



Cathy Cook

Candidate for Roslyn City Council, Position #4

BIOGRAPHY

I moved to Roslyn in 2010 with my husband Glenn Rudolph and our various cats and dogs. We live on the east side of town, next to the Roslyn Urban Forest. I love the forest; it's a large part of why we chose Roslyn as our home.

I served on City Council for the last four years. Before that I was three years on the Roslyn Planning and Historic Preservation Commission and four years on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Roslyn Urban Forest.

I have a BA in History from Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR (1972), and a BFA in Painting from the University of Washington (1990).

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

When I moved to Roslyn, the country was in the middle of a recession. Town was a lot emptier back then. It's been encouraging to see downtown blossom and grow in recent years. We need to foster that economic growth and at the same time protect our historic character. Both can be done—it's a matter of balance.

Replacement of Roslyn's aging water main is imperative. Use of a low-interest infrastructure loan available through WA State has allowed the city to proceed with preconstruction planning. This will be completed within the next couple months and the city can then search for grants and loans to finish the project. I'm happy that I was able to help with this process. It's moving forward!

Affordable housing continues to be an issue. By halting the loss of housing stock, our vacation rental restrictions have helped--but that's only one piece of the puzzle. Making it easier for homeowners to build backyard cottages (ADUs) would be another step forward. Obviously these measures alone won't solve the problem, but they are a start. If we want to fund larger projects, we will need to search for help from other agencies; we can't do it alone.

Wildfire is a grave threat. Upper County fire departments (including Roslyn's) are considering whether to join forces in the interests of efficiency. While this is not a Council issue (it will come before the voters), it is something we all need to think about carefully.

Looking further afield, the proposed 47°N project in Cle Elum will severely impact Roslyn. I've been active in collecting signatures opposing this project. Be sure to speak out—your voice matters.

I encourage Roslyn residents to attend Council meetings and to speak to their Council members. I believe that if we consider each other's viewpoints and disagree with each other *respectfully*, we will come to better solutions. I think that I can be an effective Council member because I value everyone's voice.

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