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City of Battle Ground Edition



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City of Battle Ground

Council, Position No. 2

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City of Battle Ground

Council, Position No. 2



Shane A. Bowman

Elected Experience Battle Ground City Council 2012 – present. Mayor 2014 - 2015, Deputy Mayor 2012 - 2013 and 2018 - 2019. Discovery Clean Water Alliance, Evaluation Committee, Fire District 3, Governance Manual, Law Enforcement Officers’ and Fire

Fighters’ Plan 1 Board, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and Legislative Committee.

Other Professional Experience Small business owner for more than 20 years. NRA Fire Arms Instructor. Eagle Scout.

Education Brigham Young University, Idaho

Community Service Founding member of the Battle Ground Festivals Committee (Harvest Days). Cascadia Tech Foundation Board, Cascadia Tech Fire Science Advisory Board, Boy Scout leader, youth group leader, little league president, youth baseball and basketball coach, seminary instructor.

Statement I value the citizens of Battle Ground and serve as a City Council Member to help ensure safety and quality of life for us all. Public safety has been and will continue to be a top priority. We have invested in additional street patrols, detective work, school resource officers and recently added a drone program. Our community has always prioritized public safety, and it’s important for City Council to follow suit. I’ve also supported fire services through the annexation of Fire District 3, which provides financial and service stability to our citizens.

My experience with finance has helped the city eliminate debt and maximize the investment of our citizens in projects and infrastructure. We have invested more than \$1 million per year in improving our roads. I have lobbied at the state and federal level resulting in tens of millions of dollars coming back to our community. If re-elected, I’ll continue to look for ways to save money and maximize our investments.

In my next term, I’ll support the addition of a regional sporting complex and partnering to bring a much-desired pool to town. I have appreciated your past support and would be humbled to earn your vote.

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City of Battle Ground

Council, Position No. 2



Josh VanGelder

Elected Experience None

Other Professional Experience Landscaping Crew Foreman - 2015-2017; Landscaping Business Partner/Manager - 2018-2020.

Education High School Graduate - Home Schooled.

Community Service CCSO Volunteer Search and Rescue - 2012-2015; Church on the Rock Serving Team - 2020-Present; Multiple Homeless Outreach Programs.

Statement I am running as a small town advocate. Being born and raised in Clark County for my whole life, and now raising my own family of 4 in Battle Ground, I recognize the importance of keeping our small town values and a safe and friendly community for the next generation. I have witnessed what has happened as our small town atmosphere is slowly chipped away by big city policies, where small businesses and personal freedoms are choked out by high rising taxes and increasing government control.

I believe in defending the rights and freedoms of the people, protecting the unborn, supporting our law enforcement officers, producing an environment for local small business success, reducing government control and taxes, and operating our city in a moral and responsible way, as a steward of the funding and trust of the citizens.

I strive to put Christ first and foremost in everything that I do, and this campaign is no exception. I intend to run with love and not hate. With humility, grace and honesty, not mudslinging, cunning and backstabbing. Let us all come together to build a better City, to the glory of God.

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City of Battle Ground

Council, Position No. 3



Victoria Ferrer

Elected Experience Precinct Committee Officer

Other Professional Experience

I Proudly served in the United States Army during 9/11 terrorist attacks, the United States Postal Service, and the Battle Ground School District where I helped children with behavioral and

mental health needs. Much of my career has involved elements of customer service which has provided me with a servant's heart.

Education I Earned an AA in Business Science at Mt. Hood Community College and completed courses at Eastern Oregon University in Accounting.

Community Service Volunteer work at Daybreak Primary School, Washington Parents Alliance, Battle Ground Public School Community Advisory Committee, and several other community committees.

Statement Our town needs leadership that will truly listen to "We the people." I say *No* to Portland 2.0 because I value our natural landscape and our rural values and I'm concerned about our fast-growing community. We need to plan responsibly so not to overburden our roads, schools, and natural resources while ensuring affordable housing for our neighbors.

I will work with my fellow council members to achieve responsible financial spending, while ensuring citizens receive quality services that will not require additional taxes. We already have too many families struggling with high inflation rates.

I'll ensure zoning is being fully researched and your health and safety are more important than growth and revenue. Right now, we are not even in the top 10 in Washington State for clean water and this is a concern for Battle Ground citizens.

Battle Ground is a great place to live. I would be honored to represent you and this great town of ours. If elected, I will work diligently by listening, researching, and helping our community in every way possible. I humbly ask for your vote so I may serve you and our neighbors on the city council.

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City of Battle Ground

Council, Position No. 3



Daniel Dingman

Elected Experience None

Other Professional Experience

Quality Systems Engineer, WestRock Paper and Packaging 2016-2022, Account Manager, Buckman Laboratories 1997-2016, Western Lab Manager, Lion Industries 1994-1997, Research Technician, Boise Cascade

R&D 1990-1994, Analytical Chemist, Columbia Analytical Services 1988-1990, Senior Research Technician, Spectra Technology 1987-1988

Education BS Physics, Western Washington University 1986, AA Lower Columbia College 1984, Mark Morris HS 1978

Community Service Battle Ground Planning Commission 2023, Music Leader, St. Mary of Guadalupe and Sacred Heart Churches, Musical Entertainer for various community fundraisers, National Anthem Singer for community events.

Statement I moved to Battle Ground in 2000 and have grown to love this community. It is truly my home. I recently retired after more than 30 years in the paper industry, and now desire to use my time to serve our city. My many years in technical roles has given me strong analytical and management skills which will serve our city well.

In the time I have lived here, the size of the city has doubled. With growth comes the challenge to maintain the small town feel of Battle Ground. Growth is inevitable. However, the way we grow is ours to determine. I will work to ensure that Battle Ground maintains existing infrastructure and holds developers to high standards for new development with designs that complement our existing construction and strike a balance between buildings, parks, and green spaces. I pledge to be a fiscally conservative consensus builder, ready to listen to and work with citizens from all perspectives.

I consider it an honor to serve this great community, and humbly ask for your vote.

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City of Battle Ground

Council, Position No. 3

No photo submitted

Craig Wigginton

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City of Battle Ground

Council, Position No. 7

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City of Battle Ground

Council, Position No. 7



Josie Calderon

Elected Experience None

Other Professional Experience Battle Ground School District 2017, Business Owner 2018, President, The Light Center: Afterschool Tutoring Program non-profit 2022, National Healthcare Association 2015

Education Cerritos Community College majored in Business Management, Cal- State University of Long Beach, Medical Assistant Certification Program

Community Service Chair, Parks and Community Engagement Committee (2018-2021), Planning Commissioner (2018-2021), Navigator & Stakeholder in the Visioning Process for the City of BG (2018), Just One Thing BG (2018-2020) Harvest Days Committee (2019-current) Kiwanis Club of Battle Ground (current)

Statement I chose to live in this city because I fell in love with the small-town values and strong sense of community found in Battle Ground. We have great access to public safety, we are surrounded by nature, and crime rates are low. This city exemplifies affordability, safety, and relative freedom from high taxes and crumbling transportation infrastructure.

I look forward to working together with all citizens to find solutions to our current challenges. I plan to use my expertise as a Navigator to plan for Battle Ground's future requirements for roads, sewer, and water to accommodate our growing population while employing the necessary fiscal responsibility to control taxes. I'll work to build a bridge between our community and the police department for enhanced public safety.

As an active community member, BGSD employee, and a married mother of 3, I am heavily invested in the success of our community. I will bring communication and problem-solving skills to the challenges we are facing as a community. I will diligently serve to the best of my ability, so all citizens are heard and represented during my service to you.

I consider it an honor to earn your vote for City Councilwoman.

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City of Battle Ground

Council, Position No. 7



Eric Joe Overholser

Elected Experience Current elected Republican Precinct Committee Officer for Precinct 581, serving in my second term.

Other Professional Experience Owner and operator of Patriot Pest Management LLC, proudly serving

Clark and Cowlitz Counties, based out of Battle Ground.

Education Attended Clark College. Graduated Lebanon High School in Lebanon, OR.

Community Service Area Representative and coach with Clark County Youth Football. Director of Church in the Streets homeless outreach based in Battle Ground. Active member and volunteer with my church's men's ministry. Volunteer with the Portland Rescue Mission. Volunteer and assistant coordinator with the nonprofit Soccer in the Park. Organizer and volunteer with newly formed Football in the Park.

Statement As Battle Ground has grown in population, we have started to stray from the small-town values on which the city was built. As a resident and small business owner operating out of BG, as well as a Precinct Committee Officer, I understand what is needed to get us back on track. Outside of work and family, I spend my time volunteering with youth through sports programs such as CCYF and with multiple homeless outreach programs, one of which I run out of my church right here in the city. I love this community, and all the people in it, and I want to work to see us thrive.

I believe in family first, and we need policies to reflect that. I want to see families excel here, with booming small businesses, safe and fruitful schools, and effective public safety. I want to support families by alleviating the burden of high taxes, while insisting on frugal government spending to ensure clean parks, viable roadways, and other important city services.

I believe in holding elected officials accountable and I'll serve honorably, honestly, and with integrity. I will put family over politics, and people over political party, every single time. Thank you.

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City of Woodland

Mayor



Janna Lovejoy

Statement Janna Lovejoy is asking for your support to become Mayor of Woodland.

Janna has reached out to Woodland residents and businesses, identifying issues of utmost concern: traffic congestion; road maintenance and repairs; out-of-state outsourcing of

utilities bills; water and sewer rates. Janna's mayoral goals are to attract citizen participation in addressing these concerns and other challenges affecting the community. She knows that within Woodland there are intelligent talented individuals willing to express viewpoints and problem-solving strategies to get things done. She wants them on her team. Janna's goals also include instituting an open-door City Hall policy and improving access to local government through effective technology.

Janna knows firsthand how to build a business from the ground up, and understands competing aspects of growth and existing revenues. She is the definition of how long-term businesses and industries serve to strengthen the local economy. At her downtown address, popularly remembered as Morgan's Bakery, Janna has provided legal services to area residents, organizations, and businesses for the past 30 years and counting. Janna understands how to listen and communicate, and the importance of plain hard work. She is committed to working for you. Please support Janna Lovejoy for Mayor of Woodland.

Email JANNAL.JRL@gmail.com

City of Woodland

Mayor



Will Finn

Statement As Mayor since 2016, I have delivered seven balanced budgets, cut spending, and strengthened business relationships. My administration has increased the general reserves by reducing general fund liabilities. We did this through reduced staffing, technology upgrades, and streamlined services. City Hall has become a customer service-based experience by creating a culture of "yes", making our city the benchmark for other cities in our area.

My administration has secured \$11+ million in grant funding with little contribution from your local tax dollars. We have leveraged your local tax dollars to secure outside grant dollars to help complete capital projects, upgrade facilities, and assist in long-range planning. I am continually looking for creative cost saving measures that do not reduce the level of service you deserve. We have applied for over \$30 million in grant funding, including \$23 million for the construction of exit 21.

I will continue my efforts in creating a strong, conservative government focusing on Public Safety, Financial Stability, Infrastructure, Economic Development, and Organizational Efficiency. It has been an honor to serve as your mayor and I look forward to the next four years!

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City of Woodland

Mayor



Todd Dinehart

Statement For 28 years, I have proudly called Woodland my home. My wife's family has deep roots in the community, and this is where we raised our family. I cherish the small-town atmosphere and the sense of security that comes with it. I am running for mayor because I believe it is time to listen, engage and partner with our community on a deeper level. Together, we can bring the change needed to restore transparency and trust in our city government.

Our local government should be held accountable to our citizens to ensure the continued livability of Woodland. The exorbitant increase in utility bills, along with outsourcing of local jobs, is unacceptable. I will apply my 31 years of finance and accounting experience to ensure reasonable and appropriate spending of taxpayer funds and resources. Improving congestion and infrastructure is also critical and requires attention. I will build working relationships with county commissioners and state officials to create sustainable long-term solutions for our community.

Woodland's strong sense of community inspires me, and I am asking for your vote to serve as your mayor. Together, we can build a brighter future for our town. Thank you for your confidence and support.

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Fire Protection District No. 5

Commissioner, Position No. 1

Christopher Justice

No biographical information or candidate statement submitted

No photo submitted

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Fire Protection District No. 5

Commissioner, Position No. 1



Mike Lyons

Elected Experience Clark County Fire District 5 Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience Quality Control Engineering, Western Electric; Captain, Fire District 5 and Vancouver Fire Department; Treasurer, Vancouver Firefighter’s Union; Data Analyst, Vancouver Fire Department business plan.

Education Clark College 1971, Associate Applied Science Mechanical Engineering; Clark College 1979, Associate Arts General Studies, Honors; University of Portland 1981, Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering, Cum Laude Honors.

Community Service “Vancouver Strong” Fire & EMS Community Resource Team; City of Vancouver Pension Board; “Evergreen Citizens for Schools” Volunteer coordinator; “Yes for Fire & EMS” Steering Committee; Heritage High School volunteer, Choir Booster Treasurer, Senior Parents fundraiser; Youth coach: baseball, softball, soccer, basketball.

Statement I’m a Vancouver native and have lived within the current Vancouver Fire Department/District 5 service area my entire life raising two children together with my wife of 45 years. I have been actively involved with local fire service for 46 years.

Since 1988 the Fire District has actively pursued regionalizing fire and emergency medical services, first merging with Fire District 4, and in 1994 contractually consolidating with the Vancouver Fire Department. The combined resources have allowed the Vancouver Fire Department to add enhanced services including a fully staffed paramedic program, ladder truck operations, hazardous material team, technical/heavy rescue, and a fire boat. I fully support our contractual relationship with the City and believe it provides the best service to both communities.

My leadership has been instrumental in further improving service delivery, including the building and staffing of the Glenwood Fire Station 7, enhancing response to Glenwood, Barberton, Pleasant Valley and Brush Prairie. I take much pride in my personal efforts working with the City to build the new Station 11 in Fire District 5 and funding the construction and staffing of the station to better serve Orchards, Sifton, and 117th Avenue corridor.

Help me continue this important work.

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Fire Protection District No. 5

Commissioner, Position No. 1



Craig Hancock

Elected Experience No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience Retired Firefighter. My professional experience is 34 consecutive years of service for the Los Angeles City Fire Department, where I held the ranks of

Firefighter/Paramedic, and Fire Inspector. While at the LAFD, I was involved with the development of ongoing training programs, and administrative projects for the Fire Marshal, specifically writing amendments to the Fire Code , which became adopted as part of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. It was an honor to serve the citizens of Los Angeles for over three decades.

Education Pierce College, CSUN, State Fire Marshal Training at Rancho Santiago College.

Community Service No Information Submitted

Statement As Fire Commissioner , my commitment to both the citizens of Clark County, and the Fire Department, is to serve with the same dedication, integrity, and pride, that I have given to the Fire Service, for most of my adult life. The priorities I have going forward, would be to focus on providing oversight and engagement, to make certain the department has the resources they require to maintain adequate staffing levels, and training, making “ Firefighter Safety “ an absolute priority. The public education programs the department provides should also continue to be a priority as well . With the significant growth of Clark County over the last few years, it should be incumbent upon all elected officials, involved with the department, to be able to monitor the agency’s needs and work diligently to provide whatever is needed to serve the citizens most effectively. It will be an honor, and a privilege, to serve the citizens of Clark County.

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Clark County Fire Protection District No. 3

Proposition No. 4

Levy Lid Lift Authorizing Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Clark County Fire Protection District No. 3 adopted Resolution 2023-04 concerning funding for fire protection and emergency medical services.

This proposition would authorize an increase in the District's maximum property tax levy rate to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with collection beginning in 2024, to fund staffing, training, maintenance, operations, facilities, and equipment. It would authorize an annual increase of the levy rate up to 6% in years 2025-2030, never exceeding \$1.50/\$1,000 assessed valuation. The 2030 levy amount would serve as the basis for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should the proposition be enacted into law?

To vote, use your official ballot.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

FD3 provides fire and emergency medical services to 46,000 people, responding to 4,917 calls (73% EMS-related) in 2022. Proposition 4 is necessary to maintain effective service levels, including additional firefighters, renovating facilities for 24-hour staffing, and replacing apparatus. It would authorize a levy rate of \$1.50/\$1000 of assessed value; an additional \$12.08/month (\$145/year) for a home with assessed value of \$500,000. To adjust for property value and inflation fluctuation, this limits the rate to an annual increase of 6% but never to exceed \$1.50/\$1000 per year from 2025 to 2030. More information at <https://fire3.org/fire-levy-lid-lift/>.

STATEMENT FOR

We support Clark County Fire District 3's proposal to renew the fire levy rate from \$1.21/\$1000 of assessed valuation to \$1.50/ \$1000. On a \$500k home, this is \$12.08 more per month. The \$1.50 levy rate is within the state law protecting taxpayers from wasteful government spending. It will allow FD3 to improve emergency service levels, meet mandated safety-requirements, expand firefighter training, and replace aging equipment.

A voter-approved increase will adjust the funding level to adapt to FD3's 26% population increase over the past 10 years, which is straining resources. It will allow FD3 to comply with new regulations requiring a minimum number of firefighters to enter an active rescue scene. FD3's history of compliance with regulations and excellent response times has resulted in improved insurance ratings, lowering premiums for property owners.

Renewing the fire levy would allow training of Swiftwater and Ropes Rescue technicians to respond quickly to our varied terrain and waterways without waiting for other county agencies. Station 34 on Rawson Road would receive 24-hour staffing, reducing response times by adding capacity district-wide.

Fire District 3 has a proven track record of financial transparency and fiscal responsibility. It has completed all promises made to taxpayers and voters since the last levy lid lift passed in 2017. We ask you to consider the facts, your community's needs, and use your vote to make a positive difference. We must continue to support our excellent Fire District and the citizens and businesses of our community!

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

FD3 has a history of long-range planning and accountable stewardship of funds, operating efficiently on budgets lower than average for county districts. Historically operating with annual 1% revenue increases, this measure allows elected commissioners to increase to max 6% - as needed - through the annual budgeting process, to maintain operational requirements and service levels. Rate cannot exceed \$1.50/\$1000. EMS tax only applies to a few residents in the northernmost region of the district.

Statement in Favor and Rebuttal of Statement Against

Submitted by:

Helga Grimsrud - Chair
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Harold Heffner
Don LaVallee

STATEMENT AGAINST

The current rate for the existing levy is \$1.21. They're asking for a 24% increase *plus* any increase in assessed values that may happen this year due to increased assessed values and new construction. The new rate would be \$1.50 with a built-in automatic increase up to 6% per year through 2030. They're estimating a 7.5% assessed property value increase per year.

A \$500,000 assessed value home is paying \$605 per year now. In 2024 the taxes paid would rise to \$750/year because the house would be assessed at \$530,000. In 2030 (assuming a 6% annual increase) the \$500,000 home value would be \$751,815. That home would pay \$1,505/ year. So that's an increase of \$900 or 148% more.

Schools get 52.47% of all property taxes. EMS and Fire are #2 and get 21.38%. Clark County can only raise property taxes 1% per year but the Fire District is asking for up to 6% more per year (600%)? Is your net income going up by 6% or more per year? They appear to think you are an endless well of money. 73% of all fire calls are medical and yet we already pay an EMS tax of \$.50/ \$1000 on top of this requested increase.

We are faced with the highest inflation in 40 years. Taxes are through the roof. Income is down. By voting *no* you tell them to hold the line and tighten their belt like the rest of us. Tell them to ask for less.

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

They say it's a renewal then they say its an increase. It's an increase! They did a levy lid increase in 2017 and now ask again in 2023. They claim your premiums have gone down but offer no evidence. Only 37% of calls are fire. They offer no data on fire call growth. They don't tell you how much you pay over time. Why not? They ask for what we can't afford. Vote *No!*

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