a father of five, a local homeowner, and a concerned citizen, I understand just how important education is for our kids and our communities. Our children deserve an excellent education and our community deserves a commitment to fiscal responsibility.

My wife and I both attended public schools in Washington and all our school-age children attend public schools in this district. I recognize the valuable contribution public schools make to communities such as ours. In an increasingly competitive job market, our schools must constantly evolve and improve to teach our kids the skills they need to succeed.

Key initiatives such as STEM and Early Learning should continue and expand, where needed. Sports, the arts, and extra-curricular activities are critical to helping children develop. Special instruction programs are important for children with differing ability levels. Educational facilities should be constructed and maintained in a prospective and fiscally responsible manner.

To achieve these ideals, school boards should engage the entire community, soliciting input and feedback from parents, retirees, and business owners – from all demographics. When our whole community works together toward a common goal, everyone benefits. As a school board member, I will be committed to this vision.

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Fire Protection District No. 3 (West Pierce Fire & Rescue)
Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Property Tax Levy for Maintenance and Operation Expenses

Ballot Title
The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 3 (West Pierce Fire & Rescue) adopted Resolution No. 040715-004 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy, without regard to the dollar rate and percentage limitations imposed by Ch. 84.52 RCW, a property tax upon all taxable property within the District as follows:

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to be used for maintenance and operations and to maintain the current level of fire and emergency medical services, all as provided in Resolution No. 040715-004. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement
Pierce County Fire District No. 3 (West Pierce Fire & Rescue) is requesting renewal of the maintenance and operation levy for a period of four years. This M&O levy has supplemented the fire district’s regular levy for several decades. In 1939, the legislature established fire districts to serve rural areas, rather than urban areas such as Lakewood and University Place. The regular levy alone is insufficient to provide appropriate fire and emergency medical services to two highly urbanized cities with more than 90,000 citizens, a hospital, two colleges, a major state psychiatric hospital, a regional golf course, and shopping mall.

This levy will fund over 35% of the fire district’s budget. It will cost approximately $1.35 per thousand dollars of assessed value in 2016. This M&O levy request is smaller, on an annual basis, than the last M&O levy request in 2013. If this M&O levy is approved by the voters, the law prohibits any further tax levies for maintenance and operational support of the fire district during this four-year period.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue is a fully paid fire district, providing fire suppression, fire prevention, code enforcement, emergency medical and rescue services throughout Lakewood and University Place.

Statement For
West Pierce Fire & Rescue needs your support. We are asking for you to Vote Yes for a four-year maintenance and operations levy. This is not a new tax, but a continuation of supplemental funding supported by citizens for the past 40 years.

You might ask what does this levy mean to me? Over 35% of operational funding depends on this levy. Failure of this vital levy will increase response times, slow service delivery, and ultimately create poorer outcomes when citizens need assistance. Continuing to support this levy will allow WPFR to maintain the current level of exceptional service University Place and Lakewood citizens have come to expect.

The fire district does not receive tax funding from the City of University Place, City of Lakewood, Pierce County, or the State of Washington.

Vote Yes and Keep Help Coming

Statement Against
No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Citizens for West Pierce Fire & EMS
Harper Peterson

Elected Experience:
Other Professional Experience:
Education:
Community Service:

Statement:

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Bill Eckroth

Elected Experience: 1 Six year term - Pierce County District 9 Commissioner; because of district mergers, served on the Central Pierce Fire & Rescue (CPFR) Board. 2 Six year terms - CPFR Commissioner

Other Professional Experience: Being an electrician my entire working career, I’ve always been aware of, and committed to, public safety. Electrical Contractor 15 yrs. Electrical Plan Review Supervisor, & Electrical Inspector for Labor & Industries for the last 26 yrs.

Education: St Ann ‘s & Visitation K-8; Bellarmine & St Martins HS; WWC Bellingham 1968-1970; US Military 1970-72

Community Service: North Clover Creek Collins Community AssociationFounding member of Clover Creek Council

Statement: I was elected to the Board of Commissioners for Central Pierce Fire and Rescue about 20 years ago. The district has continued to grow and develop since; and now includes the City of Puyallup and its citizens. I have spent 18 of the last 20 years as a board member; helping govern a Fire District that has become, what I consider to be, the finest in the State.

Over the years there have been many challenges, as is the case in any organization and in any family. And, the challenges will continue. As an example...

As the economy slowly recovers, the Department’s revenue has also been recovering, but at a slower pace. This is occurring as the Department’s workforce ages; and some see retirement as the best option for them. CPFR needs to attract, and keep, the Best emergency responders with good wage and benefit packages; and to do it within the revenue that the taxpayers allow.

Twenty years ago I pledged to bring common sense to governing, I believe it’s worked. If re-elected, I will continue with that approach. I ask for your Vote and to allow me to continue working to find solutions. Sincerely, Bill Eckroth.

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David G. Panelo

**Elected Experience:** None


**Education:** Associates of Fire Science Community College of the Air Force 2007 Bachelor of Science in Business Management University of Phoenix 2011 Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership Brandman University 2014 Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership Grand Canyon University Expected Graduation 2018

**Community Service:** N/A

**Statement:** I am passionate about Fire Protection and want to represent my district by working with the other commissioners to have a positive impact on the community.

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**Explanatory Statement**

The voters of Pierce County Fire District #10, which includes the city of Fife, have, every six years for over 25 years, continually approved emergency medical services (EMS) tax levies of $0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to fund basic emergency medical services provided by the District through a contract with Tacoma Fire Department. The District is proposing a permanent EMS Levy to avoid the expense of running elections every six years. The voters will retain the right to remove the levy by a referendum process. If approved by the voters, this measure will authorize an EMS property tax levy on a permanent basis at a rate not to exceed $0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The tax revenue must be used by the District exclusively for emergency medical services. If approved, the levy will not place additional taxes on your property. It will simply maintain the current assessment that you are paying and allow the District to continue to sustain and improve the level of emergency medical services currently provided.

If the permanent levy is approved, EMS tax on a $200,000 assessed valuation residence would be approximately $8.33 per month for emergency medical services.

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**Statement For**

The residents in Pierce County Fire District #10, which includes the City of Fife, receive an improved level of emergency medical services; paramedics administer advanced life support 24 hours a day, seven days per week. These services meet or exceed the standards and protocols established by the Pierce County Emergency Medical Services Program Director and are provided through contract with Tacoma Fire Department.

The Commissioner’s for District 10 are placing on the ballot a permanent Emergency Medical Services Levy. This measure will authorize an EMS Levy on a permanent basis. Voting Yes for this levy will not place additional taxes on your property. It will simply maintain the current assessment that you are paying.

Please continue to support the current level of exceptional services that the citizens of Fife and District 10 have come to expect by voting Yes to the permanent EMS Levy.

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**Statement Against**

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Committee Member: Art Hensley,
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Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 16, a fire protection district serving the Key Peninsula in Pierce County, is placing a lid lift proposition on the August 4, 2015 ballot. This proposition will authorize the property tax levy rate to remain at $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed valuation for 2016, coupled with annual increases of up to 6% in each of the five (5) succeeding years. The proposition is presented to allow voters to override the limitation imposed by Initiative 747, which would otherwise limit total property tax revenue to 101% of the previous year’s revenue, regardless of the authorized dollar rate limitation of $1.50, which voters approved in 2001.

Approval of this proposition would allow the district to; 1) fund a vehicle replacement plan over 25 years and beyond, 2) replenish reserve accounts and 3) provide sufficient operational revenue between collection periods. This plan establishes direction by outlining a guide to avoid the need for special levies in the future to fund vehicle replacement. It also provides funding to meet annual inflation increases which are typically above the 1% revenue growth limited by I-747.

Why the Need to “Lift the Lid”?
Property values have been slow to recover from the recession. Inflation of 2% to 4% per year affects your fire department just like everyone else. State law limits fire district revenue growth to 1% each year resulting in an increasing gap between the tax rate upon which revenues are based and the voter’s previously approved rate of $1.50 per thousand of assessed valuation.

What does this Mean for the Department?
Revenue shortfalls forced the department to rely on reserves and budget adjustments to absorb increased operating costs. Without the lid lift, increasing operating costs will further hinder the ability of the district to equip and maintain the emergency fire services that citizens demand.

How will this Help the Citizens?
Restoring the previously approved rate to $1.50 per thousand will allow the department to replenish the general reserves (which are critically low), maintain sufficient operational funds between collection periods, and implement a plan to fund replacement of aging emergency vehicles and apparatus.

Please Vote Yes to Lift the Lid and Protect Yourself and your Property!

Committee Members: Shawn Jensen, (253)225-3151, sajensen@outlook.com, Stan Moffett, (206)786-6924, stanmoffett@gmail.com
Committee for Multi Year Lid Lift Levy

No statement was submitted against this issue.
In 2009 the voters of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18 approved a six year levy for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) which will expire on December 31, 2015. The proposed EMS levy would renew the expiring levy. The proposed measure will renew the levy as a permanent levy.

Renewing the EMS levy would maintain the current level of emergency medical service provided to district residents. This service includes Advanced Life Support (ALS) paramedics supported by Basic Life Support (BLS) emergency medical technicians. Revenue from this levy is used for specialized medical equipment, supplies, ambulance transport vehicles and cross-trained emergency firefighter medical personnel. Additionally, funds from this levy would also be used for personnel training, facilities and transport to local area hospitals.

If approved by voters this levy would allow Fire Protection District 18 to continue providing emergency medical service, at the current rate of $.50 per $1,000 of assessed value, to our residents.

Orting Valley Fire and Rescue (OVFR) prides itself on providing a high level of service to its citizens. Your yes vote for the EMS levy will assure that we can continue the high level of service you deserve and expect. The EMS levy is set to expire at the end of 2015, renewing the EMS levy will not increase your taxes it will remain the same tax rate as it is today, it is not a new tax, but a renewal of an existing tax. The EMS levy supports 24/7 Paramedic service, no out of pocket expense ambulance service, and assures multiple units available for emergencies. A yes vote on a continuous EMS levy will allow OVFR to save money on election costs by not having to renew the levy every 6 years. Thank you for your support of this vital funding for emergency services in the Orting Valley.

Committee Members: Jonathan Burgos, burgosity@gmail.com, (360) 829-7944, Bryan Denman, and Jacob Flick

No statement was submitted against this issue.
Robert E. Skaggs

Elected Experience: I have been your elected Fire Commissioner for the past twenty five years, serving as President of the Washington State Fire Commissioner's Association; President of the Pierce County Fire Commissioner's Association; and member of the Graham Community Planning Board.

Other Professional Experience: Represented both Pierce and Thurston Counties on local and state legislative issues; President of the National Association of elected Fire Officials.

Education: AA degree in Criminal Justice; graduate of the FBI, ATF, National Fire Academies; military schools and the First Sergeants Academy.

Community Service: Member of the American Legion; Eagles; and volunteer at the LeMay Family Car Museum and Collection.

Statement: I have had the honor of serving the citizens of Graham Fire & Rescue for over 25 years. My main objective has been to improve service delivery to you while striking a fine balance of fiscal responsibility. The Department’s infrastructure and equipment have been enhanced by opening five staffed stations and providing excellent equipment for your firefighters. The Department has applied for and received several federal grants to assist with our growing community at no additional cost to you. I have invested my time to continue educating myself and advocating for you on local, state and national issues. During the recession of 2008-2012, the District lost $2.5 million in revenue, therefore difficult decisions needed to be made to prevent a collapse of service. Through very conservative fiscal management, use of reserves, administrative restructuring, leadership and organizational teamwork, the Department made it through the recession without laying off one employee. Today, Graham is hiring new firefighters and medics and improving your emergency service, while maintaining a conservative fiscal approach. Your Fire Department has been recognized by the State Fire Commissioners for excellence seven of the last eight years. Thank you for your support and I appreciate your vote.

Adam Rosenlund

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Captain/Paramedic Central Pierce F & R 1996/present; Board member for West Region EMS 2009/present; Developed Region II Training Firefighter Academy 2003/2004; Statewide firefighter instructor; high school DUI educator

Education: Specialized Associates in Paramedicine, Ricks College

Community Service: I am known for my energy, enthusiasm, excellence; 20 year volunteer with Boy Scouts of America, was Woodbadge coordinator and received the Silver Beaver award; Co-founder of the BRAVE Foundation which trains firefighters in 3rd world countries, awarded a Guatemalan National Medal of Honor and the Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow; Started WATCHDOG program at Nelson Elementary; Graham Eagles youth football coach

Statement: I have spent my life giving back to my community, locally and globally. With 20 years in the fire service, I’ve worked with big and small departments. I have taught firefighters locally, statewide, and even internationally. I know what it takes to meet the expectations of our customers. Citizens expect highly skilled responders to arrive rapidly when they are in their moment of need.

As an active member in Graham through schools, church, business, sports and the Boy Scouts, I’ve heard my friends and neighbors. I believe it is invaluable to have a sense of what our community needs. I believe that I will be the new voice and the fresh perspective that represents our citizens, working to ensure the needs of our customers are met.

I believe in government that works hard to get what we need with what we have. Fiscal responsibility is paramount these days. Hardworking families, like mine and my neighbors, need high quality service, functioning within realistic financial parameters. I am a citizen, not a politician. It’s time for a new generation of leaders to step up.

Supported by Graham Firefighters IAFF Local 726.

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John F. Seidl

**Elected Experience:** 2008-2012
PCO, 2010-2012 2nd L.D. Leader,
2012-Present 2nd L.D. Club V.P.
2014-Present Graham Fire and
Rescue Advisory Board (Bond Issue).
I will provide a businessmans
oversight to the Fire Districts operations.
Solving current and future
challenges while communicating with all residents and
businesses. Through active participation, on my part,
to meet and listen to all ideas that concern Graham Fire
and Rescue services.

**Other Professional Experience:** Multiple positions,
during college. Sales in autos, food products, liquor
representative, laborer ,apprentice carpenter, assistant
apartment mgr.,V.A. clerk U.S. Federal Gov. etc. A broad
view of business techniques and applications.

**Education:**

**Community Service:**

**Statement:** Whether you are a Homeowner or Renter
all members, of our service community, have a vested
interest in supporting Graham Fire and Rescue. Just as
a family writes a budget and plans for the future, so too
must a Fire District be able to guide it’s own destiny.

Self Determination is at the core of our Democracy and
Freedom. We must be willing to commit ourselves, to
collective decisions on budgets and goals because: This
is not only our Right but our Responsibility. Through
more citizen involvement, with Commissioners and
District Leadership, a better understanding of operating
procedures and department needs will foster the --Reality
Check--between Services deemed essential and their
associated costs.

When elected: I will expand educational opportu-
nities for citizens. Subjects addressing: cost con-
trols, setting longevity goals, maintaining safety of
personnel,obtaining best available equipment, and re-
tention of the work force and keeping fire stations open
-- will be some of the information available.

Through my personal involvement with business own-
ers, land owners, taxpayers and holding open forms and
bi-monthly scheduled meetings -- these discussions will
foster a clearer understanding of how Graham Fire and
Rescue operates and the services that are expected by
our citizens.

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Fire Protection District No. 23
Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy

Ballot Title
Will Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 23 be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of fifty cents ($.50) or less per thousand dollars ($1,000) of assessed valuation for each of six (6) consecutive years to fund emergency medical services?

Explanatory Statement
The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 23 has passed a resolution requesting an election to authorize a levy of a property tax in an amount not to exceed fifty cents per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation, each year for six (6) consecutive years. This particular property tax levy would only be for the provision of emergency medical services. The funds raised would be used for personnel, training, equipment, supplies, vehicles and other facilities needed for emergency medical services. The funds would also be used to obtain medical supplies and appliances to equip such vehicles and facilities. This EMS levy would be in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, and the funds raised by such levy can only be used for the provision of emergency medical care and emergency medical services.

Statement For
The Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District No. 23 are placing on the general election ballot a renewal of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy. If approved, the six-year property tax levy of $0.50 per $1,000.00 assessed valuation will augment the cost of emergency medical care and services. The funds raised by this levy shall be used by the District No. 23 Fire Department for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel and related equipment, along with supplies needed for such services.

EMS Levies are valid for only 6 years, and must be re-approved by the voters or the funding is eliminated. Our last EMS levy expired in 2014, and has not been reinstated.

This will renew that previous levy for the same amount of tax money as before.
The citizens of Fire District No. 23 have a very important decision to make regarding the future of the emergency medical system that serves you.

Committee Members: Joseph Koehler, koehlermandj@gmail.com, and Matt Medford
Yes for EMS

Statement Against
No statement was submitted against this issue.
# Fire Protection District No. 26

**Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy**

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<td>Since 1982, voters in Greenwater have supported Pierce County Fire District 26 (PCFD 26) by authorizing a property tax levy for Emergency Medical Services. This EMS tax levy funding is used for related personnel cost, training for personnel, medical supplies, apparatus, equipment, and associated costs to deliver medical care to your community. In 2005, voters again authorized this ten year (10) levy and it expires at the end of this year. The Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection 26 has passed a resolution requesting an election to reauthorize this property tax to continue supporting the Basic Life Support program in Greenwater area. This is a reauthorization of the current property tax levy of up to $.50 per $1000 of assessed valuation, each year for the next ten (10) consecutive years, with collection beginning in 2016. This reauthorization would continue collecting the amount of approximately $75.00 per year on a $150,000 Greenwater home. This levy is the primary source of funding the Emergency Medical Services in the greater Greenwater area.</td>
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*This is not a new tax! This is a request to reauthorize your previously approved Emergency Medical Service (EMS) levy rate of fifty cents per $1000 assessed valuation.*

A “yes” vote will continue funding two aid units, medical supplies, medical training, and associated costs.

Our goal is to continue to provide the emergency services that you authorized with the previous EMS levy. Please join us in voting “yes” to maintain the high quality of service that you and your loved ones have come to expect. |

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**Committee Members:** Leah C. Tobin, Abbie Bodette, and Paul Sowers, (360)280-7095, pgksowers@gmail.com
Ballots will be mailed on July 17th.
If you do not receive your ballot by Friday, July 24th, contact us to request a replacement ballot.

Return it early!
Mail your ballot by August 3rd so it’s postmarked by August 4th.

Or, use a postage-free drop box. (See pages 4 and 5)