

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For Thurston County Voters

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AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Dear Thurston County Voter:

I am proud to bring you the 2008 Primary Election Local Voters' Pamphlet. There is a major change in the August Primary. For the first time, voters in Washington State will use a Top-2 Primary to advance candidates to the General Election ballot.

The United States Supreme Court ruled this year that the Top-2 Primary, approved by voters in 2004, is constitutional. The Top-2 Primary ballot includes all candidates for each partisan race, including independent and minor party candidates. You will be able to vote for any candidate, regardless of party affiliation or preference. The top two vote getters in each race then advance to the General Election. This means that it is possible for two candidates with the same party preference to appear on the General Election ballot.

Earlier this year, my office launched the *Are You Ready to Vote?* campaign. The purpose is to make sure you get the correct ballot and that your vote will count. This program focuses on the basics for voters and is designed to help you keep your voter registration record current. Are you registered to vote? If not, go to page 2 to get registration information. Have you moved or changed your address since the last time you voted? Have you changed your name? Has your signature changed? If you answered yes, you need to contact our office.

Other information in this pamphlet includes a sample ballot, locations of our ballot drop boxes, and accessible voting. The ballot drop boxes are open 24 hours a day until 8:00 p.m. election night. Postage is not required when you use a drop box. For a list of locations, please see page 6 of this pamphlet.

I hope you find this pamphlet useful. Please call (360) 786-5408 if you have election questions, and make sure you are ready to vote!

Sincerely,

Kim Wyman
Thurston County Auditor

2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, Washington 98502-6090 (360) 786-5408
FAX (360) 786-5223 E-mail auditor@co.thurston.wa.us

Out of State? Working or Studying Abroad? Traveling? Military? Sign up for Thurston County's Email Ballot Program

We will email you a ballot, which you can print out and return to us. Be sure to follow all instructions included in the email.

Please Send Me an Email Ballot

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____
 / / ()
 Date of Birth _____ Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
 Email Address _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Military Yes No

Request may be either emailed to email_ballot@co.thurston.wa.us or cut out and mailed to: Thurston County Auditor, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, Washington 98502

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Primary Election - August 19, 2008





Where & When to Register

If you have changed your name or address, please notify our office immediately.

Thurston County Auditor's Office

ELECTION DIVISION

**2000 Lakeridge Drive SW
Olympia, Washington
98502**

**www.ThurstonVotes.org
auditor@co.thurston.wa.us
(360) 786-5408
TTY (360) 754-2933**

Voter Qualifications

To register to vote you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- Residing at your current address for a minimum of 30 days before the date of the election
- A legal resident of Washington State
- At least 18 years old by Election Day
- Not presently denied your civil rights as a result of a felony conviction

Federal law now requires you to provide valid identification.

Where to Get Registration Forms

- City or town clerk's offices
- www.vote.wa.gov
- Most fire stations
- Public libraries
- Public schools
- Or you may call and request a form from our office at (360) 786-5408

When to Register – Deadlines

New Registrants

Individuals who are not currently registered in the State of Washington may register by mail 30 days or more prior to the election, or they may register in person at the Auditor's Office up to 15 days before the election.

Address Changes (anywhere within Washington)

If you were previously registered anywhere in Washington, and have moved, you must change your residential address 30 days or more prior to the election to be able to vote based on your new address. You may call, email, or mail your address change to our office (contact information to the left).

REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE

Follow the link from www.ThurstonVotes.org

Mail-In Voter Registration Form



Washington Secretary of State

Use Black or Blue Pen Only - Please Print Clearly NAME CHANGE ADDRESS CHANGE SIGNATURE UPDATE NEW REGISTRATION

1 NOTE: Voter registration requires U.S. Citizenship

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Will you be at least 18 years of age or older before Election Day? YES NO
Are you a citizen of the United States? YES NO

Federal and state law require you to provide your Washington Driver's License number or Washington ID Card number. If you do not have a Washington Driver's License or Washington ID Card, provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

2 A. Washington Driver's License or ID Number B. Last four Digits/SSN Check here if you do not have a Washington Driver's License, ID Card, or SSN. 3 Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

4 Last Name Male Female Daytime Phone Number ()

5 First Name Middle Name Jr. II Sr. III Email Address (optional)

6 Washington Residential/Physical Address (Required) City or Town ZIP

7 Address Where You Get Your Mail (if different from residential/physical address) City or Town State ZIP

8 Check any that currently apply Military Domestic Military Foreign National Guard/Reserves U.S. Citizen Overseas

9 ONGOING ABSENTEE REQUEST NOTE: If your county is vote by mail, do not complete this section. A ballot will be mailed to you automatically. I would like to receive absentee ballots for all future elections YES NO

FOLD HERE

10 NOTE: Previous registration information

I was previously registered under this name and address:

Name _____
Address _____ County _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Sign as previously registered

X

WARNING: If you knowingly provide false information on this voter registration form or knowingly make a false declaration about your qualifications for voter registration, you will have committed a class C felony that is punishable by imprisonment for up to five years, or by a fine of up to ten thousand dollars or both imprisonment and fine. (RCW 29A.08.210)

11 Voter Declaration

By signing this document, I hereby assert, under penalty of perjury, that I am legally eligible to vote. If I am found to have voted illegally, I may be prosecuted and/or fined for this illegal act. In addition, I hereby acknowledge that my name and last known address will be forwarded to the appropriate state and/or federal authorities if I am found to have voted illegally. (RCW 29A.08.210)

- I declare that the facts on this registration form are true;
- I am a citizen of the United States;
- I am not presently denied my civil rights as a result of being convicted of a felony;
- I will have lived in Washington state at this address for thirty days immediately before the next election at which I vote;
- I will be at least eighteen years old when I vote. (RCW 29A.08.230)

SIGN OR MARK IN THE BOX

X

12 If you are physically unable to sign your name, please have the person who assisted you in completing this form provide:
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

DATE SIGNED / /
Month/Day/Year

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Every voter has the right to vote secretly and independently.

Voters with visual impairments, cognitive or learning disabilities, who are illiterate, or have mobility impairments can use a special machine to have their ballots read to them, magnify the print on the ballots, display the ballots in high contrast, and mark their ballots.

You must bring your ballot to vote!



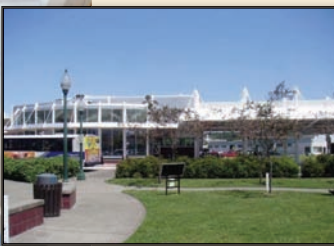
*Remember...
Bring Your Ballot!*



AutoMARK™ Locations for the 2008 Primary Election

Downtown - Olympia Transit Center

On State Street
August 8 & 15:
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
August 9 & 16:
Noon – 3:00 p.m.



West Olympia - TCTV Office

440 Yauger Way SW, Suite C
July 30 - August 19
Mon-Sat: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Thurston County Courthouse

2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia
July 30 - August 18
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Election Day, August 19:
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.



If you are unable to get to one of these locations, call our office to set up a time for us to bring a machine to you. (360) 786-5408

**BRING
YOUR
BALLOT!**

If you are a group organizer and would like to have an AutoMARK™ machine available for a meeting or gathering of interested voters, please contact the Thurston County Auditor's Office at (360) 786-5408 TTY (360) 754-2933.

In addition to the locations listed above, machines will be available on Election Day at staffed ballot drop box locations, listed on page 6. Sites are also listed on our website at www.ThurstonVotes.org.

To receive this pamphlet in an alternate format, contact our office at (360) 786-5408.

IMPORTANT: No ballots will be issued at these sites.

Replacement ballots will be issued at the Auditor's Office only.



This sample ballot contains all candidates and measures certified to appear on the August 19 Primary Election ballot. Be sure to follow all instructions on your regular ballot. Ballots will begin arriving on August 2, 2008. If you require a replacement ballot, contact our office at (360) 786-5408.

How To Mark Your Ballot

To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your desired candidate or response. Use a dark ink pen. Do not use a pencil or gel pen.

CORRECT

INCORRECT INCORRECT INCORRECT INCORRECT

What To Do If You Make A Mistake

Do not erase any selection made in error. If you make a mistake, draw a line through the entire candidate's name:

~~George Washington~~
(this vote will **not** be counted)

Thomas Jefferson
(this vote will be counted)

If you wish to vote for another candidate, fill in the oval to the left of your chosen candidate.

READ:

Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

Federal Partisan Offices

U. S. Representative, District No. 3
2 year term Vote for One

- Brian Baird**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Cheryl Crist**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Michael Delavar**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- Christine Webb**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- _____ Write in

U. S. Representative, District No. 9
2 year term Vote for One

- Adam Smith**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- James Postma**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- _____ Write in

State of Washington Partisan Offices

Governor
4 year term Vote for One

- Dino Rossi**
(Prefers G.O.P. Party)
- Will Baker**
(Prefers Reform Party)
- Christine Gregoire**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Duff Badgley**
(Prefers Green Party)
- John W. Aiken, Jr.**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- Christian Pierre Joubert**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Christopher A. Tudor**
(States No Party Preference)
- Javier O. Lopez**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- Mohammad Hasan Said**
(States No Party Preference)
- James White**
(Prefers Independent Party)
- _____ Write in

State of Washington Partisan Offices

(Continued)

Lieutenant Governor
4 year term Vote for One

- Brad Owen**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Marcia McCraw**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- Arlene A. Peck**
(Prefers Constitution Party)
- Jim Wiest**
(Prefers G.O.P. Party)
- Randel Bell**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- _____ Write in

Secretary of State
4 year term Vote for One

- Sam Reed**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- Mark Greene**
(Prefers Party Of Commons Party)
- Jason Osgood**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Marilyn Montgomery**
(Prefers Constitution Party)
- _____ Write in

State Treasurer
4 year term Vote for One

- Allan Martin**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- Jim McIntire**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- ChangMook Sohn**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- _____ Write in

State Auditor
4 year term Vote for One

- Brian Sonntag**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Glenn Freeman**
(Prefers Constitution Party)
- J. Richard (Dick) McEntee**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- _____ Write in

Attorney General
4 year term Vote for One

- John Ladenburg**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Rob McKenna**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- _____ Write in

Commissioner Of Public Lands
4 year term Vote for One

- Peter J. Goldmark**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Doug Sutherland**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- _____ Write in

State of Washington Nonpartisan Office

Superintendent of Public Instruction
4 year term Vote for One

- John Patterson Blair**
- Don Hansler**
- Randy Dorn**
- David Blomstrom**
- Enid Duncan**
- Teresa (Terry) Bergeson**
- _____ Write in

State of Washington Partisan Office

Insurance Commissioner
4 year term Vote for One

- Mike Kreidler**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- John R. Adams**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- Curtis Fackler**
(States No Party Preference)
- _____ Write in

State Legislature Partisan Offices

Legislative District No. 2, Senator
4 year term Vote for One

- Randi Becker**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- Marilyn Rasmussen**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Kelly Mainard**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- _____ Write in

Legislative District No. 2, State Representative Position No. 1
2 year term Vote for One

- Jim McCune**
(Prefers G.O.P. Party)
- Chuck Collins**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- JeanMarie Christenson**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Ray Harper**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- _____ Write in

Legislative District No. 2, State Representative Position No. 2
2 year term Vote for One

- Tom Campbell**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- Michael C. Powell**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Rick Payne**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- _____ Write in

State Legislature Partisan Offices

(Continued)

Legislative District No. 20, Senator
4 year term Vote for One

- Dan Swecker**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- Neal Kirby**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- Ted Shannon**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- Chuck Bojarski**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- _____ Write in

Legislative District No. 20, State Representative Position No. 1
2 year term Vote for One

- Richard DeBolt**
(Prefers G.O.P. Party)
- Mike Rechner**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- _____ Write in

Legislative District No. 20, State Representative Position No. 2
2 year term Vote for One

- Gary C. Alexander**
(Prefers G.O.P. Party)
- Jim Cutler**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- _____ Write in

Legislative District No. 22, Senator
4 year term Vote for One

- Karen Fraser**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Erik Lee**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- _____ Write in

Legislative District No. 22, State Representative Position No. 1
2 year term Vote for One

- Brendan Williams**
(Prefers Progressive Dem. Party)
- _____ Write in

Legislative District No. 22, State Representative Position No. 2
2 year term Vote for One

- Sam Hunt**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Don Crawford**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- _____ Write in

Legislative District No. 35, State Representative Position No. 1
2 year term Vote for One

- Kathy Haigh**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Marco Brown**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- (Blue Collar) Brad Gehring**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- _____ Write in

Legislative District No. 35, State Representative Position No. 2
2 year term Vote for One

- Fred Finn**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Daryl Daugs**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Herb Baze**
(Prefers R Party)
- Randy Neatherlin**
(Prefers (G.O.P.) Party)
- _____ Write in

Thurston County Partisan Offices

County Commissioner, District No. 1
4 year term Vote for One

- Cathy Wolfe**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Judy Wilson**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- _____ Write in

County Commissioner, District No. 2
4 year term Vote for One

- Jon W. Halvorson**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Lucius Daye**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Bill Pilkey**
(Prefers Independent Party)
- Sandra Romero**
(Prefers Democratic Party)
- Robin Edmonson**
(Prefers Republican Party)
- _____ Write in

State Judicial Nonpartisan Offices

Supreme Court Justice, Position No. 3
6 year term Vote for One

- Mary Fairhurst**
- Michael J. Bond**
- _____ Write in

Supreme Court Justice, Position No. 4
6 year term Vote for One

- Charles W. Johnson**
- C.F. (Frank) Vulliet**
- James M. Beecher**
- _____ Write in

Supreme Court Justice, Position No. 7
Short + Full 6 year term Vote for One

- Debra L. Stephens**
- _____ Write in

Court of Appeals, Division 2, District 2 Position No. 1
6 year term Vote for One

- (Joyce) Robin Hunt**
- Tim Ford**
- _____ Write in

County Judicial Nonpartisan Offices

Superior Court Judge, Position No. 3
4 year term Vote for One

- Charles Williams**
- Carol Murphy**
- _____ Write in

Superior Court Judge, Position No. 7
4 year term Vote for One

- Gary R. Tabor**
- Ed Holm**
- _____ Write in

Thurston County Nonpartisan Office

Public Utilities District Commissioner, District No. 3
6 year term Vote for One

- Lowell Deguise**
- Chris Stearns**
- Terence Artz**
- _____ Write in

City Of Olympia

Proposition No. 1
Fire Department Acquisition and Improvement Bonds - \$16,500,000

The City Council of the City of Olympia passed Ordinance No. 6554 concerning this proposition. This proposition authorizes the City to construct and equip a new fire station and a fire training center and acquire two fire engines and a ladder truck, issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$16,500,000, maturing within a maximum of twenty years from date of issue, and levy property taxes annually in addition to regular tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Ordinance No. 6554.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
- Rejected

Fire Protection District No. 1 (Grand Mound - Rochester)

Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1, Thurston County, Washington, (Grand Mound - Rochester Fire) adopted Resolution No. 2008-01 concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy. The proposition would authorize the District to restore its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2009 for maintenance, and operations costs. The levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
- Rejected

Fire Protection District No. 3 (Lacey)

Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 3, Thurston County, Washington, (Lacey Fire District 3) adopted Resolution No. 788-05-08 concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy. The proposition would authorize the District to restore its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2009 to pay increases in operational costs, and set the limit factor at 100% plus the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (as identified in the Resolution) for each of the five succeeding years (2010 - 2014). The 2014 levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
- Rejected

Fire Protection District No. 11 (Littlerock)

Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 11, Thurston County, Washington, (Littlerock Fire Rescue) adopted Resolution No. 08-416 concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy. The proposition would authorize the District to restore its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2009 for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel costs. The levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
- Rejected

Election of Political Party Precinct Committee Officer

Precinct Committee Officer is a position in each major political party. For this office only: If you consider yourself a Democrat or Republican, you may vote for a candidate of that party.

Precinct: _____
2 year term Vote for One

For a write-in candidate, include party

- _____

- Write in name and party



- Are you registered to vote? If not, fill out the form on page 2 and mail it to us or register to vote online at www.vote.wa.gov.
- Since the last time you voted, have you moved or changed your name or signature? Be sure to update your information with our office!
- Do you know which candidates and issues will be on your ballot? Get educated by reading your state and local voters' pamphlets.
- When will I get my ballot? Ballots will begin arriving August 2.

24-Hour Ballot Drop Box Locations

Olympia Area

Olympia Fire Dept, Station 1
100 Eastside St NE

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
1515 Harrison Ave NW

Church of the Good Shepherd
1601 North St SE

***Thurston County Courthouse**
2000 Lakeridge Dr SW
(This is the ONLY location where you can get a replacement ballot.)

Westside Top Foods
1313 Cooper Pt Rd SW
(Box located at far end of parking lot.)

Lacey Area

***Lacey City Hall**
420 College St SE
(Staffed site at the Lacey Timberland Library.)

***Fire 3, Station 34 (Mushroom Corner)**
8407 Steilacoom Rd SE

Fire 3, Station 35
3701 Willamette Dr NE

Woodland Retirement & Assisted Living Community
4532 Intelco Loop SE

Lacey Top Foods
5600 Martin Way E
(Box located at far end of parking lot.)

Lacey Post Office
5818 Lacey Blvd

Tumwater Area

***Tumwater City Hall**
555 Israel Rd SW

Tumwater School Administration
419 Linwood Ave SW

Southwest County

***Rochester Fire 1 Station 1**
18346 Albany St SW

Littlerock Fire 11
10828 Littlerock Rd SW

Grand Mound Licensing Agency
19949 Old Hwy 99 SW

Southeast County

Yelm School Administration Lot (across the street from the office)
110 1st St N

Rainier City Hall
102 Rochester St W

Lackamas Elementary
16240 Bald Hill Rd SE

** Sites will be staffed by election personnel on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. An AutoMARK voting machine will be available at these sites.*

South Central County

***Tenino School Administration**
301 Old Highway 99

Bucoda
Across from Liberty Market
103 Main Street S

Black Lake

***New Black Lake Fire Station**
5911 Black Lake Blvd SW

Steamboat Island

Fire 13, Station 1
3707 Steamboat Loop NW

South Bay

South Bay Fire Station
3506 Shincke Rd NE

*Boxes are Open Now.
All Boxes are Locked Promptly at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
August 19, 2008*



Fire 3 Station 35



Fire 13 Station 1



Tumwater City Hall

If you use a drop box, no postage is required.

Why Wait?

Beat the crowds and drop off your ballot before Election Day!



Washington has a new Primary . . .

**It's not the Blanket ...
It's not a Pick-a-Party ...**

This year you won't receive three ballots in the mail, and you won't have to vote down party lines. In the new Top-2 Primary you get 1 ballot, 1 vote, regardless of the candidate's party preference.



WHO will appear on my ballot?

Every candidate in every race will appear, and you can vote for whomever you'd like, but you can only vote for 1 candidate per race. The 2 candidates in each race with the most votes will move on to the General Election on November 4.

WHAT does the party preference under each candidate's name mean?

This is a self-stated preference for a specific party. It DOES NOT mean the party prefers or agrees with that candidate.

HOW is this different from our old blanket primary?

In the blanket primary, Washington voters were still nominating someone from each party to appear on the General Election ballot. In November, voters were presented with the top Democrat and top Republican along with any minor party candidates. In the Top-2, candidates qualify to move on to the General by the number of votes they receive, regardless of party preference. Because of this difference, you could see two candidates with the same party preference on the General Election ballot.

WHY is the Primary changing?

In the 2004 November Election, as a reaction to the first Pick-A-Party Primary, voters overwhelmingly passed I-872, creating a Top-2 Primary system for Washington. The law was immediately challenged in court and remained there until March of this year, when the United States Supreme Court issued a ruling allowing us to use this new system.

One Ballot, One Vote Washington's Top-2 Primary

Judicial and Nonpartisan races may be different ...

STATE:

***Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Supreme Court, and Court of Appeals:***

If any one candidate receives a majority of votes (50% + 1 vote), he or she will be the only candidate appearing on the General Election Ballot. If no single candidate receives a majority, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will appear on the General Election Ballot.

COUNTY:

Superior Court:

If any one candidate receives a majority of votes (50% + 1 vote) in the Primary, that candidate is elected to the position and the race will NOT appear on the General Election ballot unless a declaration of write-in candidacy is received within ten days after the Primary Election.

Thurston Public Utility District:

The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will appear on the General Election Ballot.



County Commissioner - The three member county commission is both a local government and a subdivision of state government. Its primary responsibility is serving as the general purpose local government and legislative authority outside city limits. Many county responsibilities are mandated by state law; others are permitted by state law allowing considerable local discretion. The commission is responsible for county policies relating to public safety and health, community development, human services, environmental protection, solid waste, county finance, transportation, parks and recreation, and other state legislative directed duties.

- Only voters who live within Districts 1 and 2 will vote in the Primary Election for county commissioner.
- All voters in the county will vote for the position in the General Election.

Thurston County Commissioner, District No. 1

Only voters in District No. 1 will vote on this position in the Primary Election.



Cathy Wolfe, a 33 year resident of Thurston County, has served as your county commissioner for 7 years. Prior to that, she served 8 years in the legislature. With a record of voting to protect the environment, family wage jobs and working families, she is a leader with a proven ability to work with people on both sides of an issue. Cathy has worked hard for the responsible management of growth, enhanced public safety, clean air and water, and careful stewardship of your tax dollars, including the difficult balancing of the county budget in times of steadily declining revenues.

Cathy volunteers with many organizations, including Community Youth Services, the YMCA, and United Way. She is proud of her efforts to establish a mental health court, enhance drug court and other alternative courts, and to reduce homelessness in Thurston County.

Cathy has three daughters and eight grandchildren.
www.electcathywolfe.com

Cathy Wolfe
(Prefers Democratic Party)

120 State Ave NE, PMB 124, Olympia, WA 98501 (360) 480-6074 wolfewoodwell@comcast.net



Dear District One Voter: I'm Judy Wilson, a 35 year resident of Thurston County, with a diverse career background. As a parent, nurse, Realtor, County Commissioner, School Board Director, state employee, and community volunteer, I value the quality of life in Thurston County.

My varied experience prepares me to tackle the challenges of adapting to a growing community: from supporting and attracting business, restoring aging infrastructure, protecting our fragile environment and water resources, to working with community organizations and you to provide for our most valuable resource, the children.

But our serious budget shortfall complicates and limits solution options. Arbitrarily raising taxes is not acceptable. We must determine if your money is being spent most effectively on programs that provide the desired benefit. We must identify and eliminate inefficiencies.

I have the experience, passion, and desire to be your County Commissioner. Please vote for Judy Wilson.
www.electjudywilsoncommissioner.com

Judy Wilson
(Prefers Republican Party)

PO Box 5251, Lacey, WA 98509 (360) 791-3883 judylw@comcast.net

Washington has a new **TOP-2 PRIMARY**

Every voter will receive a single ballot with all of the candidates listed, and can vote for any one candidate in each race, regardless of party preference.

In partisan races, the 2 candidates receiving the highest number of votes will advance to the General Election, regardless of party preference.

Candidates were required to either state their party preference, or to select "States No Party Preference," when they filed for office.

A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

So go ahead, vote for the person, not the party, in Washington's new Top-2 Primary.



Thurston County Commissioner, District No. 2

Only voters in District No. 2 will vote on this position in the Primary Election.



I offer leadership, straight talk and smart decisions. My priorities are: Public safety through adequately funding law enforcement, courts, and emergency services; Prevention and treatment alternatives to jail; Protecting drinking water, public health and open space; Affordable housing; Fiscal restraint and Customer service accountability. As former Lacey Mayor, City Councilman and Planning Commissioner, I offer experience and a strong record of public service. My 15 years as a State agency administrator give me a unique understanding of budget policy and the fiscal management needed for this job.

I volunteered countless hours to the Medic One Emergency Services Council, North Thurston Education Foundation, Community Youth Services, Kiwanis and County Parks Board. I was 2003 Thurston County Citizen of the Year. I will listen to you. Endorsed by County Commissioners Oberquell and Macleod, the County Sheriff, Prosecutor, Treasurer, Assessor, Clerk and Coroner and most elected city officials countywide. Vote for Halvorson. www.jonwhalvorson.com

Jon W. Halvorson
(Prefers Democratic Party) 1420 Marvin Rd NE Ste C, PMB 506, Lacey, WA 98516-3878 (360) 790-5349 Jon4BoCC@comcast.net



Change. We need change. Old ways, with the same players, and the same "that's the way we've always done it" methods haven't worked. I'm fed up, aren't you? All the experience you'll hear about, should cause you to think why my opponents haven't stepped up before now? And if they have, are we really all the better for it? Are we really? I say no. We have continued urban sprawl with no accountability, no apparent concern for our environment, our children aren't safe in our schools anymore, decreased community services, but increased taxes, and we continue to allocate these tax dollars where? Enough. No more excuses. We need

someone in office who looks at "New ways to solve old problems" in Thurston County. That candidate is me. Together, we can change our community for the better. www.electluciusdae4commissioner.com

Lucius Daye
(Prefers Democratic Party) 1401 Marvin Rd NE Ste 307, #183, Lacey, WA 98516 (360) 970-7100 lucasdaye@comcast.net



I am an Independent candidate. Many voters objected to political parties deciding for whom we vote in primary elections; making us state a party preference. Voters defeated a super jail bond issue, but the jail is being built anyway and may cost \$100,000,000; insufficient funding to staff it. The 2009 county budget deficit may be \$10,000,000 (13%), balanced with tax and fee increases, due to slumping economy. I will bring fiscal responsibility, spending control, leadership, and vision. Help low income seniors choosing between food and medications,

who can't find medical help under Medicare financing; support our veterans; protect the environment, fight global warming, water shortages; stop cutting down 200,000+ trees; preserve Maytown, South County land. I am honest; strong leader; problem solver; a vision for the future; who accepts no money from special interests. Businessman, CFP, economist, 40 year county resident. Vote for Bill Pilkey. Thank you!

Bill Pilkey
(Prefers Independent Party) 7223 20th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98503 (360) 412-4039



Sandra Romero is an experienced leader: 22nd District State Representative for 12 years, and an Olympia City Council member for 3 years. She will bring valuable and needed expertise to our County Commission, including a demonstrated ability to work together with diverse constituencies. Sandra's vision for Thurston County is founded on fiscal responsibility and sustainable land-use planning. Sandra is passionate that Thurston County should retain its unique character and not become just "Anywhere, USA." She believes

economic growth and environmental quality go together; that County Commissioners must be good stewards of our resources; and that sensible planning must assure quality public services. As a recognized champion of open and responsive government, she's received endorsements from state and local leaders, numerous organizations, and many citizens. She is the official nominee of the Thurston County Democrats. "Together we can be proud to call Thurston County our home." Please visit: www.sandraromero.com

Sandra Romero
(Prefers Democratic Party) 2023 Westlake Dr SE, Lacey, WA 98503 (360) 357-8131 sromero08@comcast.net



I am a business Chief Executive with a Bachelor's Degree in Global Economics and Management. I bring you over 25 years of experience encompassing Executive Management, Project Management, Strategic Planning, Finance, Securities, Budget Analysis, Business Development, and International Marketing. I support: Open Government, where you have the right to know; Conservative Spending, where you have the right to save; Absolutely Balanced Budget, where you always benefit: Reducing Government, where you have fewer regulations; Thurston County Culpability, where they take responsibility; Conservative

Environmental Practices, where we use less energy and save more; Private Property Ownership and respect for ownership rights. I am encouraged in knowing that Thurston County residents are now ready for the Cultural Changes that will make them the full beneficiaries of decisions that will provide the services they expect without having to pay so much for them. See much more at www.robinedmondson.com

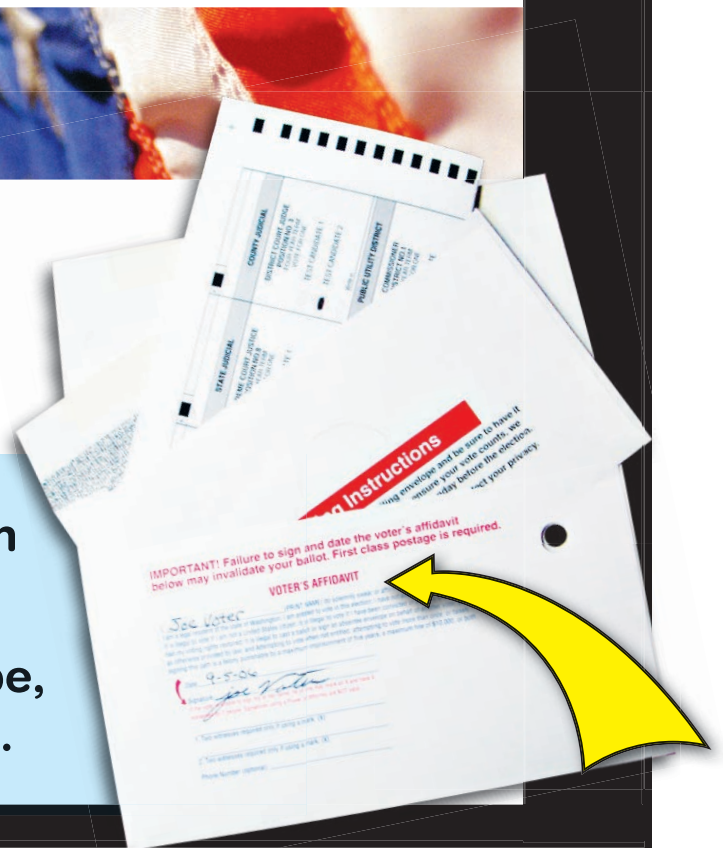
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Superior Court Judges Description - The superior courts are the state's courts of general jurisdiction. Judges hear a variety of cases including felony criminal cases, civil matters, divorces, juvenile cases, and appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction. If any candidate receives more than 50% of the vote in the Primary Election, he/she is deemed elected and will not appear in the General Election.

Superior Court Judge, Position No. 3



From 27 years of law practice and service as a pro tem judge, I know there is no justice if children or victims go unheard, if court procedures are unintelligible to you, if your trial is postponed without cause, or if your judge favors a special interest group or discriminates against you. Access, timeliness and fairness define justice.

Judge Kip Stilz: "Our next Superior Court Judge should be a person with both a deep knowledge of the law and a steady vision of justice. That person is Charles Williams." *Judge Carol Fuller (ret.):* "Charles is an outstanding attorney. I predict his performance will be equally

exceptional as a judge." *Justice Richard Sanders:* "Charles has exactly those personal qualities that we expect and need from our judges—intelligence, integrity and independence."

Named 2007 "Lawyer of the Year" by Thurston County Bar Association for professional and community service. For endorsements, see williams4judge.org.

Charles Williams

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We deserve fair, well-reasoned decisions from our judges. With 17 years as a local attorney, I've developed a reputation for hard work and dedication to public service. I'm a problem solver whose solid ethics ensure unbiased decisions. My commitment to justice will give all citizens a court where they will be heard, respected, and valued.

Experienced: My legal experience includes criminal, administrative, constitutional, and family law. I've successfully handled cases in all levels of state and federal courts, including multiple appearances before our Supreme Court.

Dedicated: I'm dedicated to our community, having served with the Thurston County Volunteer Legal Clinic, the local bar association, and Washington Women Lawyers. I'm active in my church and my children's school.

Respectful: I'm respectful of the law, individual rights, and community safety. I'm supported by neighbors, community leaders, judges, the Governor and the Attorney General. I'd be honored to have your vote. www.carolmurphyforjudge.com

Carol Murphy

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Superior Court Judge, Position No. 7



Since November, 1996, Judge Tabor has handled a wide variety of civil, criminal, and family matters. He is known for his integrity, fairness, and preparedness, treating litigants, witnesses, and attorneys with dignity and respect. He decides issues impartially based upon the individual facts and the applicable law. Judge Tabor has a strong work ethic, regularly arriving early and staying late, expecting persons who appear before him to be prepared and on time.

Judge Tabor regularly decides complex administrative reviews of actions and decisions by state agencies. Fellow Judges have selected him

as the Drug Court Presiding Judge for 2009, and previously selected him to serve as the Administrative Judge for four years.

Judge Tabor is endorsed by Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerry Alexander, Justice Susan Owens, all Thurston County Superior Court Judges, retired Judge Berschauer, and two District Court Judges. Please vote to re-elect Judge Tabor on August 19th. www.tabor4judge08.com

Gary R. Tabor

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An independent judiciary is necessary for justice. Since 1969, I have practiced civil and criminal law as a trial lawyer in Olympia, and during the last ten years as Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney. I have volunteered to improve the justice system through service committees. Court Congestion and Delay, Blue Ribbon Panel Criminal Defense, Judicial Recommendation and Criminal Justice Training Commission are few examples of the many activities.

Judges must administer and advocate for changes that encourage prevention of criminal behavior. Judges must set the tenor that

promotes public confidence in the integrity of the justice system. They should encourage development of mental health, Domestic Violence, Youth, Drug and other specialty courts, a justice center, work release centers, and other sentencing alternatives. New technology such as GPS, computers and video in court rooms should be encouraged. Justice is achieved by cooperating with the many volunteer organizations in this county.

Ed Holm

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Thurston Public Utility District Commissioner Description - The Thurston Public Utility District (PUD) has three elected commissioners, serving six year terms. The PUD provides utility services and water planning to the customers of the approximately 150 water systems it currently owns and operates, including citizens in Thurston, Pierce, Lewis, Grays Harbor, and Mason counties.

The PUD is empowered to develop and operate any facilities necessary for the distribution of its utility services. In addition, the PUD can levy taxes against property within the district to raise funds. The PUD sets rates for the utility services of its customers. This commission meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month.

Thurston Public Utility District Commissioner, District No. 3



Lowell Deguise is a lifetime resident of Rochester. He is a graduate of Rochester High School and he attended two years at Centralia College. He has spent the last thirty years as a licensed manager at Rochester Water Association. In addition, he and his wife, Kathy own and operate JMJ Services Accounting in Rochester. He has been involved with numerous civic and community programs in Rochester and throughout the state.

Lowell Deguise PO Box 392, Rochester, WA 98579 (360) 273-7671 jmjkl@comcast.net



My background isn't as a former PSE employee or with any special interests. I will represent only you! Counter-balancing privately owned P.S.E., with a strong publicly owned, locally controlled P.U.D., keeps our hands on our basic utilities. I'm familiar with water and Thurston County. I've lived here for 32 years and I have worked with: The Conservation District, Groundwater Advisory Committee, neighborhood groups, the Legislature, and State Fish & Wildlife. My personal business interests lie in producing bioremediation products to help clean up Puget Sound.

I want to consolidate our P.U.D.'s resources and add storage capacity. I see careful management and expansion, not fruitless tax-funded endeavors, provides greater water service where needed for our community's residents and businesses; keeps utility costs affordable for seniors on fixed incomes and young families; and places our P.U.D. as an economic cornerstone, just as they are in the rest of Southwest Washington.

Chris Stearns PO Box 6118, Olympia, WA 98507 (360) 866-4421 ChrisStearns4ThurstonPUD@yahoo.com



I am running for Thurston County PUD Commissioner because I care deeply about the quality of life in our county. As an attorney and experienced project specialist, I can bring the citizens of Thurston County the sound stewardship they deserve. Sound stewardship means taking responsibility for: *our environment* by providing clean, green, and safe resources; *natural resources* by promoting conservation, using the most up-to-date and efficient technology available, and expanding and improving quality of service; and finally, *financial resources* by keeping rates reasonable, and assuring

accountability and transparency. These are my values. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office in 2007, I accumulated over 14 years of planning experience in large public and private projects in environmental restoration, waste management, utilities (electric and natural gas), and transportation. I have an extensive background in budgeting, multi-year planning, contracts, and cost/schedule control systems. I appreciate your support.

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City of Olympia Proposition No. 1

Fire Department Acquisition and Improvement Bonds - \$16,500,000

The City Council of the City of Olympia passed Ordinance No. 6554 concerning this proposition. This proposition authorizes the City to construct and equip a new fire station and a fire training center and acquire two fire engines and a ladder truck, issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$16,500,000, maturing within a maximum of twenty years from date of issue, and levy property taxes annually in addition to regular tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Ordinance No. 6554.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
- Rejected

Explanatory Statement:

The Olympia City Council has placed a proposition on the ballot asking its citizens for authority to issue bonds for capital improvements and related purchases for Fire Department purposes. The City would use the funds to build and equip a new fire station and training center, and to purchase two fire trucks and a ladder truck. A vote to approve this proposition will provide the City with authority to incur debt by issuing and selling general obligation bonds not to exceed a principal amount of \$16,500,000 to finance these capital improvements. The bonds would mature within twenty years and would be repaid through an excess property tax levied at an estimated tax rate of approximately .21 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Statement prepared by: Olympia City Attorney's Office

Statement For:

We demand that our firefighters be well trained, properly equipped and arrive the instant we need them. The Olympia Fire Department can arrive at an emergency any place citywide in under 11 minutes, 90 percent of the time, with current resources. The national standard for optimal response, however, is 6 minutes, 90 percent of the time. Growing call volumes spread our first responders across the city and increase response times. Since 1970, we've gone from 470 to over 9,000 calls each year, without adding a station. A "yes" vote will build a new fire station and make our community safer.

Your support is a strong investment in safety. The average homeowner will pay only \$53.55 annually over 20 years, based on a \$250,000 home. In return, the city will invest our combined \$16.5 million to build a fourth fire station, training facility, and purchase three trucks with service lives of 25 years. The new station will be in the vicinity of Lilly and Stoll Roads. An additional station in this area will dramatically reduce response times across the city. The training facility allows the Department to improve fire suppression and rescue skills without leaving the community, saving time and money. Two new engines and a ladder truck ensure our first responders have the right equipment to reliably meet all emergency situations. We all benefit by ensuring our firefighters can do their jobs well, making our community safe for everyone. Thank you for voting "yes" on Proposition One.

Statement prepared by: Doug Mah, Kelly Fox, and Dr. Pellicer

Statement Against:

City of Olympia has indicated they could not find anyone to write a statement against this proposition.

Fire Protection District No. 1 (Grand Mound - Rochester)

Proposition No. 1 - Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1, Thurston County, Washington, (Grand Mound - Rochester Fire) adopted Resolution No. 2008-01 concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy. The proposition would authorize the District to restore its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2009 for maintenance, and operations costs. The levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement:

Revenue from the regular levy is used for delivering Emergency 911- Rescue, Emergency Medical, Fire and other Services to the residents of the District.

Restoring the levy will help improve response times over the sixty-six square mile District by authorizing funding necessary to provide for 24-hour staffing at the Albany Street station in Rochester. It will also help fund the District's share of a Transport Paramedic Unit, will offset other increasing costs and replace outdated equipment.

The voters have previously authorized a levy of \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. This proposition seeks to restore that levy rate.

The Fire District has not restored the regular property tax levy since 2004. This proposition will only restore the rate to that level for one year. The District has been proactive in developing partnerships with neighboring Fire Districts to consolidate administrative and operational activities to reduce costs.

This Public Safety levy restoration proposition will cost a family with property valued at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars less than eleven dollars (\$10.83) per month.

Approved by: Joseph Quinn

Statement For:

Restoring the Maintenance & Operations Levy Will Fund Emergency Medical, Rescue and Fire Service Response

The Fire District has reduced costs to improve efficiency by consolidating administrative and operational function with other West Thurston Fire Districts. Even with these cost cutting measures, expenses continue to outpace revenue growth. The levy is the Fire Departments only source of revenue for funding maintenance and operational costs associated with responding to 911 emergency medical, rescue and fire incidents.

Funds Will Be Used to Staff the Albany Street Station 24 Hours a Day

Restoring the levy will help fund a staffed station closer to your home. Rescue, Emergency Medical and Fire Service Trained Professionals closer to home gives you or your family members a better chance of survival when you need 911 Emergency Medical, Rescue or Fire Services.

Restoring the Levy rate will provide funding to retrofit the Albany Street Station to allow for dorm rooms and hire staffing for 24 hour coverage; District residents will benefit by significantly faster primary and secondary emergency response times.

This Proposition Restores the Regular Maintenance & Operations Levy, This is Not a New Tax

The Fire District has not restored the maintenance & operations levy since 2004. The public safety improvements will cost a family .35 cents per day or less than eleven dollars per month (for \$250,000 of assessed home value). The District needs to replace its aging "JAWS of life", purchase updated emergency radio equipment and required safety upgrades of its self contained breathing apparatus for firefighters.

Your Yes Vote Will Help Fund a Paramedic Unit

Restoring the Levy rate will restore funding needed to maintain and upgrade the life saving non-transport Paramedic Unit to a transport Paramedic Unit. Rochester/Grand Mound and Littlerock Fire District residents share in 20% of the costs associated with the paramedic unit.

Statement Prepared by: Ken Carlson, Grand Mound – Rochester Firefighters Association

Statement Against:

Fire Protection District No. 1 (Grand Mound - Rochester) has indicated they could not find anyone to write a statement against this proposition.

Fire Protection District No. 3 (Lacey)

Proposition No. 1 - Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 3, Thurston County, Washington, (Lacey Fire District 3) adopted Resolution No. 788-05-08 concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy. The proposition would authorize the District to restore its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2009 to pay increases in operational costs, and set the limit factor at 100% plus the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (as identified in the Resolution) for each of the five succeeding years (2010-2014). The 2014 levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
 Rejected

Explanatory Statement:

This proposition will authorize Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 3 to restore its regular property tax levy to the maximum statutory rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2009, and permit the annual levy amount to increase by the rate of inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index (but not to exceed the rate of \$1.50) for each of the next five years (2010-2014). The 2014 levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

The voters previously restored the District's regular property tax levy to the maximum rate of \$1.50 in 2004. Because of the statutory 1% limitation on property tax increases, the District's current levy rate is \$1.04. Due to population growth, continuing inflation and increased demand for services, the District's current levy rate is inadequate to pay increases in operational costs. Approval of this proposition would allow the District to restore its levy rate to \$1.50 to maintain the current reduced level of services and prevent further cutbacks in services and increased response times.

*Explanatory Statement Prepared By: James McNeill, III,
Foster Pepper PLLC*

Statement For:

In the face of increased costs and limited revenue, Fire District No. 3 reduced emergency response staffing in June 2008. This change follows previous reductions of administrative and support staff. Approval of this levy lid lift request will enable the Fire District to just maintain this reduced level of response to our community's fire and emergency medical needs.

The population of the Fire District has grown more than 6% since 1998. However, the Fire District is now responding to 60% more emergency calls than in 1998. We expect this trend to continue as more people dial 911 when confronted with an emergency.

Currently, District No. 3 protects more than 43,000 residents and property valued at almost \$4.8 billion over a 54 square mile area. In 2007, firefighters responded to over 3,904 District calls for emergency assistance including 3,204, which were for emergency medical services. These emergencies, which occur every hour of the day, every day of the week, continue to increase more than our population growth.

We met the increase in service demand with a proportionate increase in Firefighter/EMT staff who deliver the service through four 24-hour staffed and one volunteer station in key locations throughout the community.

In the face of these challenges, District No. 3 maintains an extremely high quality, caring service delivered by dedicated personnel at half the cost, per person, of several comparable jurisdictions.

When you call, Fire District No. 3 responds. Your help is needed to assure they can continue to serve you.

Statement Prepared By: K. Frank Kirkbride, Skip Houser, John Christiansen

Statement Against:

Fire District 3 has wasted money, misspent money and squandered money – and now they ask for more money. They were told when they spent more than \$20 million for new fire stations and new equipment, that they wouldn't have enough money to pay for it all, and yet they continued.

Of the thousands of calls the department gets each year, less than 2 percent of them are fire calls. Yet, over the last three years, Fire District 3 has given its firefighters a 50 percent pay raise while at the same time cutting the hours they have to work.

The City of Lacey, which contracts with Fire District 3 for services, was so concerned about the over-spending that it sent the district a six-page letter spelling out its concerns.

Before we give Fire District 3 – more money – they need to have better accountability for their spending.

Vote NO on lifting the property tax lid.

Statement Prepared By: Michael G. Jackson

Rebuttal of the Statement For:

The argument is not about the increased call upon the fire services, almost all in the way of ambulance services, but the lack of accountability concerning how funds are spent. Simply giving more money to the Fire District without demanding wisdom with this spending isn't going to create better service, only bigger bills for the taxpayer of the District. By turning down this increase the district will have to focus at it's recent spending spree and double digit wage increases.

Rebuttal of the Statement Against:

District 3 spent \$5.9 million – not \$20 million – for stations and equipment. All voter approved projects were completed within budget and serve the public today. This levy lid lift is for operational expenses, not capital projects. In 2007, 9,507 calls for help include 76% EMS and 3.6% fire with the rest for service and hazard incidents. The District approved wage adjustments of 2.7% in 2006, 3.3% in 2007, and a 17% contract adjustment in 2008.

Fire Protection District No. 11 (Littlerock)

Proposition No. 1 - Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 11, Thurston County, Washington, (Littlerock Fire Rescue) adopted Resolution No. 08-416 concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy. The proposition would authorize the District to restore its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2009 for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel costs. The levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement:

Revenue from the regular levy is used for delivering Emergency 911- Rescue, Emergency Medical, Fire and other services to District residents. Voters previously (2004) authorized a levy of \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. This proposition seeks to restore that levy rate.

Restoring the levy will help improve response times over the 100 square mile District by authorizing funding to staff the Littlerock Rd. Station, Maytown/Tilley Station (construction complete 2008), and Scott Lake/Case Station (construction complete 2009). It will also help fund the District's share of a Transport Paramedic Unit and will offset other increasing costs.

The Fire District has not restored the regular property tax levy since 2004. This proposition will only restore the rate to that level for one year. The District has been proactive in developing partnerships with neighboring Fire Districts to consolidate administrative and operational activities to reduce costs.

This Public Safety levy restoration proposition will cost a family with property valued at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars less than ten dollars (\$9.58) per month.

Approved by: Joseph Quinn

Statement For:

Restoring the Maintenance and Operations Levy Will Fund Emergency Medical, Rescue and Fire Service Response

The Fire District has reduced costs and improved efficiency by consolidating administrative and operational function with other West Thurston Fire Districts. Even with these cost cutting measures expenses outpace revenue growth limitations of 1%. The levy is the Fire Department's only source of revenue for funding maintenance and operational costs associated with responding to 911 emergency medical, rescue and fire incidents.

Levy Funds Will be Used to Staff the Maytown, Scott Lake and Littlerock Fire Stations 24 Hours a Day

Restoring the levy will help fund a staffed station closer to your home. Rescue, Emergency Medical and Fire Service Trained Professionals closer to your home gives you or your family member a better chance of survival when you need 911 Emergency Medical, Rescue or Fire Services.

The new fire stations will be completed in Winter 2008 – Maytown/Tilley Community and Scott Lake/Case Community – Summer 2009. Restoring the Levy rate will provide funding to staff the new stations, and maintain staffing at the Littlerock Road Station. When the new stations are completed and staffed, District residents will benefit by significantly faster primary and secondary emergency response times.

This Proposition Restores the Regular Maintenance and Operations Levy, This is Not a New Tax

The Fire District has not restored the M&O Levy since 2004. The public safety improvements will cost a family .31 cents per day or less than ten dollars per month (for \$250,000 of assessed home value).

Your Yes Vote Will Help Fund a Paramedic Unit

Restoring the Levy rate will restore funding needed to maintain and upgrade the life saving non-transport Paramedic Unit to a transport Paramedic Unit. Rochester/Grand Mound and Littlerock Fire District residents share in 20% of the costs associated with this unit.

*Statement Prepared By: Tom Fitzgerald,
Littlerock Firefighters Association*

Statement Against:

Fire Protection District No. 11 (Littlerock Fire Rescue) has indicated they could not find anyone to write a statement against this proposition.



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