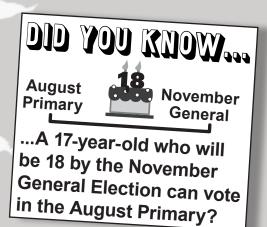
Thurston County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

August 5, 2025 Primary Election

Local Offices: the closest government to you!



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Planning to mail your ballot? No postage needed!

Remember to check the pickup time listed on the mailbox!

Ballots must be postmarked by August 5 to be counted.



Notice to Voters:

Candidate and jurisdiction statements are published exactly as submitted to the Thurston County Auditor's Elections Office. We do not make corrections of any kind or verify statements for truth or fact.

In each race, you may vote for any one candidate listed. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the August Primary will advance to the November General Election.

VoteWA

Registering to vote is easy. Log on to VoteWA.gov.

Online Registration is available until 8 days before the election (July 28). In person registration is available until 8 p.m. on August 5.

Replacement Ballots

If you lost, damaged, or did not receive your ballot, replacement ballots are available. To get a replacement ballot:

Email: elections@co.thurston.wa.us

Online: VoteWA.gov

Phone: 360.786.5408 711 Washington Relay

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In person: Thurston County Elections

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8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Election Day (Aug. 5)

Message from Thurston County Auditor Mary Hall



Dear Voters,

From housing and homelessness to environmental protection, transportation, and education, local leaders play a central role in the issues we care about. That's why voting in local elections, and especially the primary, is so important. The primary narrows the field, and in many cases, determines who will ultimately hold office.

This Local Voters' Pamphlet is your resource to make informed decisions. Inside, you'll find descriptions of the offices on the ballot and statements from candidates about their qualifications, values, and vision. I hope you'll take time to read what they have to say and think about who best represents your hopes for our community.

I'm also reminding you we opened our new Voting Services office at 2915 29th Ave SW in Tumwater. If you need election services like registering to vote, getting a replacement ballot, or using an accessible voting device, our professional and friendly staff are here to help. On Election Day, the Voting Center will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

I continue to be proud of Washington's vote-by-mail system. It's the most secure and accessible systems in the country. Every ballot envelope is checked, including a signature verification process that ensures the person who filled out the ballot is the registered voter. Our signature reviewers are thoroughly trained using standards set by the Secretary of State.

After you return your ballot, you can track it at VoteWA.gov to see when it was received and accepted.

And remember, you can register to vote or update your registration up until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you have questions about the election process, don't hesitate to contact my office at 360-786-5408 or elections@co.thurston.wa.us.

Thank you for taking part in our democracy and helping shape the future of Thurston County! Respectfully,

Mary Hall

Thurston County Auditor, CERA

4 Ballot Drop Box Locations

Drop boxes are open 24 hours a day and close promptly at 8 p.m. on Election Day.

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Lacey Area	
Lacey Fire 3, Station 34	
Lacey Fire 3, Station 35	
Lacey City Hall	
Lacey Post Office	
Martin Village	
Woodland Retirement & Assisted Living	4532 Intelco Lp SE
Olympia Area	
Church of the Good Shepherd	1601 North St SE
AlphaGraphics	
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	
Haggen NW Fresh	
Olympia City Hall	
The Evergreen State College	2700 McCann Plaza Dr NW
Thurston County Courthouse	2000 Lakeridge Dr SW
Thurston County Atrium	3000 Pacific Ave SE
South Puget Sound Community College	2011 Mottman Rd SW
Tumwater Area	
McLane Black Lake Fire Station 95	5911 Black Lake Blvd SW. Olympia
Tumwater Timberland Library	
Tumwater School Administration	
Thurston County Auditor's Elections Office	
Southeast County	
Lackamas Elementary	16240 Bald Hill Rd SF Velm
Nisqually Tribal Admin Bldg	
Rainier City Hall	
Yelm School Administration	110 1st St NF
Southwest County	10030 Little and all Del CVA Channels
Littlerock Fire 11	10828 Littlerock Rd SW, Olympia
Steamboat Island	
Griffin Fire 13, Station 1	3707 Steamboat Lp NW, Olympia
North County	
South Bay Fire 8, Station 81	3506 Shincke Rd NE, Olympia
South Bay Fire 8, Station 83	



Drop boxes are the best way to ensure your ballot will get to us on time.

Drop boxes are securely locked and emptied by teams of two trained elections officials. Boxes are open 24/7 beginning July 16 and close promptly at 8 p.m. on August 5, Election Day. Find the closest drop box at ThurstonWAVotes.gov or scan this QR code.



Why is my signature important?

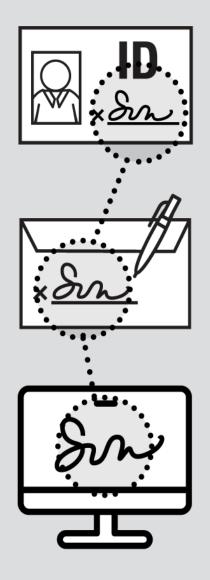
Your signature is needed to make sure your ballot gets counted.

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

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

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

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



¿Por qué es importante mi firma?

Su firma es necesaria para asegurarse de que su boleta sea contada.

La firma en su sobre de devolución se compara con la firma en su registro de inscripción electoral. Los empleados electorales capacitados verifican todas y cada una de las firmas.

Si falta su firma o esta no coincide con su registro de inscripción electoral, la oficina electoral de su condado se comunicará con usted por correo antes de que los resultados se certifiquen. Es posible que le llamen o le envíen un correo electrónico si les proporcionó esta información.

Si se inscribió a votar en línea o a través del Departamento de Licencias, la firma que aparece en su licencia de conducir, permiso, o identificación del estado será la que esté en su registro de inscripción electoral.

Los votantes pueden seguir la trayectoria y verificar el estado de su boleta en VoteWA.gov.



_{Krag} Unsoeld

Elected ExperiencePrecinct Committee Officer

Senior Researcher/Analyst at Public Disputes Network, Harvard Law School; Budget and Revenue Lead and Environmental Planner for Washington State Puget Sound Water Quality; Vice Chair of the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council; Certified Washington State Teacher; Institutional Education Administrator in Mason County; Director of the Mason County 4-H Summer Forestry Leadership Program; Outdoor Instructor for Outward Bound and similar adventure programs.

Education

Master of City Planning, MIT; Teacher Certification, St. Martin's University; Bachelor of Arts, The Evergreen State College

Community Service

Board member and officer for various professional and nonprofit organizations; management and volunteer roles in numerous initiative and candidate campaigns.

Statement

I want to make the Port economically and environmentally sustainable. The public must be fully informed and included in every policy decision. *Port revenues—including property taxes—must be used wisely*. The Port must partner with the three cities, the county, tribes, labor unions, small businesses, federal and state agencies, and other stakeholders to drive real results.

We live in changing times—marked by a major shakeup in the international economy and dramatic shifts in global temperatures, weather events, and sea level rise. At Puget Sound Water Quality, I led intergovernmental coordination, leveraged diverse funding sources, and wove scientific expertise into political decision-making. My experience in government and the nonprofit sector makes me uniquely qualified to chart the Port's course through these challenges.

The Port impacts community development and environmental stewardship. We must adopt low-impact development standards to control stormwater and prevent flooding, and we need to coordinate our seaport, airport, and real estate operations with local planning efforts—always listening first to our constituents.

Drawing on my proven record of intergovernmental collaboration and inclusive outreach, I will unite jurisdictions and sectors so that together we harness the Port's full potential as a driver of local prosperity and environmental resilience.

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Anthony **Hemstad**

Elected Experience

Former elected Public Hospital District Commissioner. Oversaw \$1 billion+ healthcare system.

Other Professional Experience

Current: Economic Development and Public Policy Consultant. Past: Senior Advisor, Washington State Treasurer; President/CEO, World Trade Center Association offices in Tacoma and San Francisco; City Manager, Maple Valley; Founded/built a business in Europe that became a market-leader in four countries; University Professor, Anglo-American University in Prague and St. Martin's University program in Asia; Legislative Assistant - United States Senate.

Education

Olympia Public Schools. Universities of Puget Sound (BA), London (MA), Chicago (International MBA)

Community Service

Current: Chair, Economic Development Committee, Port of Olympia Citizens Advisory Committee; Past: Rotary, Scouting, Youth Soccer volunteer.

Statement

The Port of Olympia will face many challenges in the coming years. I have the international business, economic development and public policy experience to help ensure that the Port succeeds.

We live in divisive times. It is increasingly hard to unite people in a common cause. As your Commissioner I will strive to bring people together, find commonsense solutions, and utilize Port resources to grow jobs for working families while protecting our environment.

My diverse list of endorsements illustrates that ability. All five sitting Port Commissioners endorse me as do the three candidates that ran for Port but did not win in 2023. I am endorsed by Democrats including Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland and Commissioner of Public Lands Dave Upthegrove and Republicans including former Secretary of State Kim Wyman and House Minority Leader J.T. Wilcox. These leaders recognize that in trying times the Port and community will be best served by electing a Commissioner with the right values and experience to meet the Port's many challenges.

I will work to build international trade, attract foreign direct investment, redevelop the Port Peninsula, protect the environment, improve Port services and ensure the Port remains a strong economic engine for Thurston County. Thank you!

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Rebecca Faust

Elected ExperienceNo information submitted

Other Professional Experience No information submitted

Education

Associate of Arts, South Puget Sound Community College; G.E.D., homeschooled

Community Service

Former member (secretary), Mason County Transit Advisory Board

Statement

My vision for the Port is to be a valuable economic resource for the county, while wisely stewarding all environmental, financial and other resources entrusted to the Commission.

I would like to build the financial viability of Port operations, reducing reliance on levies. The goal would be to build financial capacity to maintain and expand operations, while minimizing the tax burden. Any business wishing to use Port property should expect to pay a fair price. Port business should be conducted at arms-length to benefit the district.

I support: Responsible expansion of operations; Finding ways to better serve the whole county; and Preservation of environmentally healthy land, water and air. I oppose: "Sweetheart deals" or giving away Port resources to benefit private organizations. For example, I oppose leasing or selling land to businesses at below fair value, while subsidizing Port operations with public levies. We need to keep our eyes on the return on investment: financially, socially and environmentally.

Please don't hesitate to email me with any questions or suggestions. I look forward to earning your vote and getting to work serving you!

Contact

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Voting Centers

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Need assistance registering to vote?

Need a ballot?

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Michael A.

Marstrom

Elected ExperienceWEA representative

Over 25 years of working in the field of Special Education; Various committees and teams for children with disabilities; Swam from Nisqually Reach to Anderson Island; Father of three & Grandfather of one

Education

SPSCC- Associates of Arts; TESC- Bachelors of Arts (Mathematics & Chronic Illness and Disabilities); Saint Martin's University -Master of Education & Philosophy (Teaching Certificate, Principal License); University of Washington – Master of Arts Post graduate studies (Emotional Behavioral Disorders)

Community Service

Crisis Clinic emergency phone line

Statement

My life has been dedicated to service. As a local Special Education teacher, I developed skills in equity and inclusion. Serving as a School Principal, I recognized the importance of diversity in our pluralistic America.

My service stems from a deep desire to understand and honor diverse perspectives. I aim to help Olympia embrace progressive concepts, allowing all residents to thrive in our beautiful city.

I have graduated from all local institutions. I earned my Associate's from SPCC with an emphasis on education, then a bachelor's in Mathematics and Chronic Illness & Disabilities from The Evergreen State College. I also obtained my teaching certificate in Special Education & Humanities from Saint Martin's University. After several years of teaching, I pursued a Master's in Education at the University of Washington, focusing on designing schools for student success.

My passion for service led me back to Saint Martin's University for a second Master's, earning a School Principal License. I served as Principal at Mary M. Knight Schools from 2019-2023, gaining invaluable skills in collaboration, communication, and crisis management. I hope to earn your vote as a kind, moral, and ethical voice representing you

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Wendy Carlson

Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience

Retired Community Corrections Officer, Washington State Department of Corrections (1993-2014), helping people reintegrate into society and turn their lives around.

Education

B.A., Sociology, Central Washington University; Olympia High School; Washington Middle School; Pioneer Elementary School

Community Service

All Kids Win (formerly Homeless Backpacks); McKenny Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization; Olympia & Capital High School Football Booster Clubs; Capital High School Girl's Basketball Coach

Statement

Olympia is home. It's where I grew up, where my wife and I raised our boys, and where my family has lived for generations. I have witnessed this community undergo many positive changes, but we now also face significant challenges. Homelessness has reached alarming levels, our small businesses are struggling, people feel less safe in their neighborhoods, and quality housing is becoming unattainable for many. We can reverse these trends, and as your councilmember, I will work tirelessly to bring the community together around practical, effective, and compassionate solutions.

We must help our unhoused neighbors off the streets, into shelter, and connected with the services they need to get their lives back on track. We need to build more attainable housing to ensure that young people and our workforce can afford to live here. We must support our public safety professionals and ensure they have the tools and training to keep us safe. We can do these things while being good stewards of your tax dollars.

I'm not satisfied with the status quo. City government must be more focused on providing basic services we expect, with excellence, while being more transparent and accountable to all. I ask for your vote.

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^{Clark} **Gilman**

Elected Experience

Clark Gilman's service on Olympia City Council began in 2016. He currently chairs the City's Finance and Budget Committee. He has previously served as Mayor Pro-Tem, chaired the City's Land Use and Environment Committee, chaired the Intercity Transit Authority, and served in leadership of Thurston Regional Planning Council.

Other Professional Experience

Clark and his wife Marilyn live and raised their family on Olympia's Westside. Clark is a union carpenter, UBC Local 360. He has worked as a union and community organizer.

Education

BA The Evergreen State College

Community Service

Clark is Board President of The Bridge Music Project and Board volunteer at First Christian Church Olympia.

Statement

I ask you to vote for Clark Gilman, Olympia City Council. I strike a balance between governing fairly and advocating for the majority. I speak up for everyday Olympians. I love Olympia and I want everyone in our city to feel like they belong.

My campaign slogan has always been Clark listens. Here's what I've learned: it's super important to say who I listen to. Clark listens to you. I listen with an ear to the many. I commit to ensuring that every resident of Olympia has economic opportunity, fairness and equity, and a safe and healthy community.

With your support, City Council can continue to focus on essential city services like parks and roads while offering visionary support for low wage workers and renters. Council can support police and fire responders while we reimagine a more fair and effective public safety system. Olympia can do both.

Will you consider the old slogan, *Think globally and act locally*? Olympia city government delivers local services that directly impact the safety and quality of life for you and your neighbors. Olympia's local actions also provide a progressive model to state and federal lawmakers. Please vote for Clark Gilman, Olympia City Council.

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 Lacey Timberland Library 500 College St SE, Lacey (See page 7 for more details)

call us: 360.786.5408
 711 Washington Relay

• email us: elections@co.thurston.wa.us





Dana **Tan**

Elected Experience

Dana Tan is a first-time candidate who believes public office should be open to non-career politicians. She hopes to serve Olympia with fresh ideas and creative problem solving to Olympia.

Other Professional Experience

Dana is a veteran who served 7 years as an Army Staff Sergeant in Washington, D.C. She received the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal for service during 9/11. Her proudest achievement is raising three children as a single mom.

Education

Dana was a Bronze Tablet Scholar at the University of Illinois and earned a Master's Degree from Arizona State University.

Community Service

Dana is a volunteer at Thurston County Food Bank.

Statement

I'm Dana Tan—Army veteran, public servant, and proud Olympia resident. After seven years in the military, including service at the Pentagon, I settled in Olympia permanently. I've lived here for six years, volunteered at the Thurston County Food Bank, and built a career in digital strategy and communications. Now, I'm hoping to serve our city on the Olympia City Council.

I'm not a career politician. I believe local government works best when it includes real people with practical experience, compassion, and the courage to lead with empathy.

I believe: that government should be transparent, accessible, and accountable; that Olympia must be a safe and welcoming city for all; that creative, community-driven solutions work better than one-size-fits-all policies; that we must balance growth with environmental and neighborhood protection.

If elected, I will: Advocate for clean, vibrant downtown and waterfront areas; support practical and compassionate responses to homelessness; work to expand affordable housing options; champion efforts to reduce graffiti and vandalism; listen first—then lead with clarity and purpose. Olympia deserves bold ideas, responsive leadership, and a City Council that puts people first. I'm ready to serve. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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Justin Stang

Elected ExperienceFirst Political Campaign

Other Professional Experience

I currently work as a policy analyst for the non-profit Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association representing more than 100 family and Tribal shellfish farms. Prior work includes managing wholesale shellfish operations for Hama Hama Oyster Co., advocating for workers, protecting natural resources and the environment. I've worked for the South Sound YMCA, and played in local bands.

Education

Providence College, B.A. History; Honors: cum laude; AgForestry Education Foundation Leadership Program, Class 44; Kupers Leadership Award Recipient

Community Service

Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association, Board Member; Youth Pickleball Initiative, Board Member; Volunteer with: ALS Association, Team Gleason, Thurston County Pickleball.

Statement

Everyone should feel safe and welcome in Olympia. That includes housing you can afford, clean streets and parks, and a city council that listens to you.

Over the last 14 years, I've seen firsthand the growth and community pride that make Olympia such a special place—first as a downtown renter and now as a homeowner and small business owner with my wife. I understand how city decisions affect people every day. I have nonprofit and private sector experience, where I learned to balance economic growth with environmental protection. I've led projects that support healthy communities, clean water, and local jobs.

As a council member, I'll increase support for small businesses and their employees, expand housing options and affordability, improve neighborhood safety and well-being, and ensure Olympia's budget reflects our community's needs. Every resident deserves a voice in shaping Olympia's success. We make the best decisions when we listen, build trust, and work together. I'm proud to call Olympia home and would be honored to represent you on the City Council. I humbly ask for your vote.

Endorsed by a coalition of community leaders, housing advocates, public servants, business owners, local labor, and neighbors. Join the list at justinstang.com

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Darleen
Simkins

Elected Experience First-time candidate

More than 27 years of public service with Washington state as a policy and budget analyst at nine agencies: DSHS, Transportation, Fish and Wildlife, Redistricting, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Senate, Health, Commerce, and Parks. I am also an independent musician and taught Spanish.

Education

Master of Public Administration (MPA), The Evergreen State College; Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English/Spanish, West Virginia University; Study abroad, Universidad de Valladolid (Spain).

Community Service

Earthbound Productions, Raging Grannies, Sidewalk, Eastside Neighborhood Association, Media Island International, Thurston County Media, Parents Organizing for Welfare Rights, La Leche League, Salvation Army, and English as second language tutor.

Statement

Our city faces challenges from federal actions affecting our economic vitality and local social service delivery. These fiscal threats span many policy areas including housing, public safety, small business financing, and the arts. I will bring my fiscal policy experience to address these challenges while working to bring all community voices to the table.

As council member, I will work with local businesses and community members to create a thriving downtown. I will prioritize compassionate policing, emphasizing community engagement, de-escalation, and mental health support. I will advocate for proven affordable housing approaches such as rapid rehousing and will promote Olympia's vibrant art and music scene.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

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Robert Vanderpool

Elected Experience

It has been my honor to serve as your Olympia City Council Member over the last two years.

Other Professional Experience

Chair of the Olympia Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Land Use & Environment Committee, Intercity Transit Authority Board, Regional Transportation Policy Board, Thurston Regional Planning Council, Sea Level Rise Governance Committee, Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative, Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, Regional Housing Council, Safe School Routes Steering Committee, Olympia-OSD Childcare Study, and more.

Education

Evergreen State College, BA - History and Policy; MPA, Public Administration, Public Policy

Community Service

Washington Federation of State Employees 443, Eagle Scout

Statement

I am proud of our work around regional housing, climate collaboration, streamlining affordable housing permitting, approving a fair wage contract for our bus drivers, expanding our sanctuary city status, increasing road safety funding, and expanding community safety through closing Percival Creek encampment while opening more permanent supportive housing for former residents.

With your support I will work on a long-term sustainable and transparent budget, fund the Olympia Strong Plan, work regionally to meet our needs - fund safer streets, reduce our climate impact through housing and transportation, protect our green spaces by expanding parks and arts, ensure Olympia is affordable for all, pursue working-class housing solutions, address the childcare benefits cliff, find ways to create walkable accessible communities, and continue to learn from and listen to Olympians.

I am endorsed by Olympia Fire Fighters; TLC Central Labor Council; UFCW 3000; WFSE 443; Bus Operators Local ATU 1765; State Representative Beth Doglio and Lisa Parshley; Fmr State Representative Laurie Dolan; County Commissioner Tye Menser and Rachel Grant; Port Commissioner Sarah Tonge; Olympia City Council Members Dani Madrone, Clark Gilman, Jim Cooper; Lacey and Tumwater City Council Members; Olympia and Tumwater School Board Directors; and many more local community members and groups.

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_{Caleb} **Gieger**

Elected Experience None.

Assistant Attorney General at the Washington Office of the Attorney General; Policy Analyst at the Oregon Department of Transportation; proud member of the Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE).

Education

Juris Doctor, Syracuse University College of Law; Bachelor of Arts, Portland State University.

Community Service

Olympia Indivisible, Union and Worker Justice Team volunteer; Washington State Board of Bar Examiners; YMCA Mock Trial Program volunteer; Vice President of the First Generation Law Student Association; Law Clerk for the Housing Team at Hiscock Legal Aid Society.

Statement

I am running for the Olympia City Council because Olympians deserve a livable, resilient, and just city. I'm committed to fostering regional partnerships that help us build every kind of housing, reduce homelessness, and give our first responders the tools they need. I will listen to unions and business owners to help ensure living wage jobs that help our community thrive.

I will pursue Olympia's climate goals as well as reduced barriers and fees for green building and transportation. We must preserve our green space to keep our city cooler, capture carbon, and protect our urban wildlife. As the federal government threatens to withhold funding from our sanctuary city, we must take action. I will work across jurisdictions to help Olympia maintain essential services and a balanced budget.

I've examined complex policy issues, generated creative solutions, and built consensus while recovering hundreds of thousands of dollars for Washingtonians and advocating for people in our state with a 95% win rate.

I'm thankful for the support of people that live here including unions, Thurston County Commissioners, Port Commissioners, members of the Olympia, Tumwater, and Lacey City Councils and Olympia School Board Directors. It is an honor to earn your vote.

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Paul Berendt

Elected Experience

Chairman, Washington State Democratic Party, 1995-2006

Other Professional Experience

Business consultant working with the Washington Ambulance Association, Compass Health and other Behavioral Health organizations, Jefferson County, multiple cities, public and private utilities, tribes, businesses and labor organizations

Education

BA. The Evergreen State College

Community Service

Past member of the Board of Directors for USA Volleyball, Puget Sound Region, Olympia Bears Volleyball Booster, Past President of The Cove neighborhood association. Active in community political campaigns in support of candidates and causes.

Statement

I'm running for Olympia City Council because I believe we can do better—for our neighbors, our parks and our future. I'm a collaborator and problem solver who listens, brings people together, and gets things done. I'll fight to protect and improve our parks, expand trails and recreation, and invest in in what makes Olympia special.

I'll stand up for a more just and inclusive city—supporting women, communities of color, the disabled and our LGBTQ+ neighbors. I'll also work to expand services for people experiencing homelessness, mental illness, or addiction. That means more shelter options and better coordination among service providers.

We can make Olympia more livable and connected by investing in sidewalks, bike lanes, and public transit—creating infrastructure that supports a green economy and good jobs. These improvements also make our neighborhoods safer and more accessible for everyone.

The best way to bring housing costs down is to build more of it. I'll push for smart, sustainable development that helps renters and housing providers alike. I'm proud to be endorsed by leaders like former Mayor Cheryl Selby, Beth Doglio, Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland, Denny Heck, and former Governor Christine Gregoire—and I'm ready to get to work.

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David Wenzel

No photo submitted

Elected ExperienceNo 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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_{Jw} Foster

Elected Experience Yelm City Council 2011-2016, Mayor 2016-2021

USMC 1975-1979, Firefighter/Paramedic 1979-2013, Asst. Yelm Fire Chief 1995-2001, Chair-Thurston Regional Planning Council, Board member-Risk Management Services Agency, Board President-Nisqually Land Trust.

Education

EGHS 1974, USMC leadership courses, Mountaineering Instructor. Paramedic School 1979. National Fire Academy Incident Command School, CPR/First Aid Instructor Trainer. Association of Washington Cities Certificate of Municipal Leadership (advanced), AWC Courses on Budgeting, Planning, Risk Management.

Community Service

Volunteering since 1995 for: Yelm Schools, Rotary, Lions Club, Dollars for Scholars, Nisqually Land Trust, youth sports, Jazz in the Park, numerous community events.

Statement

During my first term as Mayor, our team lowered water rates, built free public amenities like the splash pad, and improved trails, sidewalks, and parks. It was my full-time job to be a leader who listened, and I took your voices to the City Council and staff to make real changes that helped Yelm thrive. We had balanced, sustainable budgets and clean audits. I built and have maintained strong relationships with our regional partners, hence my endorsement by elected officials throughout Thurston County. They know they can work with me, and I've proven I will work for you.

I will steer us back toward slower, controlled growth - More storefronts to provide jobs, boost our economy, and fund public services instead of more unaffordable housing. I'll support our schools, youth, elderly, and Veterans. I'll strengthen the infrastructure for public safety, safe roads, and emergency services. I did it my first term, I will do it again.

I'm a Marine Veteran, retired Firefighter/Paramedic, Yelm resident since 1995, and a lifelong public servant. As Mayor, I will be in the office and on the streets full-time, working with you to keep Yelm, Yelm!

Your Voice, My Job, Our Future.

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DePinto

Elected Experience

Mayor | City of Yelm (2022 – Present); Councilmember | Yelm City Council, Position 6 (2016 – 2021)

Other Professional Experience

Owner | Quark & Odo's Escape Room Experience (2024 – Present); Lobbyist | Hometown Consulting (2016 – Present); Executive Legislative Assistant | Washington State House of Representatives (2011 – 2016)

Education

Association of Washington Cities — Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership (2021); Eastern Washington University (2011); Yelm High School (2005); New Market Skills Center (2004)

Community Service

Board of Directors | Thurston Economic Development Council; Board of Directors I Thurston Regional Planning Council; Member | Yelm Fraternal Order of Eagles; Member I Yelm Rotary

Statement

Yelm is my hometown — it's a big part of who I am. I love this town and I'm proud to be your Mayor. I offer my professional experience working with state and local governments in service to our community. As Mayor, my priorities have remained: increasing public safety, prioritizing transportation and infrastructure projects, and expanding recreational opportunities.

My administration changed outdated practices, modernized our government and started planning for growth. I fought for the Yelm Loop, and after decades of delays, it will finally be completed. Along with fully funded roundabouts (including the bottleneck in McKenna), and even more transportation projects, traffic in Yelm will get fixed

I have ensured public safety is fully funded and increased our police force to historic levels — by the end of our next budget cycle, Yelm will have at least two officers on duty at all times. We went from 2 city events a year to almost 100. All without raising taxes, a promise I kept and make again. I've also never missed a council meeting or study session.

Believing in term limits, this will be my last as Mayor. It's been my honor to serve, I ask for your support one last time.

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Stephan

Elected Experience

Served as elected President for multiple volunteer nonprofit youth sports organizations. Currently serving as the elected President of the Yelm Police Officers and Sergeants Guild.

Other Professional Experience

Nearly 20 years in public service as a Washington State Trooper and local police officer; founder of a youthcentered nonprofit local business; Experience as a project manager of several statewide-level programs and projects. 14 years of experience in a large statewide agency.

Education

Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from WSU

Community Service

Active coach and mentor; runs a local business that provides programs and resources to Yelm families; deeply involved with the Chamber of Commerce and community events.

Statement

Yelm is growing—and it's time we grow together.

I'm not a politician. I'm a dad, a coach, a small business owner, and a police officer. I've spent nearly two decades in public service, and I'm running for mayor to help unite our community around shared goals and practical solutions.

Our town faces real challenges: fixing traffic concerns, creating clear and thoughtful plans for growth that support current residents and new opportunities, and building stronger partnerships with our local small businesses, neighboring communities, and outside agencies.

As mayor, I'll work with the council and city staff to strengthen what's working and fix what's not. That means being accessible, listening to, and being involved with the community, while focusing on teamwork, not titles. We'll support local businesses, protect Yelm's small-town feel, and ensure everyone feels heard and included, whether you live inside city limits or just down the road. I'll lead with transparency, a servant's heart, and a focus on real progress. Let's protect what we love about Yelm—and build a future we're proud to pass on. Our community is full of fantastic people with outstanding ideas and passion, I want to hear from you. This is "Y." Let's bring Yelm together.

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Nicole Sims

Elected Experience This would be the first.

28+ years as an accounting professional; Office of Management and Budget Director for Nisqually Indian Tribe; Past-President of Medicine Creek Enterprise Corporation

Education

Bachelor's Degree from North West Indian College in Tribal Governance Business Management

Community Service

Financial Literacy Dinners funded by Bank of America quarterly; Street Feed, Olympia Homelessness Resources

Statement

I'm Nicole Sims, a proud member of the Nisqually Indian Tribe and an advocate for Yelm. I'm running to make sure every child has the opportunity to grow up safe, supported, and seen. That every parent and grandparent knows their efforts are valued and their voices heard.

No child in our community should ever go without a meal or feel left behind. I believe a strong Yelm means investing in our kids, honoring the wisdom of our elders, and creating systems of care that serve every generation.

With decades of experience in economic development and community engagement, I know how to balance a budget and use public funds responsibly. Every dollar should reflect our priorities: safe schools, families, and a future worth creating together.

Whether you're raising a family or helping raise the next generation, you deserve a leader who will show up with heart, history, and hope. I'm ready to work for you. *Culture. Community. Commitment.* I humbly ask for your vote.

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Karl O. **Sabaria**

Elected Experience

No elected experience but I have the drive and critical thinking to meet the demands of our community.

Other Professional Experience

Former U.S. Army Staff Sergeant with 14 years of service with 3 overseas deployment with one in Afghanistan and another in Kuwait/Iraq.

Education

I have attended Napa Valley College

Community Service

I may lack traditional service hours, but I carry a strong duty to serve those often overlooked by our leaders.

Statement

I'm running for Yelm City Council to bring fresh, resultsdriven leadership that listens to the people. Though I haven't held an elected office, I bring real-world experience, a strong work ethic, and a deep commitment to serving our community. I'll advocate for more roads; growth is inevitable and so does the need for more roads. I will work to cut unnecessary and expensive regulations for small businesses; allowing them to thrive and provide better wages for their employees. Improve public safety by ensuring better reaction times for police, fire, and EMTs; and work with the school district to secure funding or resources for our children and teachers such as potential partnerships with JBLM or other organization. All while not raising taxes. We already pay enough in this state, I will vote against imposing anymore. My goal is to also collaborate with organizations to bring resources such as mental health to our servicemembers and veterans. Too many voices in Yelm have gone unheard. It's time to bring solutions, accountability, and real results to the city of Yelm.

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David

Johnstone

Elected Experience

President, Local Community Association (2018-Present)

Other Professional Experience

With over 20 years of experience progressing from electrician to project manager to business owner, my background spans construction, design, manufacturing, and building systems. I've led teams, managed complex projects, and developed technical solutions for commercial and public infrastructure. I bring hands-on expertise, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to practical, community-focused problem-solving.

Education

South Puget Sound Community College; Art Institute of Seattle; Training: Parliamentary Procedure, Public Records Act, Open Public Meetings Act, Graduate of Thurston EDC ScaleUp Business Program

Community Service

Planning Commissioner, City of Yelm (2023–Present), Volunteer for various local outreach programs and community events.

Statement

As a proud father, husband, and lifelong Thurston County resident, I am deeply committed to transparent governance and thoughtful, reasonable development. My time serving on the Yelm Planning Commission has provided me with valuable experience in land use and civic planning, as well as a unique perspective on how we can manage change more effectively and responsibly.

Yelm is more than just city limits. It is a hub for the greater 98597 area. I want to ensure voices are heard, foster stronger connections, and build a sense of shared investment in Yelm's future.

Yelm is evolving, and that brings real challenges: traffic, infrastructure, and essential services among them. I will advocate for practical investments and sound planning that meet the needs of today while laying a strong foundation for tomorrow. I believe in showing up, listening carefully, asking the tough questions, and doing the hard work. I'm ready to bring that commitment to the Yelm City Council.

Together, we can build a future that respects our past and plans wisely for what's ahead. I respectfully ask for your vote to serve with integrity, vision, and purpose.

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Louise Oliverio

Elected Experience

As a 2008 elected Precinct Committee Officer in Yelm, I organized a caucus at Yelm High School for approximately two hundred voters during the 2008 Clinton-Obama presidential primary, fostering robust participation. I often collaborated with Washington State legislators to advocate for Yelm's interests, ensuring our community's voice was heard.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

A combination of my education and diverse life experiences—political, spiritual, and personal—create a rich foundation for discernment, critical thinking, judgment and empathy. Blending of intellectual and lived wisdom allows me to navigate complex situations with nuance and insight when facing tough choices or when guiding others.

Community Service

Volunteered for Nisqually Land Trust

Statement

As a 36-year resident of Yelm, I am deeply connected to our community. With my family, including my grandchildren, growing up here, I am committed to our community's future. With my real estate backround, I understand land and housing development. I offered my idea for a Yelm City Park's splash pad and playground, now bustling with families. My 640-acre Central Park West project, embraced by the community, would boost, vibrancy, culture, and recreation, if implemented. I'll prioritize infrastructure and public services with transparency and responsiveness, reflecting your values. My civic leadership equips me to serve on the Yelm City Council, ensuring a thriving, Yelm comm-UNITY by listening to your priorities, ensuring *transparency* and government *by the people and for the people*. I hosted many community meetings in Yelm, including with the Secretary of State to clarify and promote understanding of new voting laws. My civic commitment in local and state politics, including my study of the Constitution and other areas of law, prepared me to serve effectively on the Yelm City Council, championing consensus, informed decisionmaking and *community-driven* governance. I humbly request your vote to deliver leadership, shaping a future that honors our community's needs and aspirations.

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Renee Fullerton

Elected Experience First-time candidate

Workforce development specialist with the Washington Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board; workforce co-lead for the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group; member of the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities. Spent 10 years at the Washington State Department of Health, including serving as Executive Director for multiple health professional regulatory boards.

Education

Master of Public Health – University of Arizona; Bachelor of Journalism and Biology – University of Missouri

Community Service

Board Member, Carlyon/North Neighborhood Association (2017–2020); Active participant, Olympia School Board meetings (September 2024–present); Volunteer, Washington Middle School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO); Member, Pioneer Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

Statement

Olympia School District is at a pivotal moment. Students continue to struggle with the academic and mental health impacts of the pandemic. At the same time, needs are growing and resources are shrinking. OSD needs pragmatic leaders with fresh ideas and experience working across state and local systems to ensure success for every student.

I bring decades of public service experience and a strong commitment to our community. My children were born in Olympia and attend OSD neighborhood schools. I'm deeply invested in the future of our district and ready to serve.

Today's students are tomorrow's workers and community leaders. As a school district we must partner with local employers to create meaningful career pathways for all students. Some will pursue college; others will head directly into the workforce and trades. All deserve a strong foundation and a sense of possibility.

We must recommit to students still recovering from pandemic disruptions. Test scores aren't the only measure of success, but districtwide, achievement remains significantly below past levels. We must support our teachers and paraprofessionals so every student has the resources they need to thrive. I'm ready to lead on behalf of all students, and I respectfully ask for your vote.

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Britney **Johnson**

Elected Experience

This will be my first elected position.

Other Professional Experience

I have been an interior designer for 17 years and running my own business for 10. As an interior designer and project manager, budgets and negotiations are my regular life. Listening to my clients and team, creative problem solving and guiding long term projects through a demanding process is my specialty.

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Interior Design from Iowa State University

Community Service

Olympia Parks and Rec Ivy Pulling, Rebuilding Together Thurston County media consultant, I am an active volunteer in my kids elementary school and garden and have painted countless murals for causes.

Statement

I'm running for Olympia School Board because I care - about our kids, our schools, and this incredible community. Like you, I want our students to grow into confident, thoughtful people who know how to think critically, solve problems, work together, and generally make the world a better place.

As a parent and active member of this community, I hear what families, students, and educators are saying. I believe the best way to lead is to listen - really listen - and make decisions that reflect our shared goals and values. In my professional life, I help people make big decisions by staying focused on what matters most. I'll bring that same clarity and purpose to the board.

If I'm elected, I'll work hard to make sure families feel heard, that communication from the board is clear and honest, and that we're moving forward together. I'll continue pushing for strong mental health support, and work to build unity around a positive, inclusive vision for our schools.

I'm committed to serving with integrity, empathy, and a focus on what's best for students today and in the future.

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Rhyan Smith

Elected ExperienceLocal HOA Member and Co-President

Vocational Ministry; Coffee Shop Owner; Real Estate Broker; Home Care Agency Owner; Teacher – Olympia School District

Education

Olympia High School – Diploma; Washington State University – Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education; Princeton Seminary – Master's Degree

Community Service

Advisory Board Member – St. Martin's School of Business; Booster Club Member – Olympia High School Girls Basketball; Lacey Chamber of Commerce; Volunteer Coach – Thurston County Youth Football; Volunteer Coach – Olympia Basketball Academy; Organized Fundraising Golf Tournament – Olympia Free Clinic; Volunteer Auctioneer – Pioneer Elementary and Olympia High School events; Volunteer Youth Leader

Statement

I'm Rhyan Smith, running for Position 3 on the Olympia School Board. I grew up in Olympia and graduated from Olympia High School. I met my wife of 27 years in Mr. Freemantle's ceramics class. I was a teacher in the Olympia School District, and my wife also worked in the OSD. Our four children have gone through or are currently attending OSD schools.

We have a deep connection to the Olympia community, and are saddened to see how recent decisions by the district have led to declining enrollment, an increased focus on ideology over education, and the threat of school closures due to budget shortfalls.

I'm running for school board because I wish to serve my OSD community. I look forward to providing balanced and trusted leadership. I will listen to teachers and find ways to empower them for success, especially as they are continually asked to do more with less. I will listen to parents and be an objective, grounded voice on the board.

Together, I believe we can restore stability, balance, and a renewed sense of hope to our school district. I am grateful for your support. Vote for *Rhyan Smith* for the Olympia School Board!

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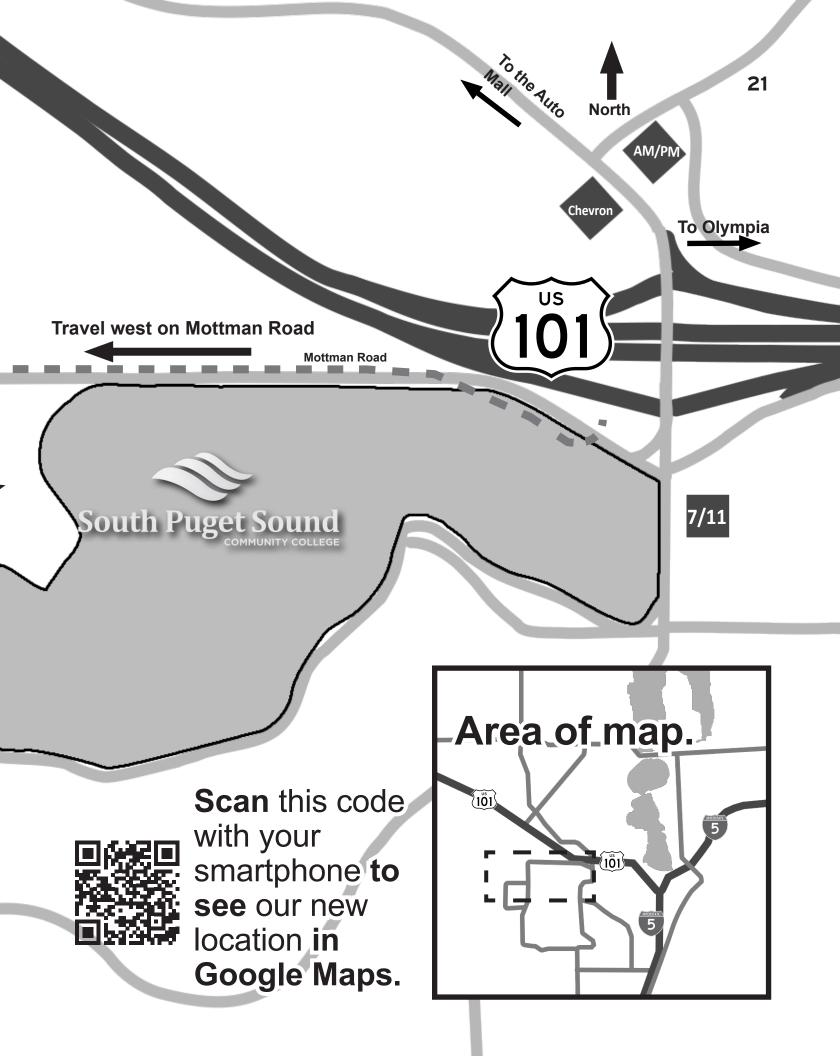
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Emily Leddige

Elected ExperienceNo prior elected experience.

Approximately seven and a half years as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney spanning Spokane County, WA; Grays Harbor County, WA; Thurston County, WA.

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, minors in Business and Philosophy, Whitworth University; Juris Doctorate, University of Idaho, College of Law

Community Service

Facilitated fundraising for a community tool library for the Upper East side Olympia; Volunteered at local schools about certain parts of the criminal justice system as outreach; Participated in a roundtable to begin a dialog between individuals with intellectual disabilities and law enforcement.

Statement

As a parent, public servant, and advocate, I'm running for school board to ensure every student is seen, supported, and given the opportunity to succeed. I believe public schools should meet students where they are—academically, emotionally, and socially—so they can thrive in and beyond the classroom.

My approach centers on five key values: inclusivity, accessibility, accountability, transparency, and efficiency. I will work to ensure that resources are used wisely and decisions are made with the best interests of students, families, and educators at heart.

Our district deserves leadership that listens and acts with integrity. I will champion safe, welcoming schools where every student—regardless of background or ability—has access to the support and opportunities they need.

With a practical mindset and a deep commitment to public service, I'm ready to bring thoughtful, student-focused leadership to our school board. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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Jeremy

Ruse

Elected Experience N/A

Other Professional Experience

Business Owner, Upper Management, Master Technician (Automotive & Motorcycle)

Education

SPSCC-Automotive Technology, Manteca High-Graduate, GM-Technical Training, Harley-Davidson-Management Training

Community Service

Olympia Social Justice and Equity Commissioner, Black Hills FC-Board of Directors, Capitol City Bicycle Club-Board of Directors, Capitol City Bicycle Club "Youth Program"-Manager, Olympia Toy Run-Primary Sponsor, Fife Youth Basketball-Sponsor, Fife High School Band Program-Sponsor, Guardians of the Children-Sponsor, Combat Vets "Annual Teddy Bear Run"-Sponsor, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital Toy Run-Sponsor

Statement

I believe K-12 is responsible for providing the highest quality of education, in a safe environment, to every student in our district. I moved here in 1990, my kids have attended local schools for over thirty years, while I didn't always agree with policy or decisions, I never doubted that the district shared my priorities, I do now. The current school board has prioritized ideology and politics over our students best interest, we have to focus on the fundamentals of education: Academics, Civics, Physical and mental health, teach students "How to Think", not "What to think" . We have to assure all students have access, enable educators to identify and encourage success, support students when they stumble, and provide mentorship when necessary. We have to get rid of the "Noise", focus on the process. If elected, I will represent the position with transparency. We face a significant budget shortfall, as a long time business owner, I recognize the importance of team work and resourcefulness. I'm prepared to put the work in, collaborate with peers, create solutions. I believe I have the skills and perspective needed to be successful, I want to give back, I hope to earn your vote

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Gilbert Lamont

Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience

Military veteran with over a decade of leadership experience. I work as a data analyst, using large data sets to support decision making and improve systems through evidence-based approaches.

Education

Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Economics. My academic training equips me to understand complex systems, evaluate policies, and make informed, datadriven decisions.

Community Service

Active parent volunteer in the Olympia School District, with a long history of various community volunteer experiences. I support initiatives that empower educators, promote student success, and foster inclusion. I believe in listening, collaborating, and building strong partnerships with families, teachers, and the broader community.

Statement

As a parent of two children in the Olympia School District and the husband of a public educator, I'm running for the OSD Board in District 5 to bring a practical, community-focused voice to our schools. With experience in data analysis and a background rooted in service, I will prioritize thoughtful, transparent, and collaborative decision-making to address the challenges facing our district.

I believe public education must be built on inclusion, empowerment, and measurable results. My priorities include: empowering educators with the resources and autonomy they deserve, elevating student voices to ensure every child feels supported, strengthening partnerships between families and schools, and using data responsibly to guide decisions that benefit students. Every child deserves a safe and supportive learning environment where they can thrive.

As a veteran, data analyst, and volunteer, I bring a commitment to equity, service, and evidence-based solutions. With a BS and MA in Economics, I understand complex systems and will advocate for practical, sustainable policies. My years of volunteering in schools and the community have shown me the importance of listening to educators, students, and families.

I'm ready to work collaboratively to put students first. I would be honored to earn your vote.

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Dean Mings

Elected Experience

Elected as president of two separate schools' Parent Teacher Organizations. Currently serving as Secretary for Home Owners Association.

Other Professional Experience

Retired from the U.S. Army. I am a retired public-school teacher and school counselor from Department of Defense Schools. Currently working as a substitute teacher and counselor in local school districts.

Education

Bachelor of Science Social Work (BSW); Certified to teach Social Studies; Master of Education, Guidance & Counseling K-12

Community Service

Served as teen youth leader in several churches. Volunteered as a coach for cross country, track, football, soccer, and wrestling; Filled a myriad of volunteer opportunities at a variety of K-12 public schools.

Statement

I am applying for school board director as a father, taxpayer, school district patron, and public school educator. I am a strong advocate for America's public schools. I joined the Army in 1974 and retired with over 30 year's of service. In 1995, I became a school teacher and in 2008, became a school counselor.

I am running for this office based on these personal beliefs. Students must be safe at our schools and free from bullying and harassment. Districts should operate within their budgets with student/teacher ratios at the forefront. Students should have trained professionals in charge of their unique learning experiences. We must continue to renew our focus on homeless students, improving student attendance, and increase graduation rates.

Throughout my life, many school personnel have had positive impacts on me, and this role will help me pay it forward. I commit to open and transparent communications with district staff, students and patrons. It is only by working together, we can ensure our children receive an outstanding education. I will listen, I will learn, and then will lead by example as we encourage everyone in our communities to be involved in educating our most important resource... our children.

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Julie Watts

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

I have over 25 years of experience as a public policy professional and currently serve as Senior Policy Advisor for Government Affairs for the Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families; Former Deputy Director of the Washington State Budget and Policy Center and former Instructor at the University of Washington.

Education

Master's degree in social work, University of Washington; bachelor's degree in social work, University of Kansas.

Community Service

I've volunteered for the boards of multiple community nonprofit organizations dedicated to addressing poverty, supporting low-income children and families, and supporting survivors of human trafficking.

Statement

Every student deserves a high-quality education, to feel safe, and know they belong. This begins with a school board that focuses on creating an environment where every child can thrive, not arguing over whether some kids — like LGBTQ+ kids, students of color, or those with disabilities - deserve to participate in class or after-school activities.

As a parent of a student with a disability, I know how important special education is to help kids develop life skills and be full participants in the classroom. Special education is not just about services for a select group of students; it is a fundamental part of creating a caring and inclusive educational environment.

Public education is a cornerstone of a healthy and thriving community. As a policy professional with over 25 years of experience in budget and policy analysis, I will guide our district to set priorities for academic success and supportive learning environments for all students. We must fix our budget problems so we can invest in the needs of our diverse student body and staff both in and beyond the classroom.

Endorsements: Tumwater Mayor Debbie Sullivan; Councilmember Leatta Dahloff; State Representatives Beth Doglio, Lisa Parshley, and Former Representative Laurie Dolan.

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Sarah Overbay

Elected Experience

First time candidate after serving on Tumwater School District Budget Advisory Committee and District Equity Committee.

Other Professional Experience

WA State licensed foster parent and parent advocate; currently serving on Evergreen Christian School Advisory Board consulting on policy, budgeting and operations.

Education

Was Graduate of the Year with B.A. in Psychology at Concordia University; Trust-Based-Relational Intervention (TBRI) trained through Karen Purvis Institute of Child Development

Community Service

Executive Board Member of Olympia Night To Shine, Tumwater Soccer Club coach, volunteer at various school and athletic events; developed THS baseball and Challenger baseball partnership.

Statement

I'm running for Tumwater School Board with a vision for our district to be a model of academic excellence and sound financial stewardship. With a new district strategic plan, exceptional educators, and community support, I'll use my leadership experience to help implement the plan and ensure accountability and continuity. As an education first board member, I believe this approach will empower Tumwater School District students and graduates to become skilled and capable learners.

In 2014, our family returned to Washington after my husband's career in professional baseball, and we purposefully chose to live in Tumwater because of the strong schools and generous community spirit. Serving our community is a foundational value for me. My husband and I are licensed foster parents, coach several athletic teams and volunteer our time and are dedicated to serving kids and families in our area. I look forward to continuing to serve our community as a Tumwater school board member.

I'm committed to ensuring we remain focused on serving every student while prioritizing education at its core. It would be an honor to serve the Tumwater School District and to help guide it toward a future defined by opportunity, excellence, and unity.

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Jeff (Cowboy) **Curry**

Elected ExperienceScott Lake Board of Directors

Founded and operated several successful businesses across different industries, including agriculture. Worked for over 20 years as a school bus driver. Known as "Cowboy" by families in the East Olympia area. Also, a professional horseman and master farrier.

Education

Degree in Technology from South Puget Sound Community College.

Community Service

Founded and ran a food bank from 2000–2008, locally serving over 500-1200 people weekly, and helping more than 2,000 individuals transition off the streets and into rehab programs—lifelong volunteer with a deep passion for serving and strengthening the community.

Statement

As a father of six boys and a dedicated district employee, I've seen firsthand what our schools are truly facing—both the good and the deeply concerning. I've driven buses, worked alongside teachers, principals, and classified staff, and I've witnessed troubling issues that cannot be ignored.

I've seen fentanyl, marijuana, and vape pens on school buses. I've reported sexual misconduct involving a vulnerable student—only to be silenced and threatened with termination. I confiscated a drug-laced vape pen and turned it in, only to have two young girls 12&13 later show me they got it back. When I tried to bring these matters before the school board, they censored me.

If elected, I will bring transparency, accountability, and courage to the board. I'll investigate what others have ignored and work to end the culture of silence.

Our students deserve more. I've seen students wrongly denied entry into the Running Start program—then told they did qualify after further inquiry. These are policy failures. I promised my students I'd fight to get drugs off the bus—and this is my final attempt to keep that promise. I also bring forward bold ideas for real-world education, including IT training and financial literacy

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Elected Experience

Appointed Tumwater School Board Director, August 2024.

Other Professional Experience

Nearly 20 years of experience in the manufacturing industry, focused on customer service, procurement, management, team leadership, sales operations, budgeting, and strategic planning.

Education

Tumwater High School; University of Washington; B.A. in Business Administration with concentrations in Management and Marketing, Saint Martin's University.

Community Service

Known to many local families as "Coach Ty" through years of involvement in youth programs and school events. Former volunteer in the classroom and at the high school level as an assistant coach. Active supporter of student programs, school fundraisers, and community events across the district.

Statement

I was honored to be appointed to the Tumwater School Board in August 2024. I come from a long line of public educators, including my father who held many roles from teacher to administrator. That foundation, combined with my professional leadership experience and deep community ties, gives me a well-rounded understanding of the issues facing public education today.

During my time on the board, I've worked to listen, ask hard questions, and focus on student-first decision making. In a time of uncertainty, I believe it's essential to lead with steadiness, clarity, and respect for the community's concerns.

I'm passionate about both Tumwater and Black Hills High Schools, and I believe equity across our two comprehensive high schools is essential. I support responsible, sustainable budgeting — and believe we must prioritize staff having the tools and support required to meet individual student needs, maintain high academic expectations, and deliver on the district's strategic plan.

My four young children are either attending or will attend Tumwater schools. I'd be honored to have your vote to continue my work on the board and serve with purpose on behalf of our community. Together, we can help keep Tumwater a destination district for all families.

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Daniel Mies

Elected Experience None

Other Professional Experience

Department of Social and Health Services Economic Service; Administration Division of Child Support Support **Enforcement Officer**

BAS Evergreen State College, MA University of Arizona

Community Service

Veteran's and Department of Corrections Outreach, De-Escalation Instructor, WCAG Training Auditor

I'm a dad. I mow my lawn, fix what breaks, and drive my son to soccer practice. I'm also a veteran who served in the Army as a mechanic. I went to Bush Middle School in the 90's and raised 3 kids through the Tumwater School District and have just started our 4th child in kindergarten this year.

I believe in the good that is the Tumwater School District which is why I live here. I'm running for the school board to help fix what broke when the board voted this last year to deviate from Tumwater's history and exclude students; all people are deserving of being a part of our community no matter who they are and no student should be excluded.

Public education is how we build great communities like Tumwater and great public education is built by great teachers. I believe in supporting teachers. Teachers are on the front line of our children's development and are our schools need our support to attract, train, and retain the best and brightest.

Let's get to work.

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Frank **King**

Elected Experience

Appointed to vacant Yelm School board position one in July 2024.

Other Professional Experience

United Parcel Service driver for 9 years, where I served as a CHSP safety co-chair and a shop steward. Proud familyowned small business owner for over a decade.

Education

Yelm High School graduate (2004).

Community Service

Active member in the local church and volunteer. Past youth leader in national and international mission trips. Current school board director position 1.

Statement

I felt compelled to fill the open School Board position in 2024 following a double levy failure. With potential cuts, teacher layoffs, and significant funding reductions threatening our children's future, I wanted to be actively involved in the process. Serving as a Board Director during the 2024-2025 school year highlighted the complexities of public education and vital partnerships among parents, educators, community members, and business owners.

As a father of two in our district and one starting kindergarten, I understand the hardships of navigating today's education system, including reduced staff, limited resources, the State of Washington's agenda and transportation challenges. These issues drive me to advocate for policies that promote student achievement.

As a small business owner, I recognize the economic challenges our community faces without levy support. My experience equips me to manage resources effectively, set realistic budgets, and prioritize essential needs. I believe in empowering parents and advocating for their involvement in education. Fifteen years of supporting my wife's dedication as a teacher in a neighboring district has given me a deep appreciation for the hard work of all educators. Together, we are committed to supporting our schools and standing up for our children's future.

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Ray Duncan

No photo submitted

Elected Experience

No information submitted (N/A).

Other Professional Experience

Owner and operator of Sasquatch Eco Clean. U.S. Army Veteran (Paralegal Non-Commissioned Officer) with extensive leadership and organizational experience. Former UPS™ Yard Control Supervisor and Insurance Account Representative at State Farm™.

Education

Pursuing BA in Business Administration (Portland State University, University of Houston)

Community Service

Active in local community engagement and service projects through Sasquatch Eco Clean. Dedicated to supporting families and youth in Thurston County.

Statement

As a husband, father to a wonderful six-year-old autistic son, and proud Army veteran, I am deeply invested in the future of our schools and community. I am running for Yelm Community Schools Board Director, Area 1, to ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive.

My 11 years of military service have instilled in me the values of integrity, accountability, and teamwork. As a small business owner and community volunteer, I understand the importance of supporting families, fostering inclusion, and making responsible decisions with public resources.

I am committed to advocating for all students, including those with special needs, and ensuring our schools are safe, welcoming, and equipped for success. I believe in transparent communication, collaboration with parents and educators, and preparing our students for the challenges of tomorrow.

With your support, I will bring strong leadership, practical problem-solving, and a passion for service to the Yelm School Board. Together, we can build an educational environment where every child feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential.

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Angela **Gardner**

Elected ExperienceNo information submitted

Other Professional Experience

My role at my current job as an Assistant Manager have provided me with valuable leadership and teambuilding skills, as well as the ability to manage operations effectively. I'm experienced in problem-solving, decision-making, and fostering collaboration—qualities essential for serving on the school board. I am committed to using these skills to create positive outcomes for students, staff, and our community.

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

I am proud to call Yelm my home. Over the years, I've had the rewarding journey of raising my four children here, three of whom are special needs. This experience has given me a unique perspective on the importance of individualized education and equitable resources. My passion is helping our students thrive and ensuring that each child has access to the tools they need to succeed. I want to serve on the school board to advocate for all students in Yelm, nurturing their growth and providing the foundational building blocks for each student to build their legacy and achieve their dreams. Together, we can shape a brighter future for our community!

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Terrie Hargreaves

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Elected ExperienceNo information submitted

Other Professional Experience No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community ServiceNo information submitted

Statement

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Debbie Edwards

Elected Experience

Have held the roles of School Board President, Vice President and Legislative Representative.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

Regularly attend Washington State School Directors' Association conference and trainings in Open Public Meetings Act, Public Records Act, Educational Equity, and Tribal Education.

Community Service

Actively involved in Boys and Girls Club of Yelm and Dollars for Scholars. Member of Yelm Rotary.

Statement

As a longtime Yelm resident, parent, and advocate for our students, I'm running for School Board because I believe our public schools are the heart of our community. When our schools are strong, our entire community thrives. With years of experience serving our schools and supporting families, I understand the challenges we face—academic achievement, staffing shortages, and budget pressures. My background equips me to navigate these issues with steady, informed leadership.

I believe in the power of public education to prepare students for life, work, and citizenship. Our schools must be academically focused, fiscally responsible, and free from political distractions. I will ensure tax dollars directly support students, staff, and classrooms. I'm committed to making thoughtful decisions that keep kids at the center. That means listening, being accessible, and working with transparency.

Parents are essential partners. I fully support their right to be involved in their child's education and will strengthen respectful, open communication. Local control is critical. The best decisions come from within our community—not from one-size-fits-all state mandates.

With your support, I'll bring principled, experienced leadership to the Yelm School Board. *Committed to Kids. Grounded in Community. Ready to Serve.*

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_{Ryan} Jewell

Elected Experience

First time candidate for public office

Other Professional Experience

Master Builders Association of Pierce County Board of Directors 2019-2022; Superintendent American Container Homes 2010, 2011; Managing Member at Kingdom Builders Construction, LLC 2003-2009, 2012-Present

Education

Yelm Community Schools, Abeka Homeschool, South Puget Sound Community College (Running Start Program)

Community Service

Habitat for Humanity; Mary Bridge Festival of Trees volunteer; Worship pastor; Youth group leader; Thurston County Youth Football Coaching Staff

Statement

What children are taught today shapes what our community looks like tomorrow. I am a product of Yelm Community Schools (YCS) and many core values Yelm was built upon. The people here are loyal, hardworking and generous. We're proud of our town and what we've built together.

There are outside influences that want our schools to be more aligned with an agenda inconsistent with the heart and soul of our beliefs. It's time to get back to basics and focus on the fundamentals of education.

I will stay in close communication with our legislature and encourage the community to stand against bills like HB1296 that recently gutted the parental bill of rights and violated the will of voters. Greater accountability would ensure YCS staff are resourced to prepare students for what's next, whether that be college, civil service, or vocational training.

I don't see three failed levy attempts as a lack of community support, but rather frustration with slipping test scores, declining graduation rates, and a growing cost of living. We need to call for accountability of the district but more importantly Washington State. Our kids deserve a great education and taxpayers deserve leaders that steward their hard-earned money.

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Matthews

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Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

Resident of Yelm for over 40 years. Mother of 5 children, all of whom graduated from Yelm Community Schools. Past President of Prairie Soccer Club. Worked in youth sport organizations in Thurston County growing the sport of soccer. Sat on the Board of Capital Soccer Fields. In the past, have worked In Yelm Community Schools Transportations Department.

Statement

Yelm Community Schools in many ways is the heart of Yelm, with emphasis on Community.

I believe schools should be primarily focused on giving children a quality education. Being able to read at a high school level or above, when you graduate. The understanding of math is the underpinnings of critical thinking. These thing are necessary to have a functioning society.

As adults, this is our responsibility to provide the skills for our children to succeed.

The state of Washington is currently ranked 37th in the nation in reading and math for 4th grade students. Surely we can do better.

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Miranda **Dries**

No photo submitted

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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Introduction to Local Measures

The following pages contain local measures certified to appear on the August 5, 2025 Primary Election ballot.

For measures in the Local Voters' Pamphlet, the legislative authority of the jurisdiction placing the measure on the ballot is required to formally appoint committees to prepare statements advocating the approval and rejection of the measure. If the jurisdiction is unable to make such appointments, the Thurston County Auditor advertises for such appointments.

The Auditor's Office encourages you to thoroughly review all statements and seek additional information from the jurisdictions, the appointed citizens' committees, and the local and regional media.

City of Lacey

Proposition No. 1

Formation and Funding of New Lacey Metropolitan Park District

City of Lacey Proposition No. 1 concerns formation of the Lacey Metropolitan Park District, a metropolitan park district.

This proposition would create the Lacey Metropolitan Park District to provide ongoing funding to acquire, maintain, operate, and improve parks, natural spaces, trails, recreational facilities, and programs; set district boundaries as the city's corporate limits; designate the Lacey City Council as ex officio board of parks commissioners with all powers set forth in Chapter 35.61 RCW; and authorize the park board to set the maximum general tax levy rate at an amount up to \$0.45 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Shall the Lacey Metropolitan Park District be so created and governed?

For the formation of the Lacey Metropolitan Park District, to be governed by the Lacey City Council as ex officio board of parks commissioners

Against the formation of a metropolitan park district

Explanatory Statement

As authorized under RCW 35.61, the Lacey City Council seeks to create a Lacey Metropolitan Park District (MPD) and establish the property tax rate to provide additional funding for park improvements, including adding new park features, to maintain parks facilities, and support recreational programs.

The MPD boundary would be the same as the Lacey city limits. The Lacey City Council would serve as the MPD governing board. Although state law authorizes a maximum levy of \$.75 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, this proposition would only authorize a property tax up to \$.45 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The funding would be used for improvements identified by the community, including new park features such as sprayparks and other water features, trails, open space access, indoor and outdoor playgrounds, sport fields, pickleball courts, disc golf, etc. The funding would also be used to expand maintenance, including service and repairs, safety inspections, cleaning, lighting, etc. If the Proposition passes, the Lacey Municipal Code will be amended to establish the MPD and create a dedicated fund for the purposes described above.

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Against Committee

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The Thurston County Auditor is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).

Argument For

Lacey's parks are where our community comes together—where kids learn to play, neighbors gather, seniors stay active, and families make memories. Proposition 1 ensures we can continue to grow and care for the parks, trails, and programs that make Lacey a place people love to call home.

This measure creates a Metropolitan Park District, providing dedicated, stable funding for Lacey's parks system. For less than \$20 a month for the average homeowner, this investment protects and enhances our quality of life—now and for future generations. The plan is clear: build new parks, add new park features, repair aging playgrounds, build long-awaited projects throughout Lacey such as spray parks, indoor playgrounds, and additional trails and access to natural spaces.

The long list of projects includes expanding the overcrowded Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center and building new sports fields at the Regional Athletic Complex, which is used every week by our kids and brings in over \$15 million in local visitor spending each year. It would also help leverage a future partnership for an indoor pool. These projects have been vetted through years of community input and a resident-led advisory group.

This is not a blank check. By law, these funds must be used for parks and recreation—and they would supplement, not replace, current funding. The Lacey City Council will serve as the district's board and be accountable to voters. Vote *Yes* on Prop 1 to keep Lacey vibrant, connected, and ready for the future.

Argument Against

A Metropolitan Park District locks you into higher taxes forever.

This proposition would create a *permanent* taxing authority with the power to raise property taxes *indefinitely* — without requiring your approval ever again. Once established, the Metropolitan Park District (MPD) can collect up to \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, costing the average household *hundreds* of dollars annually. And remember, this is *in addition* to the taxes you already pay for parks through city and county budgets.

A Metropolitan Park District expands government, not green space.

More government will not give us better parks. Creating a new government entity adds bureaucracy, complexity, and cost. Rather than solving problems, it can slow down park improvements and create inefficiencies in funding and management.

There are better, smarter ways to improve our parks. If our parks need more funding, we can support targeted levies with clear goals, defined timelines, and voter oversight and not a permanent tax with no expiration date. We deserve funding plans which are transparent, accountable, and tied to real outcomes.

A Metropolitan Park District will drain resources from Lacey taxpayers with no quarantees.

We all love our parks, but we also know what it is like to live on a budget. With rising costs of living, now is not the time to give out a blank check. Let us invest in our community responsibly, without saddling residents with endless tax increases and questionable results. Let us demand better, smarter solutions, ones which protect our parks and our pocketbooks.

Rebuttal of For Argument

Prop 1 is simply a *permanent* tax increase for Lacey community members, with no guaranteed results—just an expensive, expanding wish list. The "\$20 a month" claim is misleading; this amount *will* increase, and you'll be forced to pay *twice* for our parks. The same City Council who controls the budget would act as the park board—limiting independent scrutiny of *our* dollars. Protect your wallet and your voice. Vote *no* on Prop 1.

Rebuttal of Against Argument

Do Not Be Misled. This measure does not create a blank check. The rate is \$0.45 per \$1,000-not the \$0.75 claimed. It's governed by our elected City Council, with full public transparency.

Seniors, youth, and working families across our growing community seek free and low-cost recreation programs, with access to well maintained parks and trails. Requesting stable funding enhances what we have and builds for the future. Lacey' parks are an essential community investment.

Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 9 (McLane Black Lake)

Proposition No. 1

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The Board of Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 9 (McLane Black Lake Fire Department) adopted Resolution No. 2025-02 concerning a proposition to restore its regular property tax levy.

This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2025 and collected in 2026. The funds will maintain and improve fire protection, and emergency medical services, replace apparatus and equipment, and provide for firefighter safety. The dollar amount of the 2025 levy collected in 2026 shall serve as the base for computing subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 9, dba McLane Black Lake Fire Department provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its citizens. If approved by the voters, this proposition authorizes the Department to restore its regular real property tax levy rate to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025 for collection in 2026 (the current levy is approximately \$1.42 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and the Department previously collected the \$1.50 rate in 2022).

Your McLane Black Lake Fire Department Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of rising costs and increasing service demands. Approval of this measure will allow your fire department to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens.

The dollar amount levied in 2025 for collection in 2026 shall serve as the fire department's tax levy base and absent further voter approval, the tax levy will then be subject to the statutory one percent limit.

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For Committee

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Against Committee

Argument For

Vote Yes for your Fire & Emergency Medical Response Services!

By state law, fire districts cannot collect more than 1% over the previous year's levy regardless of increases in property assessed values (AV). This 1% limitation on budget growth combined with an above average increased cost of living has resulted in expenses that are outpacing revenue growth. The current levy has fallen to \$1.42/\$1,000 of AV. We are asking voters to restore the levy back to full capacity at \$1.50 /\$1,000 of assessed value.

Restoration of this levy will increase the current levy of \$1.42/\$1,000 of AV by only 8 cents. For example, the expenditure of a home valued at \$500,000 will increase by approximately \$40 annually, or \$3.34 monthly. As the primary funding source, the Regular Fire Property Tax Levy supports 65% of the overall operating costs of the Fire District.

While our services are provided by a combination of career and volunteer firefighters, the decline in volunteerism over the past decade has necessitated the hiring of additional career firefighters to maintain reliable service levels. We'll continue utilizing both career and volunteer firefighters to deliver the most reliable, efficient and cost-effective service possible.

Your partnership is essential in providing the funding that we desperately need to deliver reliable and cost-effective emergency services for our community and our families. Please Vote Yes!

Argument Against

Tanglewilde Parks and Recreation District

Proposition No. 1

Property Tax Levy

The Board of Commissioners of Tanglewilde Parks and Recreation District adopted Resolution No. 1 concerning a proposition relating to the District's regular property tax levy. This proposition would impose regular property tax levies of \$0.60 or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years to pay part of the general expenses of the District.

Should this levy be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

The Tanglewilde Parks and Recreation District has placed a levy on the August 5, 2025 Primary Election ballot that would authorize a six-year levy for the district at a rate not to exceed \$0.60 per thousand dollars of assessed property value. This levy replaces the current levy, which expires at the end of 2025. If approved, the levy would allow the district to collect approximately \$160,000 per year for each of the next six years beginning in 2026. The district levy provides funds for the maintenance and operation of the two parks and an outdoor pool facility within the Tanglewilde community. Using \$400,000 as an average home value in the district, the total tax levy per thousand dollars of assessed property value would be \$240.

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For Committee

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Against Committee

Argument For

Value/Recreation Opportunities

The Tanglewilde Parks and pool add value to our homes and provide recreation opportunities for residents and guests. In addition to being an integral part of the neighborhood, the maintenance of the parks and pool is an obligation held by all Tanglewilde homeowners.

Children

Through this levy and fees collected from patrons of the pool, Tanglewilde Parks and Recreation provides a safe place for children in the area to play and learn to swim. The pool offers swimming lessons, water aerobics, and many other forms of aquatic fun and training. A place for the whole family to enjoy!

Employment Opportunities

A core value living in Tanglewilde is that we provide employment opportunities to our young residents. The pool staff work with a variety of different organizations, from Church Day Camps, The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, to our neighborhood elementary school, Lydia Hawk. This levy ensures the continuance of Tanglewilde parks and the pool for future homeowners and residents for generations to come.

Possible closure

Without this levy, it is highly unlikely the pool will open next year. Tanglewilde has the only public outdoor heated pool in the county, making it an asset to our neighborhood and the community. It is up to all the Tanglewilde residents to help keep it open to continue this community service and distinguish it from others in the area.

Argument Against



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