

Dear Clark County Voters,

This year brings another important change in elections, so I am writing to update you on Washington State election procedures. Please take a minute to read this and then join me and your fellow citizens in exercising one of the most precious rights we have, the right to vote.

The Washington state primary election will now be held on the third Tuesday in August. For nearly 100 years, it has been held in September. That means voters and election workers must prepare for the 2007 primary on August 21.

To make sure you receive your ballot, you must provide our Elections Office with your current address. You may use the Absentee Ballot form on page 4 of this pamphlet, or you may phone the Elections Office at (360) 397-2345 to ensure that you are registered and our records are up to date. This is very important, because we instruct the U.S. Postal Service to not forward ballots from one address to another.

Clark County and most other counties in Washington now use mail-in balloting. You may mail your ballot or you may drop it off at one of 32 secure ballot boxes that will be located throughout the county on August 21. Those locations are listed on page 5 of this pamphlet.

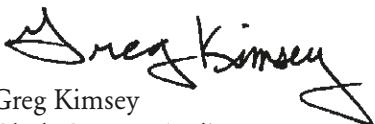
A third option is to use the drive-up ballot box in downtown Vancouver, which will be available from August 1 through August 21. The bright red box is on 14th Street, about one block east of the Elections Department on Franklin Street, near the county courthouse.

The August 21 primary involves the cities of Vancouver, Camas, Ridgefield, La Center, Woodland, the Battle Ground and Mt. Pleasant school districts, the Port of Vancouver, and Fire Protection District No. 12. You will receive a ballot in the mail if you are eligible to vote in one of these areas.

People who are not eligible to vote in the primary election will not receive ballots. However, some people may receive this pamphlet even though they are not eligible to vote. This is because the voters' pamphlet is sent to all households with certain Zip codes, to ensure that the public is informed about the upcoming election.

The change from a September to August primary is intended to improve elections throughout Washington by allowing more time for mailings to voters in the military and overseas between the primary and general elections. While this may require some adjustments, we have prepared this pamphlet to make sure you have the latest information to help decide important questions in your community.

Sincerely,



Greg Kimsey
Clark County Auditor

Participating jurisdictions:

Cities of Vancouver, Ridgefield, Camas, La Center, and Woodland; Battle Ground School District No. 119; Fire Protection District No. 12; and Vancouver Port District.

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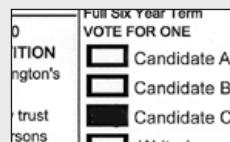
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Washington tackles election issues

The date of this year's primary, August 21, may come as a surprise to some voters. The reasons for this change are compelling, and this change has been sought by members of the election community for many years. The experience of the 2004 governor's election emphasized the need for a change of the date of the primary and some other changes that have been forthcoming from our State Legislature. Secretary of State Sam Reed touches on the changes and the reasoning behind them in the editorial below.

AUGUST PRIMARY A VAST IMPROVEMENT

By Secretary of State Sam Reed

When the Legislature passed a bill moving our state primary from September to August, one of the last solutions to the 2004 election problems fell into place.

By far, our soon-to-be August primary is most important.

History will long remember the challenges of the 2004 governor's election. Perhaps the greatest lesson is a keen awareness of the chaos that would ensue should a similar, razor-thin race occur in the September primary. After all, the legal challenges to that election did not resolve until June, seven months after voters cast their ballots.

The timing of the September primary poses more problems than recounts and an election contest. It sends election workers on a mad scramble to hire poll workers, test voting equipment, and format and print ballots. After certification of the September primary results, election workers have a matter of days to mail out general election ballots to Washington military and overseas voters. In the worst-case scenario, these citizens do not receive their ballots in time to vote and return them.

Starting with the 2007 primary, administrators preparing and mailing ballots will have more time to conduct the election, and the right to vote for military and overseas citizens will be better protected.

The primary date change is not the only improvement to voting since the historic 2004 election. Among a series of reforms is a groundbreaking project that will overhaul voter registration. For the first time, every election administrator in the state will rely on a single list of voters captured and monitored in a statewide database. Duplicate registrations, the deceased and felons who have not yet had their rights restored can be identified and, upon further investigation, removed from the rolls.

This database is needed desperately. Through the merger of 39 separate county voter lists, we have encountered the challenges we expected. Even when this initial cleanup finishes and the database is operating at its peak performance, the information it holds will never be entirely accurate. Voter registration information changes daily as people move, change names and lose the right to vote. But without question, this consolidation is dramatic and will improve the integrity of Washington elections.

Since 2004, the voting process has changed in other ways. While the role of the secretary of state is still limited, my office has new authority to review county election practices and procedures more frequently. Each county elections office will be reviewed every three years.

Poll voters must now show identification such as a driver's license, state ID card or other form of identity. In the 2005 elections, almost all voters produced photo ID, usually driver's licenses.

Election administrators in 34 counties will no longer have to conduct two different elections at the same time, one for the majority of voters who vote absentee and the other for those who vote at the polls. Thirty-four counties now hold all elections by mail. King County is considering this option as well.

After years of debate, the primary tops a long list of changes to the way we vote in Washington. I applaud the Legislature, the elections community and, most of all, voters for taking such important steps to strengthen this democracy and protect a fundamental right.

March 2006

A reminder to vote: It's really simple



Registering to vote

Registering takes only a few minutes, and you can do it by mail. Registration forms are available during business hours at public libraries, schools when they are open, city and town halls, and the County Elections Office.

Who is eligible to vote

The requirements for registering to vote are simple. You must be a United States citizen, 18 years or older, and live in Clark County 30 days prior to the election.

How to vote

For all elections, the voters in Clark County will receive their ballot by mail. The state legislature passed legislation allowing any county to become an all-mail ballot county if this change was approved by that county's Board of Commissioners. In Clark County, the commissioners, at the request of the county Auditor's Office, approved the change to all-mail ballot voting.

We will mail you a ballot for every election in which you are entitled to participate.

To receive your ballot, it is very important that you keep your address current with the Elections Office, because the U.S. Postal Service does not forward ballots. When you change

your address, you can contact the Elections Office by telephone to provide us with the new address.

If you will be away before an election, you can fill out the form below and send it to the county Elections Office and have your mail ballot sent to a temporary address.

If you lose your ballot, or it becomes damaged, you can obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Elections Office:

Phone: (360) 397-2345

E-mail: elections@clark.wa.gov

Mailing address: PO Box 8815, Vancouver, WA 98666-8815

Street address: 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Absentee ballot application

I hereby declare that I am a registered voter

Print name: Last _____ First _____ Middle initial _____

Residence address as registered

City or town _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Birth date _____ Phone number _____

This application is being made for an Absentee Ballot for the

2007 primary 2007 general election

X
Signature

Street _____ (Temporary mail address)

City or town _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Directions:

1. Fill out your name and address as you are registered.
2. Be sure to print your name on the appropriate line.
3. Sign your name at the 'X'.

4. To have your ballot sent to an address other than where you are registered, indicate that address below your signature.
5. Mail to: Greg Kimsey, Clark County Auditor, Elections Department, P.O. Box 8815, Vancouver WA 98666-8815.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Reg# _____

Precinct _____

Code _____

Date issued _____

Date returned _____

Voted

or Taken by _____

Format _____

To be valid, your written signature must be included.

Fill in address where you wish absentee ballot to be sent.



Ballot drop locations

If you wish to return your voted ballot in person **before Election Day**, take it to the:

■ **Clark County Elections Office**

1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday

If you lose your ballot or it becomes damaged, you can obtain a replacement ballot only at this location.

■ **Red permanent ballot drop box**

West 14th and Esther streets, Vancouver
(One-half block east of the Elections Office)

Available 24 hours a day

Election Day is Tuesday, August 21, 2007. If you wish to return your voted ballot in person **on Election Day** take it to the red ballot drop box before 8 P.M. In addition, election workers will be present to accept completed ballots only on Election Day from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. at these locations:

Clark County Elections Office
1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Battle Ground High School
300 W Main Street, Battle Ground

Burton Elementary School
14015 NE 28th Street, Vancouver

Chinook Elementary School
1900 NW Bliss Road, Vancouver

Crestline Elementary School
13003 SE 7th Street, Vancouver

Dorothy Fox Elementary School
2623 NW Sierra Street, Camas

Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School
2921 Falk Road, Vancouver

Felida Elementary School
2700 NW 119th Street, Vancouver

Fisher's Landing Elementary School
3800 SE Hiddenbrook Drive, Vancouver

Glenwood Heights Primary School
9716 NE 134th Street, Vancouver

Grace Foursquare Gospel Church
717 SE Everett Road, Camas

Hazel Dell Elementary School
511 NE Anderson Road, Vancouver

Helen Baller Elementary School
1954 NE Garfield Street, Camas

Image Elementary School
4400 NE 122nd Avenue, Vancouver

La Center Community Center
1000 E 4th Street, La Center

Lieser Early Childhood Center
301 S Lieser Road, Vancouver

Lincoln Elementary School
4200 Daniels Street, Vancouver

M.L. King Elementary School
4801 Idaho Street, Vancouver

Mill Plain Elementary School
400 SE 164th Avenue, Vancouver

Minnehaha Elementary School
2800 NE 54th Street, Vancouver

Pleasant Valley School
14320 NE 50th Avenue, Vancouver

Prune Hill Elementary School
1601 NW Tidland Street, Camas

Ridgefield Nazarene Church
747 Pioneer Avenue, Ridgefield

Riverview Elementary School
12601 SE Riveridge Drive, Vancouver

Salmon Creek Elementary School
1601 NE 129th Street, Vancouver

Sarah J. Anderson Elementary School
2215 NE 104th Street, Vancouver

Sifton Elementary School
7301 NE 137th Avenue, Vancouver

Sunset Elementary School
9001 NE 95th Street, Vancouver

Vancouver School of Arts and Academics
3101 Main Street, Vancouver

Walnut Grove Elementary School
6103 NE 72nd Avenue, Vancouver

Yacolt Primary School
406 W Yacolt Road, Yacolt

Voting instructions

Your ballot packet will be mailed to you about 20 days before the August 21 primary. It will contain:

- An instruction sheet that explains the voting process.
- The official ballot where you will mark your choices (it will be folded).
- A yellow secrecy envelope with instructions printed on it.
- A return affidavit envelope with green stripes that is addressed to the county Auditor.

To make sure your vote is counted please follow the steps below when you receive your ballot package.

1 Read the following instructions that explain how to vote in this election.

2 Unfold and read the ballot. It contains all the races and resolutions that you can vote.

3 Mark your ballot by completely filling in the box to the left of your choice with a black or blue ink pen.

Example: Candidate C has been chosen in the U.S. Senator race, and Candidate D has been chosen in the U.S. Representative race.

One candidate has been marked in each race and the box is filled in completely.

FEDERAL OFFICES	
U.S. SENATOR	
Full Six Year Term	
VOTE FOR ONE	
ON on's st is this aw?	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate C <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE	
3rd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	
Full Two Year Term	
VOTE FOR ONE	
ON on's st is this aw?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate D <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate E <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate F <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate G <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in

4 Optional. If you want to vote for a candidate not appearing on the ballot, completely fill in the box to the left of the Write-In choice and use the line provided.

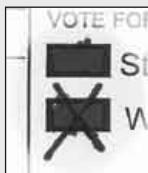
5 Check your ballot to be sure you have voted for all the candidates and measures you intended. Make sure you voted for only one candidate in each race. If you vote for more than one candidate, your votes in that race will be rejected. Your other votes will be counted if they are done correctly.

6 Refold the ballot in the same way you received it and place it inside the yellow secrecy envelope. Then seal it. Don't write on this envelope.

7 Place the yellow secrecy envelope into the white affidavit envelope with green stripes.

8 Open the flap on the affidavit envelope, read the oath, and then sign and date it.

If you make a mistake marking your ballot, please contact the Elections Office at (360) 397-2345 or e-mail elections@clark.wa.gov, for a replacement ballot. You can also correct it by crossing it out and then marking your new choice.

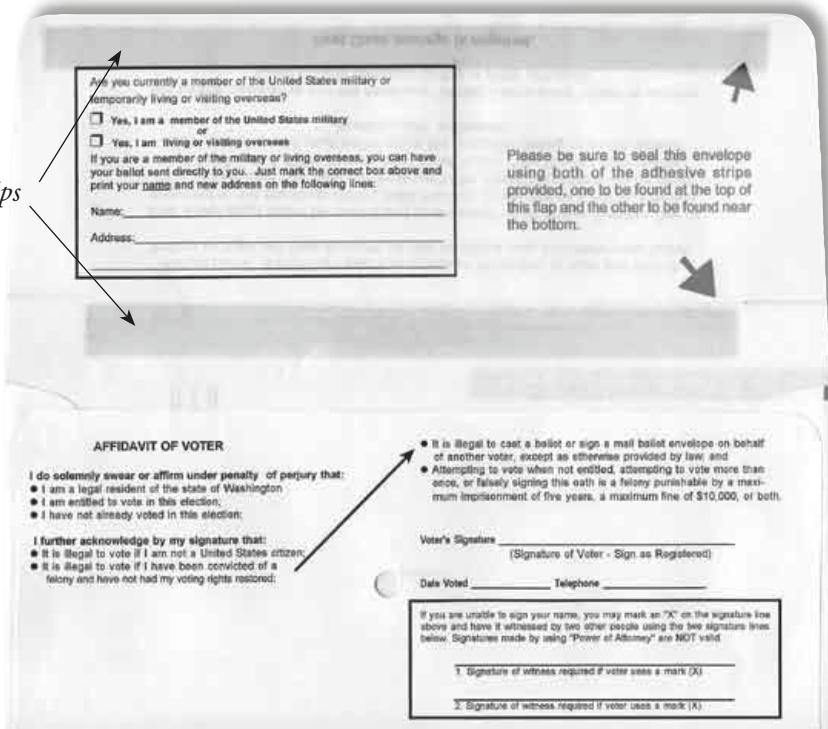


9 Folding the affidavit envelope has changed this year. Please follow these instructions carefully.

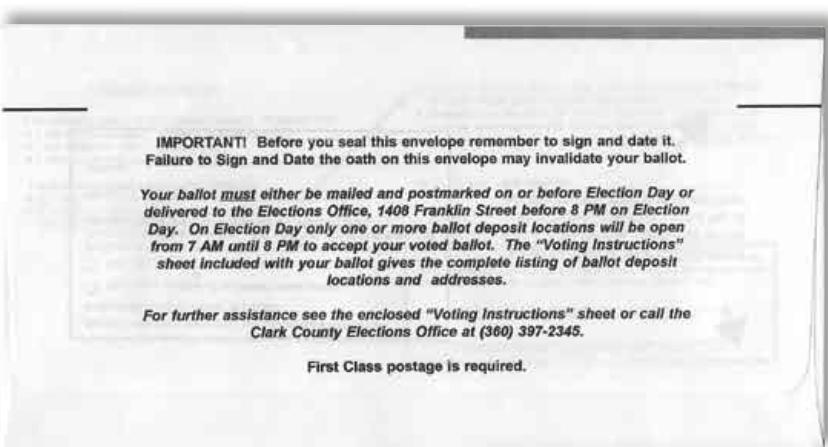
- Start with the front of the envelope facing down and the flap open. *See (a) below.*
- You will see two glue strips. These need to be lightly moistened.
- Fold the flap over, and press firmly over the glue strips. *See (b) below.*

(a)

Glue strips



(b)



10 Put a first class stamp (41¢) on the envelope and mail it so it is postmarked no later than August 21.

You may also deliver your envelope in person. Please turn to page 5 for information about ballot drop locations.

If you need help, call the Elections Office at (360) 397-2345.



Accessible voting

Using the eSlate

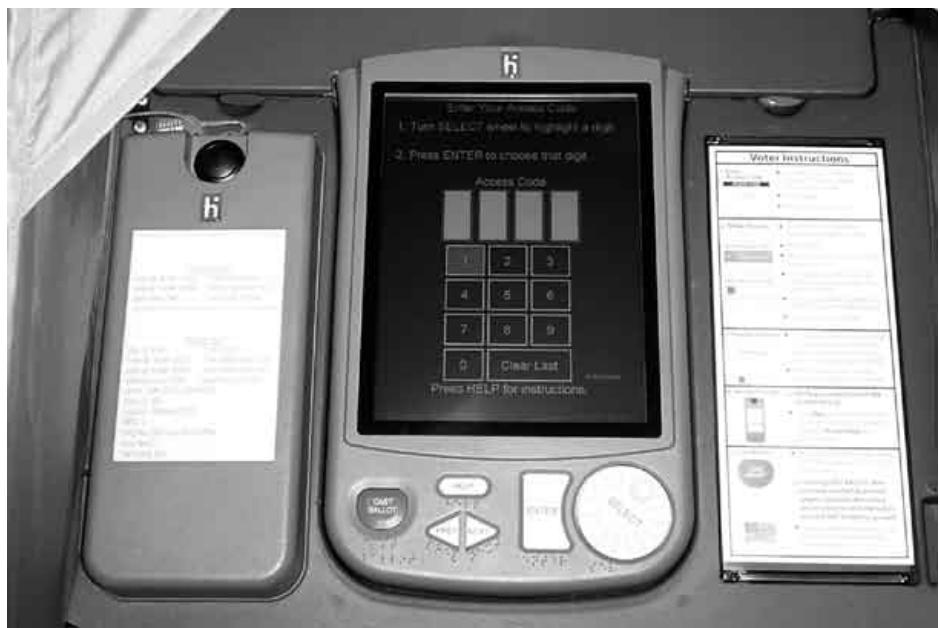
Clark County voters with disabilities now have the option of casting a truly secret ballot using an accessible voting unit.

The new eSlate accessible voting unit is a direct record electronic machine that allows voters with disabilities, including those who are blind, mobility impaired or lack upper-body dexterity, to vote privately and independently. The eSlate is in a booth that is wheelchair accessible. The photos to the right are of the eSlate, encased in its booth.

Beginning 20 days before each election this accessible voting machine is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Clark County Elections Office, 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver.

The elections office may be reached by taking C-Tran bus #1 Fruit Valley Route. You will be let off at Franklin Street and Mill Plain Blvd.

The top photograph shows a close-up of the e-Slate. The photograph below shows the e-Slate as part of the wheelchair accessible booth.



About the accessible eSlate

The eSlate is accessible in six ways.

- For those who cannot operate the eSlate using the buttons and wheel, special interface devices are available as shown here.
- For those who cannot see or read the eSlate screen, use the headphones with volume control to hear the ballot.



Accessible features

■ Those who are blind, visually impaired, or have difficulty reading can listen to the ballot. The SELECT wheel is the trigger to the audio. Turning clockwise moves the listener through the ballot. To hear something repeated, turn the SELECT wheel counterclockwise.

Those using hearing aids with a telecoil mode may use their neck-loop rather than the headphones.

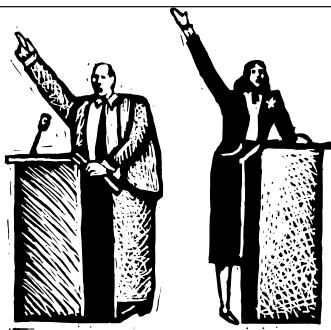
■ The RED jelly switch is the same as the SELECT wheel.

The GREEN jelly switch is the same as the ENTER button.

■ Voters with quadriplegia can use their sip-n-puff to move through the ballot. Sip to move through the ballot. Puff to mark your choice.



The accessible eSlate unit is in a wheelchair-accessible booth. If you are not in a chair but need to sit while voting, a chair can be used with the special booth.



Candidate statements

CITY OF VANCOUVER COUNCIL POSITION NO. 5

Charles P. Stemper
Nonpartisan



As a tax payer, homeowner, family man and veteran, I want to serve you with diligence and a firm commitment to serve all neighborhoods within the city equally. You as a citizen and taxpayer need a new voice at city hall. I will diligently serve your interest. I will not accept any campaign contributions from any special interest individuals or groups. This includes anyone doing business with the city of Vancouver. You deserve the dignity and respect that is needed at the city council at this time. It will be my pleasure to serve you. Vote for a real change.

Telephone: (360) 450-9222; *E-mail:* cstemper@nuvoice.com; *Web site:* Nuvoice.com

Larry J. Smith
Nonpartisan



Thank you for your support the last 4 years as your Councilmember! I have learned that the keys to effective government are: accountability, public and private partnerships, and inclusion/involvement of our residents.

Coupled with these keys is a continued focus on quality of life and livability issues meaningful to us all.

I have the proven *leadership, skills, and experience* to move Vancouver forward in the right direction as I have the last four years.

I am an Army veteran and patriot who cares about our future.

I ask for your continued support for another 4 years.

Address: Citizens to Re-Elect Larry J. Smith, Vancouver City Council, 1104 Main Street, Suite 200, Vancouver 98660; *Telephone:* (360) 910-8656;
E-mail: VancouverTiger@comcast.net

Donald N. Yingling
Nonpartisan



Native Washingtonian, Korea-Vietnam veteran, retired U.S. Air Force 1974, establishing residency in Vancouver. Married Betty four years ago, high school sweetheart and retired physician. Business experience in management and personnel with Penney's, Standard Brands, AMF, Mervyn's, DeWil's, bowling center owner and real estate. Ten year volunteer AARP Tax-Aide assisting seniors and low income families with federal tax returns. Capable of using sound judgement in decision making and resolution of issues. Have sincere concern about city government efficiency. As your council representative I will listen to your ideas and advocate for you. I would appreciate your vote.

Telephone: (360) 256-2956

These statements are submitted by the candidates and are not checked for accuracy by any government agency.

CITY OF CAMAS COUNCIL POSITION AT-LARGE

Richard Arnold IV

Nonpartisan



Our government spends money to provide services. Our government gets its money to spend from you. I want the tax money you send to the government spent on services that you value and from which you see a return.

Our quality of life is a balance between what we can afford to pay our government and what services we demand. I will make choices that sustain what we value in our community. I will be proud to stand before you and explain how we made those choices.

I will work to achieve these goals. I'd appreciate your vote.

Address: 6223 NW El Rey Road, Camas 98607-9125; *Telephone:* (360) 834-1710;
E-mail: rarnold@spiritone.com

Clifford A. Duncan

Nonpartisan



My vision for Camas centers on growth and partnerships. I will strive for collaboration between the City government, businesses, industry, community enterprises, and civic groups; as our common goal is to improve Camas. I will aim to promote positive growth throughout Camas in all its forms. As your City Councilperson I understand that many components *shape the future*, and I bring the skills and experience to tackle all the issues facing Camas. I ask for your vote to enable me to serve you as a Camas City Councilperson.

Telephone: (360) 834-4918; *E-mail:* cduncan194@comcast.net;
Web site: www.duncan4council

Don Chaney

Nonpartisan



The City of Camas is a special place to live. I've served this community as a police officer for 35 years and as police chief for the last nine years. I have a personal interest in sustaining the unique and exceptional qualities of our community. I believe I have the necessary skills, creativity, experience and perspective to make a positive contribution. For the next four years I hope to be your voice on the Camas City Council. I will be accessible to hear your concerns and ideas. *Safeguarding our quality of life for future generations is my top priority.*

E-mail: donchaney@yahoo.com

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD COUNCIL POSITION NO. 2

Randy Mueller

Nonpartisan



If you've lived in Ridgefield for any length of time, you know the promise that our community holds. With hard work and visionary leadership, Ridgefield can once again be the crown jewel of Clark County – a place where we raise our families, visit with neighbors, and enjoy a great quality of life.

It simply isn't possible to adequately explain everything in a 100-word statement, so I invite you to visit www.electrandymueller.com or contact me for more information. Together we can put Ridgefield back on the right track towards a bright future for our families and friends.

Address: Committee to Elect Randy Mueller, PO Box 412, Ridgefield 98642;
Telephone: (360) 921-9314; *E-mail:* randy.mueller@yahoo.com;
Web site: www.electrandymueller.com

Jeff Sjodin

Nonpartisan



Greetings Ridgefield: I have lived in Ridgefield for the last 3 years. When I was younger lived in Portland, Oregon then moved to Seattle in the early 80's pursuing my career. I decided to move back toward Portland and chose Ridgefield; it has proven to have very inviting surroundings and an unspoiled environment. This has prompted me to get more involved in my community to help preserve and insure our quality of life; my background may contribute in Ridgefield's growth of technology including computer technology, networking, and network security. I am looking forward to joining the City Council of Ridgefield.

Telephone: (206) 669-8314

David P. Taylor

Nonpartisan



Experienced: Professional Engineer retired, 30 years design and construction for a local utility. Professional activities include president of the Professional Engineers of Oregon, National Vice-President of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and member of the State Board of Engineering Examiners in Oregon for eight years.

Ridgefield is unique community and has a bright future. I would like to help keep it that way. Growth is inevitable. The manner in which growth takes place will require; experience, vision, planning, and leadership in order to preserve those qualities that brought us here. I would like to be part of that process.

Telephone: (360) 887-0756

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD COUNCIL POSITION NO. 3

Scott Jeschke
Nonpartisan

(No statement or photograph was submitted)

Lee E. Wells
Nonpartisan



I have lived in Ridgefield over 50 years. Graduated from Ridgefield High School as did my wife (Geri). We had 5 children which 3 live in Ridgefield along with their 8 children. I have attended at least 90% of the City Council meetings over the last 15 years, also at least 70% of Planning Commission and Port meetings. Belong to Ridgefield Business Assoc. and President of Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Assoc. I feel I have the *capacity* to function rationally and have a respectful attitude that respects all points of view. For these reasons I would appreciate your vote.

Respectfully Submitted.

Telephone: (360) 609-5269

Michael Hefflin
Nonpartisan

(No statement or photograph was submitted)

CITY OF LA CENTER COUNCIL POSITION NO. 4

Chris Forzano

Nonpartisan



My family moved to La Center 4 years ago and we love living here. Important decisions face our community. We need responsive, caring leadership to listen to the people. Since 1996 I've been involved in Clark County civic, school and social organizations and the IRS Taxpayer's Advocacy Panel. I've earned a Bachelors Degree, an MBA and am a former Army Officer. Currently I'm Chairman of our La Center Float Committee and President of the Vancouver Sons of Italy lodge. I have proven leadership and will get the job done for La Center with honesty and integrity. Thanks for your vote.

*Address: Committee to Elect Chris Forzano, PO Box 798, La Center 98629;
Telephone: (360) 936-6434; Web site: www.electchrisforzano.com*

Ron Ostrander

Nonpartisan



My concern for some very important issues we will be facing in the future has prompted me to run for City Council.

I have served my country in the US Army (1966-69) and have recently retired from government service.

Concerning the Cowlitz casino proposal – any City discussion needs to be public.

I oppose the casino proposal because it may harm property values due to congestion at our freeway interchange and delete the income we get from the card rooms.

I will work for open and honest City government. I ask for your vote.
Thanks.

Telephone: (360) 263-6397; E-mail: Ostroor@tds.net

Mike Nolan

Nonpartisan



The quality of life and strong sense of community drew the Nolan family to La Center. With an MBA from George Fox University, and twenty years of law enforcement service with the Sheriff's Office; Mike Nolan is eager to serve. Responsible growth, fiscal accountability and sustaining the quality of life citizens have come to know, are priorities Mike Nolan will address when elected to the La Center City Council. Mike's service to the Heritage Ridge Homeowner's Association, the La Center Planning Commission, La Center Little League and Clark County has given him the necessary experience to be a great leader.

Telephone: (360) 263-0002; E-mail: hbnolan@tds.net

CITY OF WOODLAND MAYOR

John "JJ" Burke
Nonpartisan



As a Woodland City Council member and Mayor Pro-Tem for the last 6 years I have worked diligently to be available to the citizens of our city. I am a member of the Planter's Days committee, the Park Board, and Public Safety Committee. I believe that Woodland needs a full-time mayor and I can fulfill that need. I believe our city is at a critical point where honest and clearly defined leadership are paramount. I have the ability and desire to be the leader who brings our city back on track. Please consider me for your vote.

Walt Hummel
Nonpartisan



Walt Hummel is running for the position of Mayor for the city of Woodland. He has been a member of the community since 1994. Walt has owned, and/or managed, many successful businesses in his working career, including his own business in Woodland.

He decided to run for Mayor because he feels he has the management skills necessary for the position. Since he is retired he can devote as much time as needed to do the job.

*Address: Walt Hummel for Mayor Committee, PO Box 1903, Woodland 98674;
Telephone: (360) 225-6002*

Two more Woodland Mayor candidates on the next page →

CITY OF WOODLAND MAYOR (continued)

Chuck Blum
Nonpartisan



I will work to improve communication in government by insuring access, input and communication. This community needs to develop common goals, improve transportation, strive for responsible growth, move beyond the pool controversy, resolve issues in our volunteer fire department, and allow the downtown business district to reflect our history.

I've had several leadership roles in Woodland, and have 17 years of local governmental experience including the Woodland Planning Commission, Park Board, City Council and the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments.

The Mayor's office is a full-time responsibility, and I am available. Please vote Chuck Blum for Mayor.

Address: Chuck Blum for Mayor of Woodland Campaign, PO Box 2130, Woodland 98674; *Telephone:* (360) 225-7924; *E-mail:* ce.blum@yahoo.com

Douglas A. Monge
Nonpartisan

(No photograph was submitted)

As Mayor for The City of Woodland, I have worked hard to make the city a better place to live and raise a family. The fact that Woodland continues to grow and thrive is because it is a great place to be. Our residential growth has also spurred the commercial and industrial growth that we had planned for. We have laid a great foundation for our continued growth and success. The pool will be built; we are closer now than we've ever been. I ask for your support in giving me the opportunity to finish what I started.

Thank You

BATTLE GROUND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119 DIRECTOR DISTRICT NO. 2

Monty Tuominen

Nonpartisan



After 26 years of federal service, 3 years in the military and the remainder as an electrical engineer at the Bonneville Power Administration, I am recently retired. My children have attended and soon my grandchildren will attend the Battle Ground Public Schools. I am concerned about the quality of the children's education in our schools. Recent changes in local property values have convinced me that our school board members need assistance in meeting the fiscal responsibilities expected of them by the local taxpayers, as well as making good choices for our children.

Telephone: (360) 687-8060; E-mail: mwtuominen@msn.com

Mike Ferraiolo

Nonpartisan



To the parents and students of BGSD, I'm asking for your support for BGSD position 2. Our children are the future leaders of this community, city, state, and country. If elected to the Battle Ground School Board I will make the students top priority. I will support the teachers with the materials necessary to educate the children and make sure this administration is fiscally responsible with your tax dollars. Please support me in this mission. They're all our children.

Thank you.

Telephone: (360) 687-6220

Karen J. Lehman

Nonpartisan



It has been a privilege to serve the students, parents, patrons, and employees of the Battle Ground School District these last four years. Under Shonny Bria's leadership, collaboration among employee groups working within the district has produced new curriculum adoptions, higher student achievement and test scores, and higher graduation rates. Partnership with community members allowed us to pass the largest bond in district history, and projects are now being completed in accordance with a voter-input priority list. I remain committed to transparent governance, financial accountability, interest-based decision making, and to the students of our District.

*Address: Friends of Karen Lehman, 20221 NE 196th Street, Battle Ground 98604;
Telephone: (360) 687-9955; E-mail: KarenJane22@hotmail.com*



Ballot measures

PROPOSITION NO. I

PORT OF VANCOUVER PORT DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Proposition authorizing temporary industrial development district property tax levy

Shall the Port of Vancouver Commission levy an Industrial Development District property tax of no more than forty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, for a period not to exceed six years, collection to begin in 2008, for the purpose of acquiring, developing, and improving under-utilized land and building rail service to support economic and industrial development in the region, all as provided in Resolution No. 8-2007, adopted by the Port Commission on May 22, 2007?

- YES
- NO

Statement for:

Vote "yes" for jobs! Support your Port!

This measure will create 6,000 full-time, living wage jobs at the Port of Vancouver. We need more living wage jobs – jobs that pay enough to buy a home – to make our community stronger. The Port needs the levy funds to purchase the Alcoa/Evergreen property and create these jobs.

It's a great investment in our economic health!

These jobs support families and will produce over \$200 million in personal income each year. Residents will now have more opportunities to work and raise families here in our community. Instead of sending workers across the river, we need good jobs here at home.

We all benefit from the Port. Here's how:

The Port has already created 15,580 jobs. This is an opportunity to create at least 6,000 more for our community. Last year, Port businesses paid \$81 million in state and local taxes that helped fund roads, schools, police and fire departments. The Port eases the burden on taxpayers by funding these services.

This measure will:

Create 6,000 living wage jobs in Clark County; purchase and return the Alcoa/Evergreen property to industrial use; expand rail capacity to strengthen the economy; and ensure environmentally responsible use of the land.

The one-time levy will end after 6 years and *cannot be renewed*. It will cost the average homeowner \$9 per month.

We must invest in living wage jobs in Clark County and enhance our quality of life. *Please join us and vote "yes!"*

Written by:

Val Ogden; Mitch Bower; Ed Barnes

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Rebuttal of statement against:

The opposition fails to consider all the facts. The levy's percentage of increase is 32%. They also ignore the law. The Commissioners would have preferred to include the public from the beginning, but the law prevented them from referring it. The public vote is the continuation of this process (RCW 53.36.100). Potential tenants have already expressed interest to the Port and these companies are ready to create jobs. Support good jobs and please vote yes!

Explanatory statement

The Port of Vancouver seeks voter approval for the Industrial Development District (IDD) Levy commencing in year 2008 for a non-recurring period of no more than 6 consecutive years. Voters are asked to approve a property tax levy in an amount of no more than forty-five cents per one-thousand dollars of assessed property value. The revenue generated from this levy would be used to fund the acquisition, development, and improvement of under-utilized land, including the Alcoa and Evergreen properties, and the construction of rail service to support economic and industrial development in the region.

Statement against:

The Port of Vancouver attempted, without a vote of the people, to impose a property tax rate that represents a 132% increase over the current tax rate the Port now collects. Only a successful petition drive by the people placed this issue on the ballot.

This new tax is being ‘sold’ to the voters as bringing with it many new jobs, on property the Port wishes to acquire. However, the prospect of new jobs is wishful thinking. There are no prospective employers waiting in the wings and there may not be any for years to come. Nor will the Port after 6-years be paying you, the taxpayers of the district, a dividend on your increased property taxes.

The rush to pay a premium price for the property without a vote of the people requires a closer examination. Why did the Port decide without public comment to pay over \$40,000,000 for a property that had been on the market for years with no other apparent buyers around?

The Port is a business. It should be run like a business. Sensible development and job creation are praiseworthy goals. But there are other means to finance development at the Port without taxing the citizens of Vancouver and others in the Port District.

Our elected officials in Clark County should take note and not impose taxes without first securing public input and comment.

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Rebuttal of statement for:

An agreement Port Commissioners signed with Paul King in 2003 makes development of Columbia Gateway virtually impossible over the next 6 years. However, the rail project and purchase of Alcoa/Evergreen property can be accomplished without the tax increase. Because the Port hasn’t commented on the likelihood of its inability to accomplish the Gateway plan, and the voters are unaware of the contents of the Port/King Agreement a no vote on this tax levy is required.

PROPOSITION NO. I
CLARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 12 –
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Proposition authorizing restoration of previous property tax levies

The Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire Protection District 12 adopted Resolution No. 070522-1 concerning a proposition to restore its regular property tax levy to retain their Paramedic program and for maintenance and operations to an amount not to exceed \$1.41 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2008 and to authorize setting the limit factor at 100% plus the percentage change in Consumer Price Index For All Urban Consumers for the Portland Metropolitan Area (1982-84=100) reported for August of the levy year for each of the five succeeding years.

Should this Proposition be:

- APPROVED
 REJECTED

Explanatory statement

Clark County Fire Protection District 12 seeks voter approval as provided by the limitations set forth in RCW 84.55 to authorize the Board of Fire District Commissioners to restore its regular property tax levy to the District's 2005 rate of \$1.41. For the subsequent 5 years the District ask that its yearly rate be adjusted for inflation by the Consumer Price Index for the Portland area. This rate will allow the District to replace their EMS levy, retain their paramedic program, replace aging equipment and add personnel.

Statement for:

Clark County Fire District #12 needs your yes vote to *restore* their levy rate to its 2005 level of \$1.41 per \$1,000 of property value.

Several years ago the voters passed an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) levy to bring paramedics/firefighters to the District. These paramedics responding from District fire stations have significantly improved emergency medical service to you. They have improved patient outcomes and saved lives in the field. The paramedic's skills and mentoring have raised the level of all emergency providers in the District. As a bonus, these paramedic/firefighters have increased staffing for fire emergencies.

When the District's six-year EMS levy expires next year, five full-time firefighters/paramedics positions will *not* be funded. A yes vote to restore the levy rate will *replace* this funding to retain the paramedic/firefighters and will also provide funds to purchase a new water tender to replace a 1970's water tender that will be taken out of service this year. The increased levy rate will also allow the District to add other needed resources. For further information go to the committee's web-site, [paramedicsaveslive.org](http://icssaveslive.org).

We ask for your support to continue this life saving investment. *Please vote yes.*

Written by:

Paramedics Save Lives Committee

Travis Smith, President

Henry Von Dem Fange, Campaign Manager

No statement against submitted

Complete text of local measures

PORT OF VANCOUVER RESOLUTION NO. 8-2007

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE PORT DISTRICT, AT THE AUGUST 21, 2007 PRIMARY ELECTION, A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT LEVY UNDER RCW 53.36.100 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, AND IMPROVEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL LANDS FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX YEARS, BY AN ANNUAL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-FIVE CENTS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUE AGAINST THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE PORT DISTRICT; SETTING FORTH THE BALLOT PROPOSITION; AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CERTIFY A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR.

WHEREAS, RCW 53.36.100 allows a port district to raise revenues, for a period not to exceed twelve years, in addition to all other revenues authorized by law, by an annual levy not to exceed forty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value against the assessed valuation of the taxable property in such port district;

WHEREAS, the Port of Vancouver raised revenues pursuant to RCW 53.36.100 for six years from 1958 through 1963. The funds were used to purchase real estate and develop real estate for industrial development purposes. The Port of Vancouver is authorized to issue one additional levy for up to six years; and

WHEREAS, certain heavy industrial marginal lands within Industrial Development District No. 1 are currently unused and under-utilized and are necessary for further industrial development. These lands include but are not limited to the former Alcoa

Aluminum smelter, now commonly known as the ALCOA Property and the Evergreen Aluminum, LLC Property;

WHEREAS, certain marginal, underutilized, industrial lands within Industrial Development District No. 1 are underdeveloped and necessary to further industrial development. These lands include but are not limited to areas commonly known as Columbia Gateway and the Rufener Property;

WHEREAS, certain marginal lands within Industrial Development District No. 1 are needed for the Port of Vancouver's West Vancouver Freight Access Rail Project as determined and resolved by the Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commissioners on January 9, 2007 under Resolution Numbers 1-2007 and 2-2007;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the Industrial Development District Levy under RCW 53.36.100 ("IDD Levy") funds will create up to 6,000 direct maritime and industrial living-wage jobs through the acquisition, development and improvement of these under-utilized industrial lands;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Vancouver finds that the Port of Vancouver's West Vancouver Freight Access Rail Project is essential and necessary to current operations as well as continued growth of existing tenants and future development in the Columbia Gateway area;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Vancouver finds that said acquisition, development and improvement of these industrial lands would not occur to the greatest economic benefit of the region without the IDD Levy funds;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Vancouver adopted Resolution No. 5 - 2007 on February 5, 2007 authorizing a temporary, not to exceed the remaining authorized six-year period, Industrial Development District Levy under RCW 53.36.100(2) ("IDD Levy") for the acquisition, development, and improvement of certain lands within Industrial Develop-

ment District No. 1 for industrial development purposes, including but not limited to the acquisition and development of the ALCOA and Evergreen, LLC properties, construction of the West Vancouver Freight Access Rail Project, and development of the Columbia Gateway and Rufener properties, by an annual levy not to exceed forty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value against the assessed valuation of the taxable property in such port district; and

WHEREAS, on Monday May 14, 2007, the Clark County Auditor certified as sufficient a petition to require a public vote on the IDD Levy and submitted the certification to the Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners for its action of calling for a special election for the voters of the district to approve or reject the IDD Levy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners, in regular meeting assembled, as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners (the "Commission") of the Port of Vancouver, Clark County, Washington (the "District"), hereby makes the following findings and determinations:
 - a. The District's acquisition and development of the ALCOA and Evergreen, LLC properties, construction of the West Vancouver Freight Access Rail Project, and development and improvement of the Columbia Gateway and Rufener properties are vital to continued job stability and growth within Clark County and within the District (the "Projects")
 - b. The District lacks sufficient funds with which to pay all of the costs of the Projects, which are urgently needed to increase jobs and support industrial and maritime growth;
 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of said acquisition, development and improvement of certain industrial lands within Industrial Development District No. 1, and to create

additional, direct maritime and industrial living-wage jobs, the District shall, subject to voter approval and in accordance with RCW 53.36.100(2), assess the IDD Levy beginning in 2007 and collect beginning in 2008, an IDD property tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

3. The District currently levies a regular property tax at the rate of \$.33713 per \$1,000 of assessed value.
4. The Commission hereby requests the Clark County Auditor, as *ex-officio* Supervisor of Elections, to submit to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on August 21, 2007, in conjunction with the state primary election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the temporary, not to exceed six years, Industrial Development District property tax levy should be assessed at an amount not to exceed forty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value against the assessed valuation of the taxable property in the port district.
5. The Executive Director is authorized and directed, not less than 45 days prior to the election date, to certify a proposition to the Clark County Auditor – Elections Department, as *ex-officio* supervisor of elections in Clark County, Washington in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION

Port of Vancouver Port District – Board of Commissioners–Proposition Authorizing Temporary Industrial Development District Property Tax Levy.

Shall the Port of Vancouver Commission levy an Industrial Development District property tax of no more than forty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, for a period not to exceed six years, collection to begin in 2008, for the purpose of acquiring, developing, and improving under-utilized land and building rail service to support economic and industrial development

in the region, all as provided in Resolution No. 8-2007, adopted by the Port Commission on May 22, 2007?

_____ Yes _____ No

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners at a general meeting at Vancouver, Washington on the 22nd day of May, 2007, with all Commissioners present, and the same was duly signed and attested by the proper officers in authentication of its passage on said date.

PORT OF VANCOUVER
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Arch Miller, Brian Wolfe, Nancy Baker
Approved as to form:
Alicia L. Lowe, General Counsel

CLARK COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 12
RESOLUTION NO. 070522-1

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 12, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 21, 2007, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.41 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTABLISHING A SIX YEAR LIMIT FACTOR SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that the fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for retaining our current Paramedic program and our Paramedic staffing as the District will no longer collect the EMS levy money, replacing aging fire suppression vehicles, maintenance, operations, and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that the one percent limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 will not be sufficient to provide for the expected cost increases required to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the District.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commission-

ers will allow the current EMS levy to expire and no longer collect revenue from this levy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire Protection District 12, Ridgefield, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical service vehicles with properly trained personnel equipped with proper fire fighting and emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. In order to replace funding lost by not renewing the EMS levy, the District needs this replacement funding. This replacement funding would be used to pay for four Paramedic/Firefighter positions, supplies for the paramedic program, and other costs associated with providing paramedic service.

Section 3. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1, to retain our Paramedic/Firefighters as described in Section 2, and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and levy beginning in 2007 and collect beginning in 2008, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130, RCW 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate not to exceed \$1.41 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 4. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1, to retain our Paramedic/Firefighters as described in Section 2, and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services beyond 2008, the District has determined that the limit factor shall be the year end change reported for August of the levy

year in the Consumer Price Index For All Urban Consumers for the Portland Metropolitan Area (1982-84=100). Such percentage shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to the maximum statutory rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, in 2008 – 2012. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on August 21, 2007 in conjunction with the state primary election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be restored to \$1.41 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation in 2007 and be adjusted by the year end change reported for August of the levy year in the Consumer Price Index For All Urban Consumers for the Portland Metropolitan Area (1982-84=100) for the following five years, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Clark County Auditor, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call such special election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Clark County Fire Protection District 12
– Board of Commissioners

Proposition Authorizing Restoration of
Previous Property Tax Levies

The Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire Protection District 12 adopted Resolution No. 070522-1 concerning a proposition to restore its regular property tax levy to retain their Paramedic program and for maintenance and operations to an amount not to exceed \$1.41 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2008 and to authorize setting the limit factor at 100% plus the percentage change in Consumer Price Index For All Urban Consumers for the Portland Metropolitan Area (1982-84=100) reported for August of the levy year for each of the five succeeding years.

Should this Proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire Protection District 12, Ridgefield, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 22nd day of May, 2007, the following commissioners being present and voting:

Chair, Jon Babcock; Vice Chair, William Hargett; Commissioner, Michael Lambrecht
Attest Board Secretary: Larry Bartel

Be an informed voter. Here's how.

There are many sources of information for citizens wishing to know more about candidates, issues, and coverage of the upcoming August 21 primary.

Read all about it.



■ **The Columbian**

Primary races will be covered in the newspaper on or before the date the ballots go in the mail. Coverage will be spread over several weeks. All of the information will be collected on a special page at www.columbian.com.

■ **The Oregonian**

Web site: www.oregonlive.com/elections/orionian/clarkcounty.

■ **The Camas/Washougal Post Record**

Web site: www.camaspstrecord.com.

■ **The Reflector**

Web site: www.thereflector.com.

League of Women Voters

For a schedule of events, candidate forums, or links to a multitude of other political information, see their Web site at www.washingtonvoter.org or call (360) 693-9966.

Cable TV

CVTV Clark-Vancouver Television on Comcast cable channel 23. Election coverage will include candidate forums and interviews of candidates in various races. See TV listings in The Columbian, cable channel 2, and the CVTV Web site, www.cvtv.org or call (360) 696-8233.

If you do not have cable TV you can obtain video tapes of any program at any Fort Vancouver Regional Library branch or from CVTV.



Surf the Internet

■ Information about candidates for statewide offices can be found on the Secretary of State's Web site at www.secstate.wa.gov/elections.

■ Election coverage can be found on the Clark County Elections Web site: <http://clarkvotes.org>. Included in this Web site are the offices open for election and the candidates that filed for these offices.

■ The Fort Vancouver Regional Library has computers with Internet connections available for public use.

Join Clark County residents on election night

On election night at approximately 7 P.M. gather at Gaiser Hall at Clark College to hear and see election results. The college is located at 1800 East McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver.



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