

Kittitas County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet

November 7, 2023 General Election



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Ballots should be arriving in your mail by 10/21/2023

A Message from your Elections Team:

Your vote is your voice! As professional elections administrators, it is our job to ensure that every eligible person has an opportunity to register and vote. As a US Citizen and resident of the State of Washington, you can register to vote online at www.votewa.gov or in person at the Kittitas County Auditor's Office.

To return your ballot, we have secure ballot drop boxes that are accessible 24 hours a day. Additionally, no postage is required to mail your ballot, but be aware that any ballots postmarked after election day will not be counted. After you have submitted your ballot, you can also check your ballot status online at www.votewa.gov

Your status will update as the ballot is received and processed. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions at 509-962-7503

New this year: Advisory Votes will no longer appear on General Election Ballots as Senate Bill 5082 removed advisory votes from the ballot.

Your ballot contains only those offices that you are eligible to vote on, based on your physical residential address. If you have moved you can contact us to update your address and ensure you receive your correct ballot.

All Offices are Nonpartisan for this election

Voting Options on Election Day:

Student Engagement HUB-
*CWU SURC,
1007 N. Chestnut St, Room 137A & B -
Noon - 8pm*

Upper Kittitas County Senior Center-
719 E. 3rd St, Cle Elum - Noon - 8pm

Kittitas County Courthouse -
205 W. 5th Ave, Suite 105, Ellensburg - 9am - 8pm

- ❖ *Register to Vote*
- ❖ *Access Replacement Ballot*
- ❖ *Ballot Deposit site*

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What is the importance of a Hospital District Commission?

Public Hospital Districts are considered municipal governments under Washington state law and are governed by an elected board of nonpartisan commissioners who serve 6 year terms. The Board of Commissioners set general hospital district policies and operational organization. The Board hires, oversees, and evaluates the hospital district administrator who is responsible for day-to-day operations.

Your vote for hospital district commissioner will help determine what healthcare services are available to you, service location, potential tax burden, and more. To learn more about Hospital Districts, check out RCW 70.44.

What is the importance of a School Board?

School Board Directors are elected to nonpartisan 4 year terms and together form the governing body of a school district. School Boards link communities and their public schools, to build public consensus to improve student outcomes, share needs of students with communities, direct resources for improving student condition, set goals and vision for student achievement.

Your vote for school board director will help shape the school's curriculum, new school design & construction, repair of existing facilities, staffing levels, property tax levels, and more. To learn more about School Boards, check out RCW 28A.320

What is the importance of a City Council/Mayor?

A City Council's job is primarily legislative and policymaking. Under the Elected Mayor/City Council government, the elected mayor is the city's CEO. Elected mayors and city council members serve 4 year terms of office, in typically nonpartisan positions.

Under the City Council/Manager government, the council also appoints the city manager. The manager acts as the CEO of the town or city, responsible for city administration, overseeing city personnel, preparing budgets, giving policy advice to the council, and managing daily city operations. The City Council may also select a member from its ranks to act as a mayor for ceremonial services and to preside over council meetings.

Your vote for city council member or elected mayor can determine the number and cost of city services, tax levels and more. To learn more about City Governments, check out RCW 35A.

What is the importance of a Fire District Commission?

Fire Districts are created to prevent and fight fires, and are overseen by a Board of nonpartisan Commissioners who serve 6 year terms. The Board determines levels of service and service goals, tax levies, establishes policies and approves operational procedures, and hires and supervises the fire chief. The Fire Chief is the CEO of the District and responsible for day-to-day operations.

Your vote for fire district commissioner can impact the level and costs of fire district services as well as tax levies. To learn more about Fire Districts, check out RCW 52.02.

What is the importance of a Water District Commission?

Water districts deliver safe, reliable drinking water to a specific geographic area, and conserve and maintain water resources. Water Districts are governed by a Board of nonpartisan commissioners who serve 6 year terms. The water district Board develops and updates a comprehensive plan of improvements, approves service fees, issues an annual water quality report, notifies customers of water regulation violation or risk to public health.

Your vote for water district commissioner can affect tax levies, service fees, and oversight of water quality, and more. To learn more about Water Districts, check out RCW 57.02 & 57.08

Your Vote Matters! Make sure we can count it - follow the instructions on the return envelope:

- **Read** the Voter's Declaration
- **Sign & Date** the declaration
- **Be** consistent with your signature: your signed declaration is compared with your voter registration signature by trained and experienced staff.
- **If** we send you a request for an updated signature, return it as soon as possible. *Help us help you!*

Have you moved?

Contact us to ensure we have your correct address:
(509) 962-7503 or elections@co.kittitas.wa.us

Have you changed your name?

You will need to update your registration- stop in the office to complete a new Voter Registration form:
205 W. 5th Ave, Suite 105, Ellensburg

Make sure you get your ballot! Let your voice be heard!

Kittitas County | Voting Information

Accessible Voting Units

AVU's are available in the Election Room at the County Courthouse beginning 18 days prior to each election, Monday - Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm. AVU's allow voters to vote in private, using voter assisted tools.

Registering to Vote

How & When:

Anytime:
You can register online: www.votewa.gov
By mail or in-person at: 205 W. 5th Ave, Suite 105, Ellensburg.

For this election:
Online & Mail-in must be received by October 30, 2023.
If you still need to update your voter registration or are a new registrant, registering between October 31 - November 7, you must appear in person at the Auditor's Office.

Who can Register?

- To register to vote in Washington, you must be:
- A citizen of the United States
 - A legal resident of Washington State
 - At least 18 years old by Election Day - *16 & 17 year olds can pre-register as a Future Voter*
 - Not disqualified from voting due to a court order
 - Not serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony conviction

Replacement Ballots

- To obtain a replacement ballot, contact the Auditor's office:
- phone - (509) 962-7503
 - email - elections@co.kittitas.wa.us
 - online - www.votewa.gov to download a replacement ballot
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Returning Your Ballot

Secure Ballot Drop Boxes are provided at a location near you:

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Roslyn City Hall.....201 S. 1st St
South Cle Elum Town Hall.....523 Lincoln St
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end of main parking lot and adjacent to Auditor's Office
CWU SURC.....1007 N Chestnut St
Kittitas City Hall.....207 Main St
alley behind city hall
Thorp Fire Station.....10700 Thorp HWY N

Postage Pre-Paid if returning by mail



Drop Boxes are the best way to ensure your ballot will get to us on time! Drop Boxes are secure and emptied regularly by teams of two trained election officials. Drop Boxes are open 24/7 beginning October 17 and close promptly at 8:00pm on Election Day, November 7, 2023.



Kittitas County Hospital District No. 1

Commissioner, Position 4 | 6 year term



Jason

Badgerow

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Elected Experience

Appointed as Fire Commissioner for Kittitas County Fire District 1 seat 1 Jan 2020 and officially elected shortly afterward.

Other Professional Experience

US Army Healthcare Specialist 2008-2011
Various management/healthcare positions
Manager of Ellensburg Animal Hospital September 2019-Present

Education

Master's of Business Administration from Liberty University (2018)

Community Service

I previously served on the Board of Directors for Open Door Health Clinic which is Ellensburg's free clinic for 5 years.
I currently serve on my church's missions committee which allows me to work with several non-profit organizations on behalf of our church such as Fish Food Bank, CareNet, Ellensburg Christian School, and Union Gospel Mission of Yakima.

Statement

What would make me the ideal candidate for the position?
I have lived in Kittitas County for almost ten years and have grown to love it.
I have always had a passion for healthcare and desired to serve in healthcare. When I was 19, I joined the US Army as a Medic. During my experience while serving as an Army Medic, I managed clinics while not deployed and provided healthcare while doing a tour in Iraq. I enjoyed helping healthcare providers improve clinical effectiveness and efficiency more than being a healthcare provider myself. Therefore, I decided to become a healthcare administrator instead of a provider. Currently, I manage Ellensburg Animal Hospital and love it. My desire to work in human healthcare isMy desire to serve as a Hospital Commissioner is twofold. Not only do I want to ensure that the healthcare for my family is the best it can be, but I have also grown to know and love many people in our community and want to ensure their health is cared for as well. Therefore, I want to help provide our community with the best healthcare possible.



Jon

Ward

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Elected Experience

Kittitas County Hospital District 1 Board of Commissioners 2019 - present.

Other Professional Experience

Professional screenwriter and film director. Manages Ellensburg community television (ECTV). Former US Department of State Foreign Service Officer (Bureau of Diplomatic Security).

Education

University of Washington, Physics

Community Service

Mentor to dozens of university film students.

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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If you have any questions about your districts, please contact the office:
(509) 962-7503
elections@co.kittitas.wa.us*

Don't forget to sign the Voter Declaration - located on the backside of your envelope:

2 Sign Below (required for your ballot to be counted)

SIGN
HERE

VOTER SIGNATURE HERE

Remember to return your ballot by November 7th! Drop boxes are closed promptly at 8pm.

If you are using the post office - Know your local mail pick-up time- it varies around the county.

Selah School District No. 119		
Director, District 3 4 year term		Director, Position 2 at-large 4 year term
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<p>Elected Experience</p> <p>Selah School Board Director 2012 to present</p>	<p>Elected Experience</p> <p>This is my first time running for office. I am a proponent of term limits and will stay no longer than 2 terms.</p>	<p>Elected Experience</p> <p>None</p>
<p>Other Professional Experience</p> <p>Professionally served the education community with recognition programs, products and services for 42 years.</p>	<p>Other Professional Experience</p> <p>Partner, Columbia River Funding, LLC; Credit Officer, Summit Leasing/Continental Bank; Manager, Certifit, Inc.; Analyst, National Security Agency</p>	<p>Other Professional Experience</p> <p>Certified Nursing Assistant, Billing Supervisor</p>
<p>Education</p> <p>Graduate from Eisenhower HS in Yakima and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Central Washington University</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Brigham Young University, Business Management, Provo, UT; Selah High School, Selah, WA</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Nursing Assistant Certification</p>
<p>Community Service</p> <p>Director on the Selah School Board, Member of Friends of Selah citizen committee, Former member of Selah Kiwanis, Volunteer for Junior Achievement.</p>	<p>Community Service</p> <p>Volunteer, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Campaign Worker, Send Corey 2022; America First P.A.C.T., Washington Chapter Vice Chairman</p>	<p>Community Service</p> <p>Outreach Coordinator for Living Faith Victory Center, volunteered for Kids Rock afterschool program</p>
<p>Statement</p> <p>I am an advocate for students; dedicated to their future and the quality of education all students receive. Expanded Pre-K programs, the increase in dual language and career and technical education opportunities demonstrates my commitment in preparing students for a 21st century workforce. Our new and renovated schools plus a healthy culture provide better learning environments for our children. I'm proud to have served as board president, guiding the search for a new superintendent who shares our vision for educational excellence. I'm asking for your support to continue the work ensuring a bright future for all students in Selah Schools.</p>	<p>Statement</p> <p>Parents are the primary stakeholders in their children's education and should direct the school district through the board. For too long, education has been dictated by Federal and State Legislatures and policies have been implemented with vigor to the detriment of our children, teachers, and community.</p> <p>Our per-student spending has increased, yet student preparedness has not kept pace with rising taxes. Taxpayer dollars are not being used wisely; it's time to return to rigorous academic instruction and high standards of student behavior and performance. Our children deserve high expectations and will meet them. Endorsed by the Yakima County Republican Party.</p>	<p>Statement</p> <p>I'm a concerned Selah citizen, mother and grandmother. We need to get back to the basics in education, focusing on core subjects like reading, writing and math. I oppose radical sex education, gender ideologies, and CRT in our schools. I have also been very concerned with lack of transparency. I support having police officers or retired vets in every school to help protect the children, and I support locker searches. I support bringing back the D.A.R.E program and afterschool programs. I am endorsed by the Yakima County Republican Party.</p>

Selah School District No. 119

Director, Position 2 at-large | 4 year term



Dan
Peters

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Elected Experience
Currently serving as School Board Director at Large since 2019.

Other Professional Experience
1991-1995 Parapro Wilson Middle School; 1998-2001 English Teacher West Valley High School; 2001-Present English Instructor Yakima Valley College; 2021-2022 Fulbright Roving Scholar in Oslo, Norway; Recent awards: Faculty of the Year; Excellence in Teaching

Education
1987: Graduated Selah High; 1991: Graduated Willamette University BA; 1995: Graduated University of Montana MA; 1997: Teacher Certification Heritage University

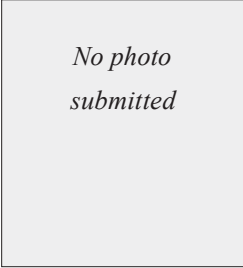
Community Service
Volunteering in Education; Board Member, Selah Education Foundation 2015-2019; Co-Chair, Successful Friends of Selah Bond Campaign 2018; Co-Chair Successful Friends of Selah Levy Campaigns in 2019, '21, and '23; Regional Coordinator and Judge, Poetry Out Loud

Statement
I believe in public education. The trust created in schools is the lifeblood of a healthy community, democracy, and economy.

With 30 years in education, I bring real-world experience to the board. I have listened to teachers, students, and administrators to better understand their issues. I love our district, neighborhood, and town. I was born and raised in Selah. Our two children have benefitted from Selah's dedicated educators. I want to give back to our community and build a better future for students and families. The best way to do that is through continuing the tradition of great Selah schools.

Thorp School District No. 400

Director, District 4 | 4 year term Director, District 5 at-large | 2 year unexpired term



Brook
Shull

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Elected Experience
As a board member and a parent, I love our small school atmosphere and appreciate the chance to be an even bigger part of the district. I work hard to create goals, full of measurements for success. I am dedicated to reach those goals. A board member is an important job, to make a difference for my students, our district families and our staff.

Other Professional Experience
Small business owner

Local farm owner

Stay at home mom

Proud law enforcement family

Education
AA degree

Community Service
Vice president Thorp parent group

Thorp community day committee member

Manastash Grange member

FFA and 4-H family

Local farmer

Statement
Thank you for your consideration, I hope to continue to serve as a Thorp School District Board Member.



Kim
Rivera

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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
I have no formal elected experience. I was appointed to the School Board in May 2021 and continue to serve dutifully.

Education
I have my High School Diploma.

I hold a Certified Hotel Administrator certificate.

Community Service
I serve on the Thorp Community Day board, current role is President. (4th consecutive year of service)

I serve on the School's Booster Club board, current role is Treasurer. (6th consecutive year)

I am a leader for the Thorp 4-H club. This club was re-established in 2019, prior to that I was a leader in This-N-That 4-H. (8th consecutive year)

Statement
I have lived in the Thorp community for approximately 13 years.
My husband and our oldest daughter are Thorp Alumni, and we currently have two more children attending Thorp Schools.
I endeavor to be the voice of my community and to advocate for all children that attend the school with every decision made.
It is my hope to continue to serve those around in honesty and truth.

Ellensburg School District No. 401

Director, District 1 | 4 year term Director, District 2 | 4 year term



Madeline
deMaintenon

Elected Experience
Ellensburg School District Director (2022-2023)

Other Professional Experience
CPA, Grebb, Johnson, Reed & Wachsmith, LLP
Co-Owner, Fidelina's Taqueria

Education
B.S. Economics, University of Washington (2008)
B.A. Political Science, University of Washington (2008)

Community Service
No information submitted

Statement
I bring the perspective of a mom who is committed to the well-being and success of our children. I am motivated to contribute to an inclusive, progressive, and student-centered education system.

I believe in an environment that nurtures the potential of each student, allowing them to grow intellectually, socially, and emotionally. I am dedicated to ensuring that our schools are spaces where diversity is celebrated, and all students are respected and valued.

Every child, regardless of their social, economic, or cultural differences, deserves equal access to quality education. I will advocate for fair opportunities, resources, and support systems that empower students to reach their full potential. Bridging the achievement gap and promoting equity are priorities for me.

Science and critical thinking play a vital role in shaping the minds of our children. It is important to foster an environment where technical and scientific literacy is encouraged, enabling students to understand and engage with the world around them. Alongside this, I believe in promoting ethical values and developing well-rounded individuals who can contribute positively to society.

I am dedicated to serving our community and supporting our children with an education system that empowers and prepares them for a bright future.



Cathie
Day

Elected Experience
No previous elected experience

Other Professional Experience
30 total years in education, including 20 years as a teacher and librarian at Ellensburg High School; instructor at Central Washington University; alternative programs teacher at Selah High School; 25 years in union leadership.

Education
Graduated from Central Washington University with a bachelor's in English in 1991 and a master's in teaching English as a second language in 1993.

Community Service
Committed to the well-being and safety of my community, I am a reserve police officer for the Ellensburg Police Department, and the president of a local nonprofit which supports local residents facing cancer.

Statement
I am excited for this opportunity to serve as a school director because I am passionate about supporting our schools, our students, and the teachers who make learning happen for our children every day. As an educator myself, I have a deep understanding of teaching and learning, and because I taught throughout the covid pandemic, I saw firsthand the transformation that our students and schools experienced. Education for education's sake is a thing of the past; instead, we now must strive to make learning for each student as relevant and as individualized as possible. The Ellensburg School District can only do this through strong relationships both within our organization and also with our parents and community members. These relationships must be built on trust and collaboration. We need a board of directors willing to not simply listen, but to invite dialog and do so in a welcoming manner. Our schools belong to all of us, and we all want the best, most vibrant education possible for our children. If given the opportunity to serve, I look forward to contributing to the vital work of building relationships, nurturing trust, and fostering collaboration between our community and our schools.



Jonathon D.
Henderson

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Elected Experience
Ellensburg School Board, Position 2 (2021 – Present), filled a vacant position. Currently serving as Vice President of the school board.

Other Professional Experience
I am currently serving as the Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Research, and Planning at CWU. Throughout my tenure at CWU and the University of Oregon, I have garnered extensive experience in research, teaching, and data analysis.

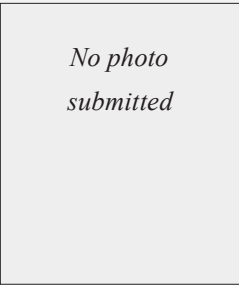
Education
Ph.D. in Education, University of Oregon, 2015
Master's Degree in Conflict and Dispute Resolution, University of Oregon, 2009

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
As the Vice President of your School Board, and a parent with children in our district. I am committed to advancing the educational opportunities we offer to our children. During my time on the school board, I have promoted policies that uphold academic rigor, improve innovation, and cultivate inclusivity, in order to ensure our children are well-prepared for a thriving future. My focus remains on listening to the needs of our students, parents, and teachers to create an environment where every student can succeed. I kindly request your continued support and your vote to allow me to continue serving our community on the school board.

Ellensburg School District No. 401

Director, District 3 | 2 year unexpired term



Cynthia

Coe

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Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Professor, Central Washington University (2003-present)

Education

B.A., Middlebury College, 1994

Ph.D. (Philosophy), University of Oregon, 2000

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

I have had the honor of serving on the school board since February 2023, when I was appointed to fill a vacant position. My two children were born in Ellensburg and have attended public schools since kindergarten. I joined the school board with a commitment to help the district to thrive in its educational mission.

The school district faces some challenges in the next few years, such as addressing student mental health needs, supporting our experienced and dedicated teachers, ensuring financial sustainability, and hiring a new interim and permanent superintendent.

I come to this work with a background in higher education: as a professor of philosophy at Central Washington University, my teaching and research focus on questions of ethics and justice. That experience shapes my commitment to making each student can feel valued, supported, and challenged academically, and providing what our teachers and administrators need to realize that goal. It is my responsibility to listen to a wide range of voices and then use my judgment to further the best interests of the district. I've already learned a great deal in the last few months, and I hope to continue in this role.

I would appreciate your support in November.

Director, Position 5 at-large | 4 year term



Michael

Rowley

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Elected Experience

I am running for my second term as a school board director. Last year I was elected board chair and take pride in helping make sound decisions around student outcomes.

Other Professional Experience

My wife, Nicole, and I are the current owners of Thorp Fruit & Antique Mall. We have been running our business and making important financial decisions for 20 years.

Education

Green River Community College
Washington State University

Community Service

Eight years volunteering at the Ellensburg Christian School helping in classrooms with math and reading. I helped with many community based projects and fundraising with Ellensburg Rotary. Washington Youth Business mentor. Coaching youth sports.

Statement

The past two years have been a learning curve as I have been a member of the Ellensburg School Board of Directors. My first year was really learning about our roll in student learning, staff, fiscal planning and decisions around policies. My second year, I was elected board chair and that has brought new experiences. I have enjoyed my time serving our community as a representative to the school board. As a parent of two current Ellensburg High School students, and one recently graduated, I plan to continue helping the Ellensburg School District make many sound decisions around policies and fiscal planning. I will continue to help students and their families as a member of the Ellensburg School Board achieve positive outcomes. I would like to ensure that our students continue to receive the best education that our schools can provide. The well being of our children's future lies in their education and social developments. I feel that I can continue to be an excellent community representative to the board. Thank you for supporting me and I will strive to do all that I can to better our students, staff and school district. Please vote Michael Rowley for School Board.

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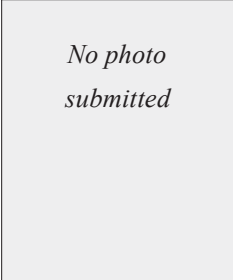

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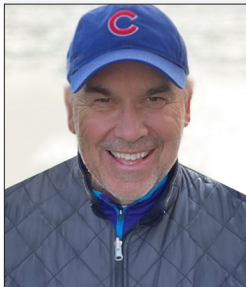
Tracking your ballot is easier than ever!

Sign up for text notifications when you register or update your info at **VoteWA.gov**.

Cle Elum-Roslyn School District No. 404		
Director, District 1 4 year term	Director, District 3 4 year term	Director, At-Large #2 4 year term
<div></div> <div>Lacey Nicholson Contact (509) 969-2509 klnicholson0911@gmail.com</div> <div>Elected Experience 2 years School Board, Warrior Mascot Committee</div> <div>Other Professional Experience I am a mother of 5, wife and farmer here in the upper county. I have previously worked as a Registered Nurse in both Ellensburg and Yakima, currently I manage our farm just outside of town. I was raised by educators and volunteers, instilling a service mentality into the core of who I am. Now married to a graduate with 4 of our children enrolled in school, I want to be involved in the growth of the Cle Elum-Roslyn School District.</div> <div>Education B.S. Nursing</div> <div>Community Service Menastash Grange, Assisting with the VFW for Memorial Day services</div> <div>Statement As Upper Kittitas County continues to grow and evolve, I am passionate about raising the bar of success for our graduates. Success is an individual journey supported by three pillars, family/support system, community, education. Each one of those pillars is dependent on the other for our students' success. Families, however that is defined for a student, must be included at every opportunity, from committees at the district level to relationships with teachers in the classrooms, increased access with families will only elevate our students success. Our educational rigor must increase and the expectations both on students and staff must be held to the highest level. This will raise our students' personal awareness on how much they can achieve helping them make informed decisions regarding future plans. Community involvement includes a responsible stewardship of tax money by the district, clear and transparent communications about happenings in the district, and creating opportunities outside of school for students to grow and explore. I plan to continue to support the growth of these pillars for the journeys of our students.</div>	<div></div> <div>No photo submitted Zack Hill</div> <div>Elected Experience One year served on the CERSD school board.</div> <div>Other Professional Experience No Information Submitted</div> <div>Education Bachelors of Business Administration - Gonzaga University Diploma - Cle Elum/Roslyn High School</div> <div>Community Service No Information Submitted</div> <div>Statement If elected to continue serving on the school board, I will bring no specific political ideology or personal agenda to the position. I am committed to helping our district improve student achievement in order to improve outcomes post-graduation. I believe that we live in a community of people that very much support our local school, but also want to ensure that resources are being used wisely to the best directly support the students. The Cle Elum/Roslyn School District has a rich and proud tradition that should be respected and honored while we continue to adapt to today's educational best practices and the needs of our current students. Thank you for your consideration and support.</div>	<div></div> <div>Monica Oertli Medalen Contact (509) 859-2765 monicaoertlimedalen@gmail.com MonicaForCleElumRoslyn.com</div> <div>Elected Experience None.</div> <div>Other Professional Experience 15+ years of dedicated state service with the Department of Social and Health Services focused on policy development, program integrity, and poverty reduction to provide positive outcomes for some of the most vulnerable people in our state.</div> <div>Education Proud alumna of Cle Elum-Roslyn Elementary, Walter Strom Middle School, and Cle Elum-Roslyn High School; Bachelors in Sociology from Central Washington University</div> <div>Community Service Education Foundation for Cle Elum-Roslyn, Vice President (2022-2023); weekly classroom volunteer at Cle Elum-Roslyn Elementary</div> <div>Statement I'm running because I believe our children deserve the best possible education, our teachers and support staff must be empowered for success, and our community has an obligation to play a crucial part in our schools. As a parent, CERSD alumni, and fifth-generation Cle Elum resident, I know how important it is for our schools to be a safe and positive learning environment. My grandmother was a dedicated preschool teacher here and instilled the belief in me that every student deserves opportunity to thrive. I will advocate for high standards, better programs, and more opportunities because our kids deserve it. This includes more early learning opportunities to give our youngest learners a solid foundation for success. I will expand career and technical education opportunities – starting in middle school – so our graduates have a jumpstart on college, trade school, or be equipped to move into meaningful work. I have dedicated my career to improving community services while maintaining integrity and accountability. I will apply that same passion to our schools. I will serve our whole community, establish strong foundations for success, and make decisions to keep our district strong now and into the future. I ask for your vote.</div>

Cle Elum-Roslyn School District No. 404

Director, At-Large #2 | 4 year term



Rob

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Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Professional Real Estate Broker of 37 years

Education

Studied Business Administration at Central Washington University

Community Service

Board Member of the Teanaway Grange

Officer of the Roslyn Riders

Former member of The Cle Elum Historical Society

Former Board Member of The Boys and Girls Club of America

Mentorship at The Boys and Girls Club of America

Statement

My six-year-old daughter, Rachel and I, have a routine when I drop her off at school. I walk her to the school gate. I give her a hug. She gives me one of her kisses. I send her off. It's my daily reminder of the enormous responsibility of raising a child. What is she being taught? Are the leaders and administrators helping her strive to do and be her best? I've heard many parents with similar concerns. These will be my priorities. Ensuring children are being taught the basics while our district works to support parents raising our children, our future. As your school board member, I will work to see our children have a solid educational foundation and I will avoid being caught up in hot-button issues that risk distraction from our key responsibilities. As a society, we should all care about parents raising children to be a productive part of our community. I know the importance of parental and community involvement because my parents were both schoolteachers. I hope you will trust me with your vote. I'm proud to be part of a fourth generation Cle Elum family. Feel free to reach out with any questions at (206)940-7985.

City of Cle Elum

Mayor | 4 year term



Matthew

Lundh

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Elected Experience

Cle Elum City Councilmember

Other Professional Experience

Owner of a small marketing agency that helps local small businesses and nonprofits

Education

Computer Security and Forensics, Lake Washington Technical College

Community Service

As Planning Commissioner, I worked on the city's most recent long-term planning update. During my Rotary Presidency, we increased membership and elevated fundraisers despite pandemic restrictions. I founded a Cub Scout Pack making the program available to both boys and girls for the first time. I fostered the partnership that raised \$285K to revitalize our skatepark. I serve on committees for the Association of Washington Cities, allowing me to build relationships and share ideas.

Statement

It has been an honor to serve you on the City Council for the past four years. I promised to focus on enhancing our quality of life, supporting local businesses, and increasing transparency, access, and accountability. I'm proud to have kept those promises. I led efforts to replace the aging playground and skatepark at City Park. I advocated for funding our Downtown Revitalization project with our legislators in Olympia. I am actively engaged in making our long-awaited Community Recreation Center become a reality. I pushed to broadcast city meetings online and used social media so you can more easily track what your city government is doing. We must protect the reason we all live here — the culture and sense of community. As Mayor, I will make decisions that are in the best interests of those who already live here. I will plan for the future, keep your taxes low by using them wisely, and ensure City Hall is open and transparent. Together, we will tackle the challenges, seize the opportunities that move us toward a bright future, and keep this a place we all want to live, work, and raise a family. I ask for your vote.



Kerry

Clark

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Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

My name is Kerry Clark and our family has lived in the Cle Elum area for over 30 years. During this time, I purchased commercial land and have been in the process of developing the Swiftwater Business Park on Oakes Avenue. As an experienced businessman, I have become acutely aware of the critical needs of our community. I'm running for Mayor because I believe I can best advocate for practical solutions to be developed that address those needs.

Education

School of Hard Knocks, Summa cum laude

Community Service

I have previously served on the Cle Elum Planning Commission for 13 years.

Statement

I'm not a politician. What I am and have been is a successful business owner, I've created jobs and opportunities for the community, I've been on the Planning Commission and worked with the city for many years. I have a skill set that enables me to get things done and that's why I'm running for Mayor.

We as a community have several critical issues that threaten our viability as a city. My number one issue would be to develop a plan that can be implemented to repair and/or replace our outdated water and sewer infrastructure that services our downtown business core along with the adjacent residential neighborhoods. Public Works has been underfunded for many years and to ignore this issue any further will put our city in peril.

The other area of concern that needs to be addressed is the growing traffic congestion that is the result of growth from both commercial and residential construction within and outside of our city limits. I would work with other jurisdictions to develop an actionable plan that can be implemented to address the traffic flow issues impacting the Upper County.

City of Cle Elum

Council, Position 2 | 4 year term



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Elected Experience
None

Other Professional Experience
Cle Elum Blend and Brew; Ros-Elum Services; Cle Elum Dairy Queen

Education
Attending Central Washington University, majoring in Political Science; Easton Senior High School

Community Service
I am excited to get more involved in the community. Throughout high school, when I wasn't at school or working, I was a full-time caregiver for my ailing grandmother.

Statement
I am a proud third-generation resident of Cle Elum. I'm blessed to have grown up here but I've watched our rapid growth with increasing concern. Previous councils failed to prepare for the future, and we already feel the negative effects.

Working at a coffee stand, I visit with community members daily and hear their concerns, frustrations, and hopes for Cle Elum. I wholeheartedly believe that I can be part of the solution to respectfully manage future growth and preserve what makes our small town so special. While growth is inevitable, it is manageable if done in a thoughtful manner with community involvement.

I am passionate about getting younger people, like me, involved and taking leadership roles in the community that we will inherit. We must make our voice heard in decisions about what Cle Elum looks like 10-20 years down the road when we are raising our own families. We can't leave these crucial decisions up to people who failed to plan properly and won't be here to deal with the consequences. That starts with saying no to the proposed 47°N project.

It's time to plan so we can protect Cle Elum. I ask for your vote.



Ken
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Elected Experience
Have served on the Cle Elum City Council, 2000-2011 & 2015- Present.
Served on Council during original negotiations for Bullfrog UGA, also "new" Water & Sewer Plants, etc.

Other Professional Experience
Moved to Cle Elum from Montana in 1993 to work for Plum Creek Timber Company.

Education
Licensed Professional Engineer #31014 & Professional Land Surveyor, also Licensed as a Registered Professional Forester (CA #2191)
BS Forest Engineering, Oregon State University 1978
BS Forest Management, Oregon State University, 1978

Community Service
Formerly a Youth Baseball Coach.
As a Volunteer, designed the 4-plex Ball Fields in Memorial Park 1995-99.
Have promoted "Business Friendly" and "Volunteer Friendly" Cle Elum.

Statement
Greetings, fellow Cle Elum residents! My name is Ken Ratliff, I am running for Cle Elum City Council. I would appreciate your vote in our next election!
I have previously served on the Cle Elum Council from 2000 to 2011, and again from 2015 to the present.
I participated in writing the original Bullfrog Agreement, and I pledge to my neighbors that I will render future judgement on any proposed changes according to the best interest of Cle Elum.
I support the notion of annexing Suncadia into the City of Cle Elum, and am encouraged to hear many residents of Suncadia are also interested.
Our future Transportation system is our highest priority. I pledge to encourage the following future projects:
Cle Elum's existing planned projects- downtown, truck route, pavement, others.
A 2nd bridge over the Yakima River.
Traffic relief (new links) at exit 84 by Safeway.
A North Side road connecting White Road (exit 85) to Alliance Road.
Completion of the Oakes Avenue interchange (E portion of exit 84).
Regional concern- a new road paralleling Hwy 903 which goes around Roslyn and Ronald.
Together we can have an even better future for our community- thanks for your vote!

Council, Position 4 | 2 year unexpired term



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Elected Experience
Jerred is a newcomer to the city council, but has 15 years of leadership experience at Inland Networks and will bring the same fortitude and innovative ideas steeped in traditional views and values. He is committed to improving the community he grew up in and where he is raising his family.

Other Professional Experience
Working and operating daily operations for Inland Networks.

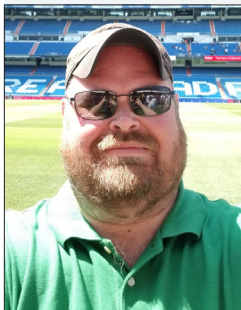
Education
Perry Tech Institute

Community Service
Jerred has been active in the community with fundraising events, coaching, and is part of the Pioneer Days Committee, operating the annual corn hole tournament. He is part of the CASA fundraising events.

Statement
Jerred is a native of Cle Elum and spent his formative years and adult life in the community. After obtaining his education at Perry Tech Institute, he returned to Cle Elum. He is a multi-faceted forward-thinking leader, who is ready to jump into public service. He has over 15 years of experience in leadership, management, and team building at Inland Networks and will bring new and fresh ideas to the Cle Elum City Council. Being a long-term resident of Cle Elum, Jerred cares deeply for his community. He attends the Nazarene Church and in his off time enjoys sports and spending time with family and friends. Jerred is the father of two children and enjoys community events with his family.

City of Cle Elum

Council, Position 6 | 4 year term



Steven E.

Cook

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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
Associate Director of Education Abroad/Exchange Visitor (J-1) Program Responsible Officer, Central Washington University, 2013-PresentAssistant Director for Education Abroad, The University of Akron (Akron, OH), 2012-2013Education Abroad Advisor/ Exchange Visitor (J-1) Program Alternate Responsible Officer, Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw, GA), 2010-2012International Programs Assistant, Marietta College (Marietta, OH), 2008-2010International Programmes Coordinator, Uniwersytet Jagiellonski (Kraków, Poland), 2007-2008

Education
Master of Arts in European Studies, Uniwersytet Jagiellonski (Kraków, Poland), 2005Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies (Secondary Teaching), Central Washington University, 2002

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
Growth and change are inevitable; we can either be proactive or reactive. To keep our community livable, we need to proactively manage growth and development and ensure it enhances Cle Elum and the Upper County rather than being a detriment. I will seek to work with like-minded Council Members and Mayor to take on that task.Additionally, I want to do my part to make city government as transparent and helpful as possible. In my job, I routinely guide various constituents in navigating the university and its resources, policies and procedures, as well as portions of US and international regulations, in an attempt to help them reach their goals. While the goal may not always be possible in the end, I strive to be an advocate and open and honest along the way, so that the reasons for the end result are understood. I will apply these principles as Council Member, as well.

Council, Position 7 | 4 year term



Audrey

Malek

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Elected Experience
Kittitas Parks & Recreation District #1 Commissioner

Other Professional Experience
Owner of Basecamp Books & Bites and Basecamp Outfitters, employing 28 people

Education
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Washington

Community Service
Cle Elum Downtown Association Promotions Committee; Kittitas Stewardship Fund; Cub Scout Pack 903 Committee Member

Statement
Cle Elum needs engaged, bold leadership to move us into the future. To be a successful retail business owner, I must plan and be fiscally responsible. I will bring those important skills with me to the city council, fight to keep taxes low, and help small businesses – the backbone of our local economy – thrive.Growth is the largest factor in putting homeownership out of reach for families. As an employer of nearly 30 people in our community, I see the real impacts of our housing affordability crisis. I will vote for responsible development that removes barriers to building workforce housing. I will protect Cle Elum’s culture and character. The proposed 47°N project is NOT a solution to this problem, and I wholeheartedly oppose it.As a parent of young kids and Parks Commissioner, I know we need more parks and recreation opportunities in our community. I will actively support the construction of our long-awaited community recreation center and improve our parks and other outdoor spaces. As your councilmember, I will roll up my sleeves and get to work solving our challenges. I ask for your vote by November 7.

City of Ellensburg

Council, Position 4 | short & full 4 year term



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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
Senior System's Manager for a midsized technology and consulting company with global operations. Prior to that I was a consultant working with Microsoft and Amazon for a decade.

Education
Bachelors of Science - Business Economics in addition to numerous technical certifications.



Community Service
Coached youth baseball and basketball previously.

Statement
I declared my candidacy for Ellensburg City Council, Position 4 seeking to serve with a servant’s heart. As a new father, it's that much more important to myself to help take care of Ellensburg. I will do everything in my power to bring logical leadership to the position. Potholes over partisanship is my goal.

We are blessed to live in a stunning valley with amazing summers with many activities and events to bring in tourism. Ellensburg has a lot to offer, and I will bring practical ideas and solutions around housing, small business, and job creation to help capture the cities potential.

While Ellensburg has many positives, we also face challenges. Our wages have not kept up with the cost of housing and inflation. Crime and drug use are up. Too many families rely on the local food bank. Challenging problems will take creative thinking. My background in tackling large, complex problems for Fortune 100 companies will allow me to bring a unique prospective to the city council.

I humbly ask for you vote this November. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

City of Ellensburg		City of Kittitas
Council, Position 6 short & full 4 year term	Council, Position 7 short & full 4 year term	Council, Position 1 2 year unexpired term
<div><div>No photo submitted</div><div><div>Rich Elliott</div><div>Contact (509) 201-6280 elliottjl@hotmail.com</div></div></div> <div><div>Elected Experience I have served as a council member for the City of Ellensburg for a little over 10 years, 3+ as mayor.</div><div>Other Professional Experience 35+ years as a fire fighter including serving as the Fire Chief for the City of Ellensburg from 2002 - 2006. I am currently the Deputy Fire Chief for Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue.</div><div>Education AA - Fire Command Administration BS - Political Science - UW Master of Science - Organizational Development - CWU</div><div>Community Service CASA Board Member, Volunteer at Humane Society, Kittitas County Board of Health, Kittitas County Health Network, Hopesource Board Member</div><div>Statement I believe that city council members must listen to the community and act in the long-term interest of Ellensburg regardless of personal preferences. City services are delivered by staff and we have outstanding people working for us. They deserve to be competitively compensated and they deserve clear and consistent direction from the council.</div></div>	<div><div></div><div><div>Sarah Beauchamp</div><div>Contact (509) 968-5558 sarahmayb@hotmail.com</div></div></div> <div><div>Elected Experience Currently serve on Ellensburg City Council position 4 (appointed)</div><div>Other Professional Experience 6+ years; small business owner</div><div>Education No Information Submitted</div><div>Community Service Ellensburg Farmers Market board member, Kittitas County Pride, Ellensburg Downtown Association volunteer, Helen House board member</div><div>Statement It has been an honor to be part of Ellensburg City Council this past year. As an appointed City Council member, I hold seats on the Affordable Housing Commission, Developmental Disabilities Commission, Library Advisory Board, and Adult Activity Advisory Board which has given me the opportunity to begin bridging the gap between our diverse communities within Ellensburg. As a small business owner, mother, valued member of the Ellensburg community, and current councilmember I have been able to listen to the concerns of our community weighing in on opportunities and solutions. I look forward to continuing my service to the Ellensburg community as an elected City Council member. I promise to continue to approach each situation with an open mind, one that is clear and engaged, and work with a wide range of community members and partners. I would be honored to earn your vote. Thank you.</div></div>	<div><div></div><div><div>Sean Crabb</div><div>Contact (425) 263-1143 Seanmcrabb79@gmail.com</div></div></div> <div>No information submitted</div>

City of Kittitas

Council, Position 1 | 2 year unexpired term



Lou Whitford

Tyler

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Elected Experience

Hello- My name is Lou (Whitford) Tyler. I served both as Mayor and on City Council for 5 years. I learned about city budgets and planning for the future.

Other Professional Experience

Served 8 years in the US Air Force and was honorably discharged Staff Sergeant.

Education

Bachelors Degree in Arts and Science. Building Technology for the last 30 years

Community Service

I started Trunk or Treat 5 years ago, Haunted House and helped with the 4th of July, Burnouts, and National Night Out. It is seriously hard work with little to no help. But I was done with love for the kids of all ages.

Statement

This community never ceases to amaze me. The citizens are hard working and dedicated to having a quality of life seldom seen else where. It was an honor to serve in the past and I look forward to the future where the community grows together in support of a healthy city infrastructure, balanced growth of affordable homes, and being accountable to each other and making sure we're all doing well. The city has outstanding staff that work extremely hard on our behalf. I also believe that we are to lead by example to our children, friends, family, and neighbors. I stand for all these values that I hold dear. Please vote for me to continue to knit the community closer together with a healthy government, great education, and successful community events. Thank you. Lou Tyler.

Council, Position 3 | 4 year term



Jerry

Lael

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Elected Experience

I have served as a Kittitas City Council member once before as an appointee.

I am currently the Vice Chair of the Kittitas School Board.

I am a person who seeks positions of leadership.

Other Professional Experience

I am active in the Kittitas County Fair Board, I am active with the Ellensburg Noon Rotary Club and I am a member of the Board of Directors for the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce.

Education

I graduated for Kettle Falls HS in 1970. 2 degrees from CWU Law & Justice in 1978 and Philosophy in 1983.

Community Service

29 years active in various community service activities.

Statement

I bring a wealth of knowledge to this position. I have years of experience in the private sector and the public sector.
I was part of the group that started Hay Days in Kittitas in the 90's. I was part of the team that took the Western Art Association to Las Vegas. I was part of the team that brought DARE to Kittitas and Cle Elum. I was part of the Chamber team that bought property to enhance business in Kittitas County.
Through Rotary I have established friendships and business relationships with people all across the Kittitas Valley.
I bring a wealth of knowledge and commitment to Kittitas. I was happy to raise my kids here in a small town environment.
We know we need growth. We all want it on our terms. I will work for growth that fits our community. I will listen to your ideas and use the ones that make Kittitas an even better place to live.
Council seats are a very important part of community service. It is a great way to share your affinity for Kittitas.

Please vote for me as a positive step for Kittitas.



Tina

Welker

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

I've been a 13 year resident in the city of Kittitas. I have been on council for 2 years and am looking forward to continuing my service on council to help this city grow and thrive. Thank you for your vote!

City of Roslyn

Mayor | 4 year term



Jeff
Adams

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Elected Experience
My name is Jeff Adams and I live in Roslyn with my wife of 30 years and our two dogs . I have been on Roslyn City Council for 6 years and Mayor Pro Tempore for the past 4. I am the fifth generation of my family to live in the city of Roslyn since 1886. I attended Bellevue Community College and University of Washington CE program and received my Construction Management certification in 2014. I own a Construction Management business here locally and enjoy volunteering with the local Heritage Club as the construction coordinator for the Roslyn Historical Cemeteries

Other Professional Experience
No Information Submitted

Education
No Information Submitted

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
I have enjoyed serving this community for the past 6 years on city council and I would like the opportunity to serve our community as Mayor. I have volunteered in several committees and projects for the city of Roslyn in the past 6 years and have worked with some amazing people. I believe that in collaborating with many different ideas and perspectives to get the best results and that we as elected officials strive to be the best we can be. For me two of the most important issues are to keep Roslyn a place to raise a family in safe and healthy environment for generations to come and to also keeping the historical character and charm we all enjoy. With the pressures of outside development surrounding us I look forward to working with many members of the community to sustain the quality of life Roslyn has provided all of us for many generations to come .

Council, Position 4 | 4 year term



Karl
Ohlemann

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Elected Experience
While I'm an actively involved citizen of Roslyn, this is the first elected office I've run for.

Other Professional Experience
25+ years experience in founding and running multiple startup to mature companies up to \$30MM/year, including local home building company Nils Bernard.

Education
University of Oregon – Lundquist College of Business;
University of Washington; Texas A&M – Master of Legal Studies (Pending)

Community Service
Board Member, Central Washington Home Builders Association (CWHBA); Board Member – Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW); Government Affairs Committee, CWHBA and BIAW; Cle Elum-Roslyn School District Boosters Club & Mascot Rebranding Committee; Member, Kittitas Chamber of Commerce

Statement
As a husband and a father to three daughters attending Cle Elum-Roslyn Schools, we are solidly planted and highly invested in Roslyn's future. Many of you have already come to know me as a vocal advocate for Roslyn's residents. To those I have not yet met, I look forward to discussing ideas on how we can enhance Roslyn's bottom line and future, while retaining its soul and heritage. I'm not a fan of the "status quo". I believe that Roslyn needs new leadership with fresh ideas, strategic decision making, and the drive to make stronger partnerships with state/county officials and industry. I have passion for and experience in helping companies, organizations, and churches establish and maintain healthy, ethical standards and practices. As a businessperson, I have over 25 years' experience in founding companies in several industries including construction, healthcare, and IT. Working in partnership with many of the premier developers and builders in the county, my company managed full interior construction on almost 10,000 homes in Washington alone. I will bring this experience to help foster increased revenue opportunities and efficiencies to our town. I will fight for you and the great future of Roslyn! I ask for your vote.



Catherine
Cook

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Elected Experience
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, close to the Roslyn Urban Forest. I love the forest; it's a large part of why we chose Roslyn as our home.

I've served on City Council for the last four years. Before that I was three years on the Planning Commission and four years on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the RUF. I've done my homework and I'm ready to continue serving Roslyn. Let's work together to ensure our best future.

Other Professional Experience
No Information Submitted

Education
No Information Submitted

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
Replacement of Roslyn's aging water main is imperative. Our City Engineer almost finished with preconstruction plans for the water main. Once we have those plans, we can search for grants and loans to finish the project. I'm happy that I was able to help with this process. Affordable housing continues to be an issue. By halting the loss of housing stock, our vacation rental regulations have helped--but that's only one piece of the puzzle. Making it easier for homeowners to build accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in their backyards would be another step forward. Obviously, these measures by themselves won't solve the problem. We need to search for help from other agencies; we can't do it alone. Wildfire is a huge threat. Upper County fire departments (including Roslyn's) may need 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 consider 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.

Town of South Cle Elum

Council, Position 4 | 4 year term

No photo
submitted

Patricia
Garris

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Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Education - Teacher & School Counselor grades 5-12.
Alaska
Case Management - Mental Health and Geriatric
Services. Alaska
Volleyball Referee/Coaching - Grades 6-12. Alaska and
Washington

Education

HS Diploma, Cle Elum HS, 1986
AA&S, YVCC, Yakima, WA, 1992
B.S., Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, AK, 1995
M. Ed., University of Alaska Fairbanks, AK, 1999

Community Service

Pearl Creek Elementary, RSMS, West Valley HS.
Fairbanks, AK
WVHS Football Parent Association Board Member and
Concessions Manager. Fairbanks, AK
WVHS Wrestling Parent Association Board Member.
Fairbanks, AK
USA Volleyball Camp Coach and Co-Manager.
Fairbanks, AK
Arctic Winter Games Coach, Volleyball. Fairbanks, AK
Grant Writing, Perryville, AK

Statement

As a candidate for South Cle Elum town Council, I believe in service to my community, *commitment* to doing the job before me, and *integrity* in how it's done. South Cle Elum has some impending projects and opportunities to assist in their endeavor's to keep the Township of South Cle Elum a happy small community. This could be done through cooperation and innovation from those on the city council. New avenues of financing through grants and non-taxed based fundraising for our fire department and water issues, need to be investigated and followed through. Communication and transparency are important aspects of being a service to a community. I believe, I can be of service to South Cle Elum through my experience and education.

Park & Recreation District No. 1

Commissioner, Position 1 | short & full 4 year term



Lucy
Temple

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Elected Experience

Kittitas County Parks & Recreation District #1
Commissioner (2022-Present)

Other Professional Experience

12-years WSDOT environmental transportation planning; 5-years Cle Elum City Planner (Served on Kittitas County Rural Transportation Task Force, created City Parks & Recreation Plan, founded City Parks Committee, partnering with local non-profits to construct 2020 Kiwanis Pavilion, 2021 Rotary playground & mural, and 2023 skatepark)

Education

BA Anthropology, BS Ecology, MS Natural Resource Management, CWU

Community Service

8-years Cle Elum Downtown Association Design Committee; 8-years Cle Elum-Roslyn School District music program; 2-years V.P. Cle Elum-Roslyn Education Foundation; 2-years City Parks Committee volunteer (Skatepark)

Statement

Upper Kittitas County exists within a recreationally based tourism economy built upon expansive natural resources. These resources are our greatest assets, second only to the people who share this incredible area. The Kittitas County Parks & Recreation District #1 (KPRD1) boundary from Thorp to Snoqualmie Pass includes trail, snow, water, motor sports, hunting and fishing, educational programs, and simply existing in the nature that surrounds us. It also includes untapped possibilities, like affordable and accessible community programs including youth activities, the long-awaited swimming pool, trail system connections, and an informational hub to find recreational information, activities, and events in a single location. I have been part of the commission that has recently reorganized into a sustainable organization and works as a cohesive team. We aim to elevate community needs and helping the possibilities become reality. My background in effective collaboration and project delivery, proven track record connecting people and providing local recreational amenities, and my commitment to this community adds a vital component to the commission. I look forward to building upon the solid foundation we've created, and taking the next steps towards a well-informed, connected, and cohesive recreational network in Upper Kittitas County for generations to come.

No photo
submitted

Susie
Weis

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Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Worked and owned a full service fitness center and was certified as an aerobics instructor and trainer. Specialized in geriatric & youth fitness . Real Estate broker specializing in land

Education

Graduate from Cle Elum Roslyn High School in 1977

Community Service

Volunteered community events
Chairperson Pioneer Days
Chairperson Manly Man Festival
Local organizer Northern Exposure Festival
Chairperson for Winter Blues Festival
organized and fundraised for the Roslyn Playground structure.
Coached youth baseball for 11 years, helped raise money for the baseball complex in Cle Elum
Taught children's theater and directed children's plays
Volunteer Fire Fighter for Ronald Fire District 6

Statement

I am excited for the opportunity to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission. I have extensive experience in this community working on various projects and events.

Children of this community are my passion, and water safety is a major issue that needs to be addressed especially for children.

Creating more opportunities for locals and visitors alike can enjoy the wonderful natural environment of the Upper County is a goal of mine.

I would love to have the opportunity to bring my experience in organizing community events, promoting the arts, and commitment to helping the children of this community to stay active and healthy

Please consider Susie Weis for your vote for the Parks and Recreation Commission

Kittitas Valley Fire Rescue
Commissioner, Position 5 | 6 year term



Scott

Ciraulo

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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
No Information Submitted

Education
No Information Submitted

Community Service
Volunteer Fire Chief for the city of Kittitas Fire Department 2012-2016
Ellensburg Rodeo Top Hand 2013-present

Statement
With 29 years of volunteer and professional fire service and dedication to my community, I would be honored to serve Kittitas County as your next District 2 Fire Commissioner. I am currently a Ladder Truck Captain with the Shoreline Fire Department and am known for my expertise in Technical Rescue Instruction and leadership with structural collapse, search and rescue training cadre.

I am an active member of FEMA’s Washington State Task Force - 1 urban search and rescue team, serving the State and nation during natural disasters including the 2020 Oregon and Washington wildfire crises.

I am endorsed and supported by your local firefighters. My highest priorities are centered around fire prevention and community risk reduction activities, which include serving as an advocate and voice for our wildland- urban interface, recreational land and agricultural landscape. I am a visionary for the preparation of the expected population growth in Kittitas County in the next 7-10 years. My goal is to help our Fire Department provide the same level of service it does today.



Neal

Houser

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Elected Experience
2 terms Fire Commissioner with KVFR

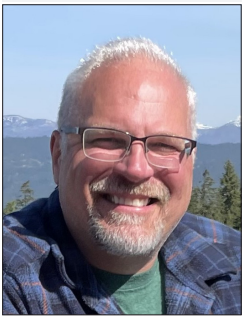
Other Professional Experience
Firefighter 35 yrs with Kent Fire Dept

Education
No Information Submitted

Community Service
Volunteer with KVFR 20 yrs

Statement
Helping Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue to be the best fire and EMS system in Central Washington

Kittitas County Fire District No. 7
Commissioner, Position 2 | 6 year term



Jeff

Myers

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Elected Experience
Sky Meadows Ranch Board of Trustees (2014-Present), President (2015-Present); Chair, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (2012-2022)

Other Professional Experience
Law Enforcement Consultant (UW and WA Department of Commerce); 34-year Washington State Peace Officer; Hoquiam Chief of Police; Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission; Member, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs; Board of Directors, Incident Management Team, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Small Business Owner

Education
Bachelor of Arts, The Evergreen State College; Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy; FBI/CJTC Command College; Executive Career Certification, Criminal Justice Training Commission

Community Service
Rotary; Boy Scouts; Kittitas Fire District #7 Citizen Advisory Committee; Cle Elum Groomer Council

Statement
I'm excited to represent you as a Fire Commissioner for Fire District #7. The District encompasses 126 square miles, serving you with dedicated volunteers and career firefighters. My commitment to you is ensuring we become a “People First” agency with leaders who always make decisions in your best interest – while valuing and empowering the people who work and volunteer here. We must demonstrate the principle of “Transparency Builds Trust” in communicating while having an open mind and being respectful of residents, staff, and neighboring agencies. The District has a budget of \$5.2 million funded by your tax dollars which must be spent responsibly. I will develop a robust strategic plan to address operations, growth, service levels, and equipment needs for the years to come. You will get your money’s worth – with accountability. As a taxpayer of District 7, I do not believe fire services should be merged or contracted to Kittitas County Fire & Rescue in Ellensburg. The District can once again be strong and a great partner to our neighboring agencies by living up to our motto of “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”. I’m proud to be endorsed by our career firefighters and medics. I ask for your vote.

Kittitas County Fire District No. 7**Commissioner, Position 2 | 6 year term**

Bill

Dickinson

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Elected Experience

Incumbent fire commissioner presently serving in my first term.
Fellow commissioners elected me serve as the Chair of the Board for the last 5 years.

Other Professional Experience

45 years public safety experience with last 23 years experience in small and large agencies as Police Chief.
KitComm 9-1-1 center Board of Directors 2 years.
Current District Rep on the WA Fire Commissioners Legislative Committee.
Municipal Emergency Manager
Assistant City Manager

Education

Seattle University B.A.
FBI National Academy, U of V Quantico VA
FBI Executive Development, Quantico VA

Community Service

Rotary
Kiwanis
Vice-chair Kittitas County Fire Adaptive Communities organization 2 years.
Current Volunteer Fire-fighter

Statement

I had a long and successful public safety career starting as a volunteer firefighter from high school to college where I met and married Betty Groeschell. We moved to Cle Elum and built our home on long-time family farmland on Peoh Point. Now retired, I seek to continue public safety service by offering my many years of management experience which was put to use immediately upon taking office, I was advised by the County Auditor that our 8 fire station department was headed for insolvency. I led the tough decision to reorganize the Department, tighten our belts, and contracted with District 2 to share the cost of their professional fire chief. Today our tax rate is well below the state allowable maximum, we saved the jobs of our original 9 firefighters, added 2 supervisors, and 6 more firefighters are being added in 2023 to staff our east end station. We have a balanced budget with 7 new apparatus plus a new engine in our budget plan. I have worked diligently meeting with other upper county fire departments and the paramedic service who are not presently interested but my goal is to continue supporting consolidation to increase service while reducing costs.

Candidate statements are printed as submitted and are not edited for factual or grammatical accuracy by the Auditor's Office.

Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue | Proposition No. 1**Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services**

The Board of Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution No. 2023-08, concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition would authorize the District to restore its 2023 property tax levy to \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and would authorize the setting of a limit factor of 106% for each of the following five years subject to statutory limits. The funds will maintain and improve fire protection, emergency medical services and provide for firefighter safety. The maximum allowable levy in the final year shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations.

Should this proposition be:

☐ Approved

☐ Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue provides emergency fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services to its community.

Due to the statutory 1% limitation on property tax increases, the Fire District's current levy rate has been reduced from \$1.00 per thousand of assessed valuation in 2021 to approximately \$.75 per thousand.

If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to restore its regular property tax levy rate to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2023 for collection in 2024. The proposition will also allow the District to better keep pace with inflation by establishing an annual growth factor of 6% per year. At the end of the six-year period, absent further voter approval, the District tax levy rate will be subject to statutory limitations.

Approval of this measure will allow the District to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens.

Statement For

Public safety is an essential service; support our Firefighters by voting yes to restore the fire levy rate to \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. Invest in the safety of our families, our property, and our community. We have all felt the cost of inflation during the pandemic; it hit our fire district especially hard.

In emergencies, rapid response makes a difference.

Approving the levy will maintain fast response times, crucial to minimizing damage and saving lives. Rapid growth has seen increased call volumes in medical, motor vehicle accidents and fire calls.

Funding the levy will enable the district to attract, train, and retain skilled firefighters and EMTs. Our volunteer Firefighters and paid staff have earned our financial support. They are dedicated professionals, giving their time and risking their health and wellbeing for us, they deserve no less. With a growing population, an active Ski/ Bike Park, a main interstate corridor, our Firefighters need resources to deal with these challenges.

By investing in safety we safeguard our person and families, our personal investments, contribute to the overall stability and value of our property and create a vibrant community. Provide our Firefighters with the resources they need. Vote yes on Proposition 1.

Written by: John Mosley
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Statement Against

No one came forward to prepare a statement against this measure. If you are interested in being a committee member for statements in the future, please contact your local jurisdiction.

Additional Kittitas County Candidates/Offices you may see on your ballot:
(Only those districts applicable to your residence are available for you to vote on)
 (No statement or photo submitted by the candidate)

District	Candidate	Position / Term	Contact
Hospital District No. 2	Fred Benjamin	Commissioner 1 / 6 year term	(509) 674-5152
	Carrie Youngblood	Commissioner 5 / 6 year term	
Damman School No. 7	Michael Milligan	Director 2 / 4 year term	
	Carol Carrothers	Director 3 / 4 year term	
	Rodney Van Orman	Director 5 / 4 year term	
Easton School No. 28	Jason Meuli	Director 4 / 4 year term	
	Phillip K. Meehan	Director 5 / 4 year term	(253) 569-4051 Pkmeehan@msn.com
Selah School No. 119	Sarah K. Michael	Director 1 / 4 year term	
Thorp School No. 400	Lois N. Bell	Director 1 / 2 year unexpired term	
	Jessica J. Howard	Director 2 / 4 year term	JessicajHoward.81@gmail.com
Kittitas School No. 403	Billy (BJ) Fekkes	Director 2 / 4 year term	(509) 760-1442 BillyFekkes@yahoo.com
	Erin Tostenson	Director 3 / 4 year term	
	Mark Crowley	Director 4 / 2 year unexpired term	
City of Cle Elum	Beth Williams	Council 4 / 4 year term	(509) 307-8600 cowichemedic@gmail.com
	Sarah Lackey	Council 7 / 4 year term	
City of Ellensburg	David M. Miller	Council 5 / 4 year term	(503) 860-1947 dmmiller100@gmail.com
City of Kittitas	Tyrul L. McGuffin	Council 4 / short & full 4 year term	
	Nancy Shuda	Council 5 / short & full 4 year term	
City of Roslyn	Shannon O'Malley	Council 1 / 4 year term	
	Geoff Scherer	Council 2 / 4 year term	
	Nolan Walter Weis	Council 7 / 4 year term	
Town of South Cle Elum	Jim DeVere	Mayor / 4 year term	
	Leslie Ditsworth	Council 2 / 2 year unexpired term	(425) 830-8866
	Judi Sandretto	Council 3 / short & full 4 year term	
	Gary Kasowski	Council 4 / 4 year term	
Park & Recreation District No. 1	Keegan Fengler	Commissioner 5 / short & full 4 year term	
	Jennifer Hyatt	Commissioner 5 / short & full 4 year term	(509) 674-1089 jenhyatt@hotmail.com
Fire District No. 1	Joy Fields	Commissioner 3 / 6 year term	
Fire District No. 2	Pat Clerf	Commissioner 2 / 6 year term	
Fire District No. 3	Douglas N. Coburn II	Commissioner 1 / 6 year term	(509) 656-0262 douglas.coburn156@gmail.com
Fire District No. 4	Charlotte Gonzales	Commissioner 3 / 6 year term	
Fire District No. 6	Joanne McCoy	Commissioner 2 / 2 year unexpired term	
	David Bertschi	Commissioner 3 / 6 year term	(509) 304-5126 david154@outlook.com
Snoqualmie Pass Fire Rescue	William J. Powers jr (Billy)	Commissioner 2 / 6 year term	
	Charity Catalfomo	Commissioner 3 / 4 year unexp term	(504) 914-1093 charitycatalfomo@hotmail.com
	Wally Anderson	Commissioner 4 / 6 year term	(253) 377-3258 wallya108@hotmail.com
Water District No. 2	Andrew Vlahovich	Commissioner 2 / 6 year term	
	Anthony Starkovich	Commissioner 3 / 4 year unexp term	(206) 910-6670 stark303@hotmail.com
Water District No. 3	Dan Wasell	Commissioner 1 / short & full 6 year term	
Water District No. 5	Fred Marion	Commissioner 2 / 6 year term	
	Joyce A. Jones	Commissioner 3 / 2 year unexpired term	
Water District No. 6	Jake O'Leary	Commissioner 1 / 6 year term	
Water District No. 7	Letha Ihrke	Commissioner 3 / 2 year unexpired term	(509) 304-5465 LI.kcwd7@gmail.com
Cemetery District No. 1	Kenji Norwood	Commissioner 2 / 6 year term	
	Sue Higginbotham	Commissioner 3 / 4 year unexpired term	
Snoqualmie Pass Utility District 1	Steve Hartpence	Commissioner 2 / short & full 6 year term	(201) 621-3091 s_hartpence@hotmail.com