



# **Karen Bowen**

## Candidate for Kittitas County Clerk

### **Biography/Experience**

[I am] currently the interim County Clerk since 03/2022, appointed unanimously by the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners. I Worked in the Clerk's office for the past 10 years, 7 of that as Administrative Assistant. Having a "Working Clerk" is a must in our small office.

Administrative Supervisor, Kittitas County Clerk's office (2015-2022); Deputy Clerk, Kittitas County Clerk's Office (2012-2015); Tax ULID Deputy, Kittitas County Treasurer's Office (2007-2012); Bookkeeper.

### **Campaign Statement**

The County Clerk's office is responsible for preserving the integrity of the Superior Court record, clerking court proceedings, managing evidence and documents, processing protection orders, and more.

[In Kittitas County] we're a small, efficient team of dedicated professionals. The Clerk's position is not simply a figurehead. As Clerk, I am actively involved in the day-to-day work of the office. During my tenure, I have done every job in the department. This has provided me the technical knowledge to fill in where needed. I am the only candidate running for this position that won't require years of extensive on-the-job training.

It has been my honor to serve as your Interim Kittitas County Clerk. I have served ten years in the office and prior to my appointment, I ran the day-to-day operations for the past seven years.

I'm running because *experience matters*. I have already implemented changes that have improved employee morale, office efficiency, and customer service. Many of our customers visit our office at a low point in their life but I will ensure we continue to always treat them with dignity and respect. I ask for your vote to continue serving you as County Clerk.

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