



Jon Ward

Hospital District 1, Commissioner 4

Biography

Jon Ward was first elected to the Hospital District 1 Board of Commissioners in 2019. He has a background in atomic physics and film production. Early in his career he served five years with the United States Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer assigned to the Bureau of Diplomatic Security. He subsequently sold a script and then spent more than 15 years in the Los Angeles area writing screenplays and directing films. In 2010 he moved to Ellensburg with his family and now runs an independent production company where he produces film projects and develops scripts, and manages the community television station ECTV for the city.

Campaign Statement

It's been my honor to represent and advocate for my local community as a Hospital District 1 Commissioner these last few years. I have been guided by three fundamental principles during my tenure — ensure the hospital system remains financially viable, prudently expand available medical services, and use my authority to ensure that KVH remains an employer of choice that attracts the best work force and treats all employees and patients with respect, dignity, and empathy.

Dozens of rural hospitals have recently gone bankrupt and closed their doors but as chair of the finance committee at KVH, I am proud to say that we successfully navigated the challenging last few years while also adding to our available services (ENT & Allergy, Cardiology, Vascular surgery, Neurology).

Today KVH is financially strong and we are significantly expanding the main hospital campus to better serve our growing population. But there are always new challenges to overcome so when issues arise I spend time with the stakeholders, research the options, and make the hard decisions knowing that I have to speak for all the members of my community and do what's best for each and every one of them.

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