No postage is needed when mailing your 2018 ballot
Look for your General Election ballot by October 25, 2018

Remember!
Sign and date your return envelope
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206-583-0664
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**Who donates to campaigns?**

View financial contributors for candidates and measures:

Public Disclosure Commission
www.pdc.wa.gov
Toll Free 877-601-2828
Dear Clark County Voter,

Equal treatment of voters is a foundational principle of elections!

In response to King County providing prepaid postage for all ballots returned through the mail, Washington State is funding prepaid postage for use in the 2018 primary and general elections for the other 38 counties. Funds for prepaid postage do not extend beyond this year. It is my hope that the state will make this a permanent feature of our elections.

For the 2018 General Election: If you choose to return your ballot through the mail, you do not need to use a stamp. The U.S. Postal Service postmarks ballot envelopes. If for any reason, the postmark is missing, Elections staff will look at the date you signed your ballot envelope. Make sure to sign and date your ballot envelope.

To make sure you receive your ballot, it is necessary that you keep your address current with the Elections Office. We instruct the Postal Service not to forward ballots. If you need to update your address, you can do so online at clarkvotes.org, by calling the Elections Office at 564-397-2345 or by completing and returning the voter registration form in this pamphlet.

If you are a registered voter and have not received your ballot in the mail by Thursday, October 25, please contact the Elections Office for a replacement ballot.

Please remember to vote and return your ballot by Tuesday, November 6. Don’t leave it to a few people to choose for you. It’s your vote. It’s your voice.

Sincerely,

Cathie Garber
Director of Elections
Clark County Auditor’s Office

Has your address changed? Has your signature changed? Lost or damaged ballot?

Contact:
Clark County
Elections Office
564-397-2345
elections@clark.wa.gov
clarkvotes.org

Mailing address
PO Box 8815
Vancouver, WA 98666-8815

Street address
1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

For other formats, contact the
Clark County ADA Office
Voice 564-397-2322
Relay 711 or 800-833-6384
Fax 564-397-6165
Email ADA@clark.wa.gov

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How to vote
Clark County voters will receive their ballots by mail. If you are a registered voter in Clark County, we will mail you a ballot for every election in which you are entitled to participate.

The Voting instructions on page 67 in this pamphlet explain how to vote in Clark County. Please read the instructions in this pamphlet. We want your vote to count!

Lost or damaged ballot?
Obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Elections Office.
Phone: 564-397-2345
Email: elections@clark.wa.gov
Mailing address: PO Box 8815, Vancouver, WA 98666-8815
Street address: 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver
Speech-to-speech relay: 800-833-6384

Who is eligible to vote?
The requirements for registering to vote are simple. You must be a United States citizen, 18 years or older on November 6, 2018 and live in Clark County 30 days prior to the election.

Registering to vote
Registering takes only a few minutes, and you may do it by mail or online at clarkvotes.org.

A Washington driver’s license or ID is required to register online. If you have moved within the same county, you may complete a new form or contact the Elections Office by mail, email or phone.

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Who is eligible to vote?
What District Am I in?

Are you wondering which jurisdictions you live in?
There are several ways to find out:

- Log in to MyVote at myvote.wa.gov to view your personalized voter information
- Visit clarkvotes.org and click on District Maps in the left-hand column to access maps of every district
- Refer to your voter registration card
- Contact Clark County Elections:
  564-397-2345
elections@clark.wa.gov

Clark County Council district map

To view detailed maps of all Clark County jurisdictions, visit clarkvotes.org.

Council District 1
Council District 2
Council District 3
Council District 4
Ballot deposit locations

24-hour drive-up ballot drop boxes
Starting October 19, 2018 until 8 pm Election Day

7 convenient locations

**Battle Ground City Hall parking lot**, 109 SW 1st Street, Battle Ground

**Downtown Camas Post Office**, 440 NE 5th Avenue, Camas

**Ridgefield**, Pioneer Street exit and east of I-5, at the end of North 1st Circle

**Downtown Vancouver**, West 14th and Esther Streets

**Fisher’s Landing Transit Center**, 3510 SE 164th Avenue, Vancouver

**99th Street Transit Center**, 9700 NE 7th Avenue, Vancouver

**Vancouver Mall parking lot**, SW of Sears near the C-Tran Vine Station

Drive-up ballot drop boxes are accessible and convenient. No postage is needed.
After November 2, 2018, use a drop box to ensure your ballot is received on time. No postage is needed.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018. If you wish to return your voted ballot in person take it to one of the following locations beginning October 19 until 8 pm on Election Day.

Clark County Elections Office
1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver
8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday

Election workers will be present to accept completed ballots from 7 am to 8 pm at these locations:

Amboy Middle School 22115 NE Chelatchie Road, Amboy
Burton Elementary School 14015 NE 28th Street, Vancouver
Chinook Elementary School 1900 NW Bliss Road, Vancouver
Clark County Elections Office 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver
Clark County Fire District No. 3 17718 NE 159th Street, Brush Prairie
Dorothy Fox Elementary School 2623 NW Sierra Street, Camas
Ellsworth Elementary School 512 SE Ellsworth Road, Vancouver
Felida Elementary School 2700 NW 119th Street, 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
Image Elementary School 4400 NE 122nd Avenue, Vancouver
La Center Community Center 1000 E 4th Street, La Center
Mill Plain Elementary School 400 SE 164th Avenue, Vancouver
Minnehaha Elementary School 2800 NE 54th Street, Vancouver
Pleasant Valley Middle School 14320 NE 50th Avenue, 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
Walnut Grove Elementary School 6103 NE 72nd Avenue, Vancouver
Washougal Community Center 1681 C Street, Washougal
Yacolt Primary School 406 W Yacolt Road, Yacolt

Ballot deposit locations
Accessible Voting

Using the eSlate

Clark County voters with disabilities have the option of casting their ballot independently using an accessible voting unit.

The 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.

Beginning 18 days before each election, this accessible voting machine is available from 8 am to 5 pm, and on Election Day from 7 am to 8 pm at the Clark County Elections Office, 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver.

To get to the Elections Office on C-Tran, take bus #25 Fruit Valley and St. Johns Route. The bus stop is located at Franklin Street and Mill Plain Boulevard.

Accessible features

- Those who are 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 neckloop rather than the headphones.

- Voters who lack upper-body dexterity can use the jelly switches to move through the ballot. 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 vote the ballot. Sip to move through the ballot. Puff to mark your choice.
Voting instructions

Here are a few important reminders to make sure your ballot is counted.

Your ballot packet will be mailed to you approximately 18 days before the November 6, 2018 General Election. It will contain:

- An instruction sheet that explains the voting process
- The official ballot where you will mark your choices
- A yellow secrecy envelope
- A postage-paid return envelope with a green stripe

Mark your ballot by completely filling in the box to the left of your choice with a black or blue ink pen. If you want to vote for a candidate not appearing on the ballot, mark the box to the left of Write-In and use the line provided to indicate your choice. Be sure to mark only one choice for each race or measure on the ballot.

Example:
Candidate 2 has been chosen in the city council race.

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

Check your ballot to be sure you have voted for the candidates and measures you intended. Make sure you mark only one response box in each race or measure. If you mark more than one, your vote in that race will not be counted. Your other votes will be counted if they are done correctly.

If you make a mistake marking your ballot, draw a line through the entire candidate’s name as shown. You then have the option of marking another choice.

You must sign and date your return envelope in order for your ballot to be counted!

- Sign in the signature box that has YOUR name printed below it.
- Do NOT sign someone else’s name, even if you have power of attorney.
- Voting over the phone by having someone else fill out and sign your ballot is against the law. Voters can call the Elections Office at 564-397-2345 to learn about the options for voting while they are out of town.
- Drop boxes are available if you don’t want your signature to go through the mail. See pages 64-65 for a complete list of ballot deposit locations.

Follow the instruction sheet included with your ballot to seal, sign, date and return your ballot.
Do your part!

While the Elections Office is continually updating the voter rolls with information from the Department of Licensing, the post office, local obituaries and a monthly public health deceased list, **you can do your part by following these simple steps:**

- **Update your address** with the Elections Office whenever it changes. Address changes can be made online through MyVote, by email, mail or phone.

- If you are a snowbird or a college student and want to set up a temporary or seasonal mailing address, complete the Temporary Address Change form available online.

- **Return to Sender!** If you receive a ballot for a person who does not live at your residence, write “Does not live here” on the unopened envelope and put it back in the mail. This does not apply to military or overseas voters.

- If you receive a ballot for a deceased voter, write “Deceased” on the unopened envelope and put it back in the mail. We will research and follow up.

Keeping your information up-to-date with the Elections Office is quick and easy!

**clarkvotes.org / elections@clark.wa.gov**

PO Box 8815, Vancouver, WA 98666

564-397-2345

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Candidate and measure statements are printed exactly as submitted.

Clark County Elections does not correct punctuation, grammar, typos or inaccurate information.
Clark County
Assessor

Peter Van Nortwick
Prefers Republican Party

Elected Experience  Your Assessor since 2011.

Other Professional Experience  As a Certified General Appraiser, I am the only candidate with any professional experience appraising your homes, farms and commercial buildings. I am a member of the Clark County Association of Realtors.

Education  Undergrad: University of Washington  Post Grad: University of Colorado, Seattle University Graduate Leadership Clark County class of 2010.

Community Service  To many young men and woman in the Vancouver School District, I am known as Coach Pete. As a volunteer football coach, I strive to teach the rewards of hard work, sacrifice and achieving more together.

Statement  It is an honor to be your Assessor. In 2014, I promised Better Government, Faster Service and a Financially Stronger office. I am proud to say, “Promises Delivered!”

Better Government- Your Assessor’s office has continued to advance technologically. Highlights include introducing the online personal property tax portal, cutting paperwork in half, and introducing field tablets putting more information into our appraisers’ hands, increasing efficiency.

Faster Service- New construction is our most labor-intensive work. I am proud to say we are continuing to meet the challenge with new construction being placed on the rolls by the statutory deadlines.

Financially Stronger- The Assessor’s office is assessing approximately 5% more properties, with 15% less staff, than in 2009. The new state school tax has added stress to you as well as our office. We are addressing this challenge by informing and educating our tax payers, reaching out to our vulnerable seniors and building stronger relationships with our school districts. I am happy to say; school tax rates will decrease in 2019. The Assessor’s responsibility is equity not level of taxation. I am providing better government, faster service and financial strength to your Assessor’s office. I ask for a Re-Pete!

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Clark County
Assessor

Darren Wertz
Prefers Republican Party

Elected Experience  Three terms as Ridgefield City Council.


Education  BA Economics UCSD, MA Economics U of O, 100-500 professional series with IAAO (International Association of Assessing Officers)

Community Service  Ridgefield Planning Commission, Fort Vancouver Regional Library Board, East Vancouver Rotary, American Legion Post 44, Columbia Council BSA, Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, CREDC Board.

Statement  We live in the best part of the best country in the world. We run government services off of property taxes. Owning property is a right we enjoy, an expression of individual independence and part of being a good citizen. It is time our interests were better represented in the government that lives off of us.

If you elect me you will put a member of the taxpayer team with taxpayer views in the game. We will have some say, rather than just pay the rent.

I will ensure that the legislated roll back of property taxes next year is fairly distributed. I will institute policy and propose legislation where necessary to: 1. Keep people from being taxed out of their homes 2. Encourage remodel and upgrade of existing structures 3. Reduce the impact of development on surrounding properties.

Do you honestly agree with your property valuation? Think your taxes are fair? If not, can you do anything about it? You can vote. It is time for a change. Put a fresh perspective in county government. Vote for me Darren Wertz for Clark County Assessor.

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Website  Wertz4U.com
Greg Kimsey
Prefers GOP Party

Elected Experience  Clark County
Auditor

Other Professional Experience
Chief Financial Officer, Vancouver Oil Company; Vice President Investment Banking, U.S. Bancorp; Carpenter’s Apprentice United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Local 1715; Salesperson, Bob Kendall Chevrolet

Education  Chartered Financial Analyst, Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts; M.B.A., Portland State University; B.A. Business Administration, University of Washington; Columbia River High School, Vancouver Public Schools

Community Service  Past board member Columbia Arts Center, YMCA, YWCA, founding board member Columbia Land Trust; current member of Vancouver Rotary and Vancouver Public Schools’ Management Advisory Task force, currently serving as a Vancouver Housing Authority commissioner

Statement  Serving as your County Auditor has been a great honor and privilege. I am dedicated to being a good steward of the public’s resources. Since first taking office Clark County’s population has increased almost 40% while the number of Auditor’s Office employees has decreased 14%.

The 2018 legislative session resulted in significant changes to Washington’s elections system. People will soon be allowed to register to vote, and receive a ballot, on Election Day. Certain groups of citizens will be automatically registered to vote and 16 year old citizens may “pre-register.” In addition, the state wide voter registration system is being replaced and Clark County has begun the process of replacing its voting system.

As county auditor my most important responsibility is to improve citizens’ confidence in their government. Every interaction a citizen has with government is an opportunity to do that. Auditor’s Office employees have more direct interactions with citizens than any other county government office.

If re-elected I am committed to addressing these challenges in a way that best serves the long term interests of Clark County residents. I appreciate the confidence voters have had in me. I hope you will consider voting for me this year.

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Clark County

Clerk

Barbara L. Melton
Prefers Democratic Party

Elected Experience  No prior elected experience

Other Professional Experience
I have been employed at the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office for 17 years. I am currently President of the Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 11. After working with the Clerk’s Office as their Shop Steward for more than 12 years, I am familiar with the employees, how the office works, and how it should operate.

Education  I have a Bachelor’s Degree in English with a formal minor in Digital Technology and Culture and a Professional Writing Certificate from Washington State University.

Community Service  No information submitted

Statement  The County Clerk’s Office serves the public as an administrative and financial officer of Superior Court. My goal for the Clerk’s Office is to become more efficient, streamlined, and effective by retaining experienced employees and giving them a voice in their jobs, thereby creating a healthy work environment where staff thrive and are able to focus their attention on their number one priority, the customer.

I have worked closely with the Clerk’s Office for over 12 years and am familiar with the functions of the office and its employees, and am committed to improving the service and efficiency of the courts for the public, as well as the morale and quality of life for the employees in the Clerk’s office.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve you as Clark County Clerk and appreciate your vote.

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Clark County

Clerk

Scott G Weber
Prefers Republican Party

Elected Experience  Elected Clark County Clerk 2010; Re-elected Clark County Clerk 2014

Other Professional Experience
Prior to being elected County Clerk, Scott successfully worked in manufacturing and implemented lean manufacturing techniques for 12 years. In the private sector, being more cost-conscious and applying lean manufacturing techniques is imperative, especially in today’s economy.

Education  Degree in Applied Arts and Sciences

Community Service  Veterans Court Board member; Treasurer of the Washington State Association of County Clerks; Evergreen School District Truancy Board member

Statement  I have been honored to serve as your County Clerk for the past eight years.

The County Clerk is an elected position created under the Washington State Constitution and is the administrative and financial officer for the Superior Court. The Clerk receives, processes and preserves all documents in perpetuity for all Superior Court actions, including criminal, civil, family law, probate, guardianship, paternity, adoption and juvenile matters. The Clerk must be independent to maintain the integrity of court records.

It is my mission to serve the courts and the citizens of Clark County to provide quality, efficient, and effective service. Public officials and employees must have the highest standards of excellence, integrity, and fairness. During my time in office, I have made significant positive changes, resulting in better, and more responsive customer service including the collection of restitution for crime victims. We have provided real-time public access to documents and electronic filing---saving citizens legal costs. Ensuring that court records are open and accessible is an essential function of the Clerk’s office.

Thank you for your vote and your support.

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Website  weber4clerk.com

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**Clark County**

**Council Chair (At-Large)**

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**Eileen Quiring**  
Prefers Republican Party

**Elected Experience**  
Clark County Council, District 4, - 2016-Present;  
State Representative (Oregon) – 1995-1997; State Senator (Oregon) – 1997-2001 (Majority Whip)

**Other Professional Experience**  
Small Business Owner/Employer;  
Executive Director, Randall Charitable Trust; Real Estate Broker and Appraiser

**Education**  
Battle Ground High School; George Fox University, B. A.– (Distinguished Alumna of the year – 1998)

**Community Service**  
Clark County Planning Commission, ’12-’16; Board of Equalization, Clark County, 2015; Board Member & Chair - PRC of Greater Portland (Crisis Pregnancy Centers) ’01-’05; Board Member, Portland Rescue Mission ’01-’04; Board Member, Portland Metro Police Chaplaincy ’04-’06

**Statement**  
Raising taxes is not the solution! I was the only “no” vote when the county voted to raise your taxes. We knew taxpayers would be hit with a big statewide tax hike and the Council should not have added to that burden.

Citizens should have an opportunity to work where they live. I’m working hard to promote policies that attract job creators, not drive them away. More than 70,000 people cross the river to go to work. I’m against tolls and fought for a place at the table to protect you against Oregon’s tolling scheme.

I stand on principles of small government that operates within a reasonable budget, ensuring public safety, and protecting our most vulnerable citizens. I support: lower taxes, maintaining vital county services, implementing additional transportation infrastructure to manage our growth and sensible land use policies that will protect and restore the property rights of our rural and urban landowners.

We’re blessed to live in beautiful Clark County, my childhood home. My voting record is proof I’m a trustworthy, principled leader. I say what I mean, and I mean what I say. You deserve a County Chair who puts your interests first! I humbly ask for your vote.

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**Eric K. Holt**  
Prefers Democratic Party

**Elected Experience**  
2011-2013 Shop Steward Teamsters local 162; 2016 PCO (precinct committee officer) 610; 2017 Western Washington Vice Chair WSPC; 2018 PCO 610

**Other Professional Experience**  
1998-2013 Professional Truck Driver;  
2013-2015 Transportation/Logistics Management; 2015-Present Safety and Operations Manager (Mining industry)

**Education**  
1991 Pine View High School Washington County, Utah; 2002-2004 Salt Lake Community College; 2014-2018 Western Governor’s University B.S. Business Administration

**Community Service**  
Volunteer Park Clean-up -Clark County; WTA Trails volunteer; Free and Accepted Masons of Utah; Freemasons of Washington

**Statement**  
It’s time for a fresh face and effective leadership. The people of Clark County deserve better. I would be honored to have your support as Council Chair because we deserve better representation, better transportation, more living-wage jobs, and the preservation of agricultural lands.

Too many residents and businesses are tired of Olympia raising regressive taxes and misplaced priorities. All these policies do is drive jobs and spending across the river, instead of here at home. We need a Council Chair who will be a strong advocate for all people of Clark County, not special interests.

I stand on principles of small government that operates within a reasonable budget, ensuring public safety, and protecting our most vulnerable citizens. I support: lower taxes, maintaining vital county services, implementing additional transportation infrastructure to manage our growth and sensible land use policies that will protect and restore the property rights of our rural and urban landowners.

My wife and I moved to rural Clark County 8 years ago because we wanted a better opportunity for our children. We have been waiting for an effective County Council that represents us but that has never happened. I’ll be your advocate on the Council as we work together to reflect the will of the voters.

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County Partisan Offices: Candidates

**Clark County**

**Councilor, District No. 1**

**Jeanne E. Stewart**

**Prefers Republican Party**

**Elected Experience**
Currently: Clark County Councilor, District 1 (2014 to current); Formerly: Vancouver City Council (2001-2013)

**Other Professional Experience**
US Bancorp for 13 years- Audit Division; Operated small family business for 29 years.

**Education**
Education and background: accounting, finance and audit; Associate Degree in Arts and Science from Clark College (with Honors) Continuing credits: Portland State University.

**Community Service**
Chair, Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance; Vancouver School District Committees; Cub Scout Pack 326, Lincoln Elementary School, Coordinator, Neighbor To Neighbor Program, Carter Park NA; Vancouver Planning Commission, Vice Chair: Wellhead Protection Ordinance; Tree Preservation Ordinance; Archaeological Protection Ordinance; Solid Waste Advisory Commission (Lifetime Achievement Award)

**Statement**
We are one County! The Charter districting process did not change that. We successfully work to put the interests of the citizens ahead of our district boundaries or politics.

Strong and safe neighborhoods, safe schools, safe neighborhood streets and highways, creation of good jobs through economic development, improving major transportation systems and public transit, additional crossing capacity of I5 and I205 to reduce bottle necks including a third crossing of the Columbia River, safety improvements on SR 500, and keeping taxes managed by carefully prioritized spending-all common goals!

Still, District 1 has some unique problems related to the higher population density. Even, as the economy grows and more jobs are available, homelessness is increasing and has become epidemic. The root causes are frequently related to substance abuse and mental health issues which are identified when law enforcement intervenes with an arrest. To break this cycle, we need to improve access to substance abuse treatment and mental health services, and improve access to temporary housing, and improve access to job training and education.

These common challenges require us to act as regional partners. Stewart has dedicated 19 years of service to our community. She asks for your vote.

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**Website** JeanneStewart.org

**Temple Lentz**

**Prefers Democratic Party**

**Elected Experience**
Clark County Freeholder, Precinct Committee Officer

**Other Professional Experience**
Business Director, Cascade Sotheby’s International Realty; Executive Director, Parks Foundation of Clark County; Host, Hello Vancouver!
Partner, High Five Media; Executive Director, Rotary Festival of Trees; Communications Director, AFT Healthcare

**Education**
University of Chicago BA, Honors; Portland State University Certificate in Nonprofit Fundraising; Leadership Clark County

**Community Service**
Present: Clark County Commission on Aging, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Hough Foundation; Past: Vancouver Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, Clark County Parks Advisory Board, Vancouver Charter Review Committee, Leadership Clark County, KXRW Radio, Arts of Clark County, Rose Village Neighborhood Assn., Evergreen School District Foundation

**Statement**
Now is a crucial time for Clark County: we need leaders who will take an active role in shaping our future. The economy has rebounded, many businesses are growing, and unemployment is the lowest in years. Even so, an increasing number of our neighbors are struggling to make ends meet; our housing supply can’t keep pace with demand; and voters have grown tired of entrenched, lifelong politicians who don’t deliver results. We need smart, dedicated leaders who are actively part of our community, working collaboratively to represent all of us.

I have spent years working directly with local citizens, nonprofits, and businesses to make our home a better place. I look forward to the opportunity to use my skills, experience, and diverse relationships to build a strong future for Clark County. Together, we can create and implement a vision that meets current needs and also serves future needs of our children and grandchildren.

I am not a career politician; I’m a dedicated, active community member with a record of bringing the community together and getting results. My direct phone number and email address are listed below. Please contact me with any questions. I ask for your vote.

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Julie Olson
Prefers Republican Party

Elected Experience  Ridgefield School Board of Directors 2005-2013
Clark County Council District 2 2016-present

Other Professional Experience
1997-2016 Small Business Owner,
National Sales Manager Thompson Scientific, Sales Director Nurnberg Scientific, Region Sales Manager VWR

Education  BS: Microbiology University of Idaho


Statement  I love Clark County! It has been a great privilege and honor to serve as your first District 2 Clark County Councilor. Whether it is responding to those who call or email my office for assistance or working on policy to help better our community, I am proud of the work I have done in this district and I am excited about what I know we can accomplish together in the future.

I will continue bring a strong, independent voice to the Clark County Council. At a time when our county is growing steadily in an improving economy, it’s important to stay focused on economic development opportunities to grow jobs in Southwest Washington with a careful eye on fiscal responsibility. Taxpayers deserve thoughtful consideration about how their tax dollars are spent as the county provides regional services including public safety, mental health services, a court system, public health services, regional parks, land use planning and important transportation infrastructure.

I will continue to be a champion for our district. I understand the value of collaboration and community involvement and I’ll continue that leadership style if elected to a second term. I will be honored to earn your vote!

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Elisabeth Veneman
Prefers Republican Party

Elected Experience  Currently not elected.

Other Professional Experience
Homeschooling mom of two boys! I worked on the 2016 Ted Cruz primary campaign, County Chairwomen for the Marty McClendon campaign, County Chairwomen the Just Want Privacy campaign and worked on various other local campaigns.

Education  Astoria High School, Finnish language course at Clatsop Community College, student of American history.

Community Service  Volunteer at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site/costume history interpreter, past local Cub Scout Leader, volunteer at The Living Room/Living Ranch Ministry, participant in various local 5k races for charity, member at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, member at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Statement  Our forefathers envisioned America as a shining city set upon a hill, I believe that vision begins to take shape in our local communities where hardworking people contribute to that American dream. Too often politicians promise to help their community, but once elected they fall short and fail the very people that elected them.

My name is Elisabeth Veneman and I will put citizens first. I am not a politician but rather a hard working mom in this wonderful community that I am blessed to call home. Clark County is a growing community, with vast opportunity for living wages jobs for which it has been lacking. I want a lower taxed, fireworks friendly, free parking at County Parks, Clark County.

I have spent a lifetime loving this country that God has given us. A country which was hard fought for, and won by men and women that have taught me so much about what it means to be a good steward of their sacrifices. These principles begin at home in beautiful Clark County Washington, where I humbly ask for your vote so that I can put you first.

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Tony Golik  
Prefers Democratic Party

**Elected Experience**  Elected to serve as Clark County Prosecuting Attorney 2011-Present

**Other Professional Experience**  Deputy Prosecutor 1996 - 2010. Experience in all types of cases. Ten years assigned to Major Crimes teams specializing in Class A felony cases and homicide prosecutions. Board Chair Children’s Justice Center, Board Co-Chair Clark County Juvenile Justice Counsel, Executive Board Chair Clark County Regional Drug Task Force.

**Education**  Bachelors Degree, Administration of Justice, Portland State University. Law Degree, Gonzaga University.

**Community Service**  Founding member and Board Chair of the Clark County Elder Justice Center. Member, Washington State Sentencing Guidelines Commission. Volunteered for and support numerous community non-profits.

**Statement**  It is a great honor to serve as your County Prosecutor. We have a talented team of people in your Prosecutor’s Office who work hard to ensure our community remains safe and prosperous. Our team provides expert and compassionate service. Ethics and professionalism are the cornerstones of our office.

Community safety and positive outcomes at times can be best achieved without resorting to incarceration. As such, we have made strides in keeping youth in community programs where incarceration is not appropriate. Likewise, we have done good work to deliver appropriate treatment to those who suffer from mental illness by implementing a new felony level Mental Health Court. These innovative programs work to protect victims, deliver needed treatment, and reduce crime rates in our community.

Protecting kids with our Children’s Justice Center and protecting seniors with our Elder Justice Center are hallmarks of my work as your prosecutor. I will always strive to ensure our community is safe, justice is served, and people are treated fair and with respect.

Thank you for trusting me to serve as your Prosecutor. I respectfully ask for your vote to continue to serve our community.

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Chuck E. Atkins  
Prefers Republican Party

**Elected Experience**  Clark County Sheriff, 2015 - Present.

**Other Professional Experience**  I have 40 years of experience with the Clark County Sheriff’s Office starting as a deputy sheriff in 1977. During my career I have been a DARE officer, K-9 handler, patrol sergeant, precinct commander, SWAT commander, assistant chief, and now serve as your elected Clark County Sheriff.

**Education**  Columbia River High School (’72) and graduate of the FBI National Academy.

**Community Service**  Longtime volunteer with Teach One to Lead One.

**Statement**  It’s been an honor to serve as your elected sheriff. During my first term I have worked hard to keep our community safe and to provide our first responders with the tools they need to do their jobs professionally, efficiently, and competently. I am very proud that in my first term as sheriff, the Clark County Sheriff’s Office earned national Accreditation with Excellence from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement.

Of critical importance to me is preserving law and justice funding. All counties in Washington state face a structural deficit in which revenues do not keep pace with expenses. I strongly believe law enforcement and corrections is a mandatory function of county government and must be properly funded. Our citizens have every right to live in a safe community and this requires our first responders be fully funded. I will fight to preserve that funding.

Thank you all for your continuing support. I look forward to serving you as your elected Clark County Sheriff over the next four-year term.

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Alishia Topper
States No Party Preference

Elected Experience  Councilmember, City of Vancouver (2014 – Present).

Other Professional Experience
Clark County Treasurer’s Office, Tax Services Manager; Government Finance Officers Association, Member; Washington Finance Officers Association, Member; State of Washington Notary Public Appointment; Columbia Credit Union, Vice Chair Board of Directors; Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Commissioner; Vancouver Public Schools; Fort Vancouver National Trust.

Education  Master of Public Administration, Portland State University; Bachelor of Science in Psychology; Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages and Literatures, WSU- Pullman; Graduate Battle Ground High School.

Community Service  Southwest Clean Air Agency, Vice Chair Board of Directors; Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies, Board of Directors.

Statement  Alishia has the experience it takes to be your county treasurer! Alishia stands for financial integrity, accuracy, and accountability in every transaction. Her time as a City Councilmember, Board Vice Chair of Columbia Credit Union, treasury professional, Commissioner of Washington State’s Housing Finance Authority, and public administrator—establishes her as the only candidate with both treasury experience and a public service record of maintaining the citizens’ trust.

Alishia’s experience includes managing the collection of $792 million in property taxes and assessments annually for the Clark County Treasurer’s Office. She helps govern more than one billion in assets as Vice Chair of Columbia Credit Union. If elected, she will administer the County’s investments and banking with full accountability and transparency. Most importantly, Alishia will continue to safeguard our tax dollars, commit to invest wisely for positive returns, and make sure Clark County always follows financial best practices.

In her first year, Alishia commits to upgrade payment technologies and enhance customer service by administering and advocating for fair and efficient tax laws. Under her watch, she will guarantee payments are processed timely and accurately.

Alishia would be honored to be the steward of your tax dollars. Vote Alishia Topper!

Robert Hinds
States No Party Preference

Elected Experience  Chair – Clark County Historic Preservation Commission 2014-present

Other Professional Experience
Market Analysis and Strategy Manager - HP Inc (current); Finance Manager/ Business Partner - Nautilus; Senior Internal Auditor – Freightliner (DaimlerChrysler); Financial Analyst – Excite.com; Financial Analyst – Toyota Corolla (Toyota NUMMI plant)

Education  Master of Business Administration – Washington State University; Bachelor of Sciences in Psychology, Economics, Finance – University of Oregon

Community Service  Random acts of kindness helping at risk youth, homeless, injured animals, beach clean ups, protecting old growth forests, etc. Organized lectures held at Oregon Historical Society and Clark County Historical Museum. Serve on Historic Preservation Commission.

Statement  I am an MBA and fiscal conservative with over 20 years of finance and management experience in some of the world’s leading companies like HP, Nautilus, Daimler, and Toyota. I have learned best practices in financial analysis, treasury, audit, information systems, strategic planning, government reporting, and management. My direct responsibilities have included working with budgets and accounting for more than $3 billion in annual revenues. I have also worked in small business and start-up firms.

For the last four years I have served as Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission in Clark County, which performs a judiciary role in local government. During this time, the HPC won a state award for excellence in education and has used a small budget and grant funds to protect and promote our historic assets. Now I am offering my business experience to public service.

We do not need to bring partisan politicians to the treasurer’s office. I will honor my fiduciary role to all taxpayers by making our treasury more efficient, technologically secure, and transparent with advanced analytics and customer service.

Vote for the most experience and financial expertise to manage the county treasury, not political bureaucracy. I’ll be honored to serve.

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District Court
Judge, Department No. 1

Kristen L. Parcher

Legal/Judicial Experience  Judge
Kristen Parcher has served in her current position as District Court judge for over a year and prior to that served as Court Commissioner since 2011. Prior to taking the bench she worked as an attorney providing indigent defense and in family law practice.

Other Professional Experience  Former board member/president Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program; member/board member American Inns of Court; CLE instructor for Clark County Bar Association.

Education  University of Oregon School of Law; Washington State University; Whitman College.

Community Service  Vancouver Sunrise Rotary; 100 Women Who Care SW Washington; PTO.

Statement  I am honored to serve our community in this capacity. As an attorney providing indigent defense and pro bono work I learned the importance of access to justice for all members of our community. In my time on the bench both as court commissioner and judge I have worked hard to serve those that appear in front of me always aware that my decisions impact their lives. In my position I consistently strive to maintain the independence and the integrity of our judiciary. I will continue to perform my duties with fair and impartial application of the law and with respect to the people of this county.

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District Court
Judge, Department No. 2

Chad E. Sleight

Legal/Judicial Experience  Clark County District Court Judge March 2017-present; Pro Tem Judge Clark County District Court April 2013-February 2017

Other Professional Experience  Attorney at Law May 2004-March 2017

Education  Willamette University-Juris Doctorate 2003; Western Washington University-Bachelor of Arts in Political Science 2000; Camas High School 1996

Community Service  Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program Board Member

Statement  Judge Sleight was appointed to the District Court Bench by the Clark County Council in February of 2017. He also served as a Pro Tem Judge for District Court beginning in 2013. Prior to taking the Bench, Judge Sleight served as the City Prosecutor for Battle Ground, Ridgefield, and La Center, and was a partner in a law firm where he focused his practice on criminal defense cases. He is a past-President of the Clark County Bar Association, and currently sits on the Board of the Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program.

He was born and raised in Clark County.

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District Court
Judge, Department No. 3

Darvin J. Zimmerman

Legal/Judicial Experience  Clark County’s Senior District Court Judge

Other Professional Experience
Juvenile Corrections Officer, Legal Aid Advisor, Civil and Criminal Prosecutor, Pro Tem Judge for Superior Court.

Education  Honors graduate with double major. Master’s Degree from Gonzaga School of Business and Law Degree from Gonzaga University.

Community Service  Chosen twice as volunteer of the year – SHARE and Coalition of Neighborhood Associations. Boards for the Handicapped and Mental Illness, Hospice, Special Olympics, Scouting and Blind School volunteer. He has coached and officiated youth sports for over 30 years. His most recent endeavor is helping Veterans through a non-profit he started.

Statement  Known for his tireless energy and friendly demeanor, he was first elected with nearly 70% of the vote. He has been appointed to several State Judicial Committees and has served as a Mentor Judge, training newly elected Judges statewide. He has taught college law courses and is a frequent lecturer in the community.

As a former prosecutor for 10 years, he received law enforcement commendations at local, state and national levels, including winning a landmark case in the Supreme Court on Victims’ Rights.

In 2012 Judge Zimmerman was chosen as Access to Justice’s Statewide Judge of the Year. In 2013 he was awarded the Local Hero Award by the State Bar Association in recognition for his work in establishing the Clark County Veterans Therapeutic Court. Also was awarded the first ever Star Award by the Clark County DUI Traffic Safety Task Force for exceptional community leadership in the field of traffic safety.

Judge Zimmerman continues to create innovative programs and ideas that have been implemented in other courts around the country. He has previously been selected to represent the entire judiciary of Washington for the American Judges Association and has served as a guest speaker for their national education conference.

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District Court
Judge, Department No. 4

Sonya Langsdorf

Legal/Judicial Experience  Elected Clark County District Court Judge in 2010. District Court’s Assistant Presiding Judge; appointed and served as a full-time District Court Commissioner, 2008-2010. Presented on civil litigation at the Washington State Judicial College and the District Court Municipal Judges’ Association.

Other Professional Experience  Clark County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for over 13 years: prosecuted criminal cases in District Court, Juvenile Court and Superior Court. Represented Child Support Division handling: paternity establishment, support modification and enforcement.

Education  Juris Doctor from Seattle University School of Law; Bachelor of Science, Microbiology from University of Washington

Community Service  City of Vancouver Parks & Recreation; Clark County Food Bank

Statement  Judge Sonya Langsdorf is honored to currently preside on the District Court bench. She anticipates building on the last eight years of her judicial career, to continue pursuing improvement in court processes and serving the citizens of Clark County. As an engaged member in our community, she understands the impact of her decisions on the lives of people who appear in court, as well as on the public—she undertakes her responsibility thoughtfully and seriously.

Since graduating from Seattle University School of Law, nearly 25 years ago, Judge Langsdorf has dedicated her career to public service, first as a prosecutor for over 13 years followed by an appointment to commissioner. Now an elected judge, she has garnered a well-deserved reputation for being fair, patient and impartial — and, is known for her work ethic, integrity and thorough knowledge of the law.

A Washington native, Sonya has been married 20 years to Vaughn Langsdorf, a lifelong resident of Clark County, where they are raising two children. Judge Langsdorf has the greatest respect for the legal process and is dedicated to faithfully performing the duties of District Court Judge.

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District Court
Judge, Department No. 5

**Kelli E. Osler**

**Legal/Judicial Experience** Judge Kelli Osler is a dedicated public servant with over 26 years combined judicial and prosecutorial experience. She is currently serving as Presiding Judge of Clark County District Court. Judge Osler also gained valuable trial court and appellate expertise while working as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

**Other Professional Experience** Judge Osler has presided over Traffic, Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Courts. She is a current member, past president and vice president of Inns of Court.

**Education** University of Washington, BA; University of Puget Sound School of Law, JD

**Community Service** High School Mock Trial judge and rater; Taught Street Law at local high schools.

**Statement** I look forward to serving the public for another four years. I have enjoyed working with our community partners to provide equal access to justice for all. I am particularly proud of the improvements our Court has made in assisting homeless, mentally ill and drug addicted individuals involved in the criminal justice system. In cooperation with Superior Court, we recently expanded our Mental Health Court to include pre-plea felonies and misdemeanors. I promise to continue to make well-reasoned decisions after listening and carefully considering all arguments and legal authorities. I will strive to work with other law and justice agencies to find innovative ways to reduce jail, court, and probation costs. Thank you for your continued support.

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District Court
Judge, Department No. 6

**John P. Hagensen**

**Legal/Judicial Experience** A District Court Judge for over 13 years, Judge Hagensen previously was an elected Port Commissioner and Camas School Board member.

**Other Professional Experience** Upon becoming a Judge, he brought almost 20 years in prior legal experience in prosecuting, criminal defense and civil law to the bench.

**Education** A Camas High graduate, Hagensen attended Clark College, and graduated from CWU. He enrolled in the MBA program at Portland State University, and completed law school at Lewis & Clark College.

**Community Service** He has served the local community as a youth baseball and basketball coach, volunteer firefighter and in various other community organizations.

**Statement** Judge Hagensen brings to the bench the common sense values he learned growing up in Clark County. Hagensen has a proven record of treating court participants fairly and respectfully, while maintaining a no nonsense approach with criminals.

He has successfully been involved in the therapeutic courts as judge for Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and currently serves as judge in Veterans’ Court. Judge Hagensen believes those charged with crimes should have the opportunity to make changes to better their individual lives and, as well, to better conform to societal standards.

He is married for over 40 years, with four children and four grandchildren, Judge Hagensen is well-grounded. This, along with his years of experience in business, as an attorney, port commissioner, school board member, and now judge for over 13 years, gives Hagensen the broad life and legal background necessary to make sound decisions.

He appreciates your vote.

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City of Vancouver
Councilor, Position No. 1

Laurie Lebowsky

Elected Experience  Vancouver City Council Position 1, Appointed (2018)

Other Professional Experience  Municipal Planner, Clark County, Washington, focusing on transportation, public health, and parks; Over 24 years of city and county planning experience

Education  Master’s of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Portland; Bachelor’s of Arts, Political Science, Michigan State University

Community Service  Elder Justice Council, Community Action Advisory Board, Council for the Homeless (Alternate); Chair, Clark County Public Health Advisory Council, 2011-2014; Founding member, Bike Clark County, 2013-2017; Active in NAAACP, ACLU, Friends of Trees, and Columbia Riverkeeper; Member, Southwest Chapter of the American Planning Association; Former Shop Steward, AFSCME Local 307

Statement  The City of Vancouver has transformational decisions ahead and we need experienced and thoughtful leadership to forge our future. I am that leader, and I have clear and direct goals that represent a comprehensive understanding of our community’s expectations. This is our Vancouver - a place we are proud to call home - and I am excited to continue working to make our city prosper.

My goals include Better streets and bridges! I bring 24 years of experience addressing traffic infrastructure. I’m a professional who knows transportation and have a demonstrated history of success; Improved public safety! I’ll ensure we have firefighters and police officers who respond when we need them, and arrive in time to help; and Innovative solutions to our affordable housing crisis! I’ll work to move vulnerable families, seniors, and Veterans who’ve been priced out of their homes into safe situations. I’m dedicated to making our city a place where people can grow up and grow older with grace.

I’m honored to continue to focus my skills on the many issues our city faces, and am ready to work with partners to bridge gaps to meet our community’s goals.

I ask for your vote.

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City of Vancouver
Councilor, Position No. 1

Sarah Fox

Elected Experience  President, American Planning Association - SW WA Section; President, Camas Public Employees Association (2012 - 2018)


Education  Masters of Urban and Regional Planning; Bachelor of Arts of Community Development with Minor in International Studies, Portland State University; Defense Language Institute (Military), Monterey; Hudson’s Bay High School

Community Service  Clark County Historic Preservation Commission Vice-Chair (protecting historic resources); College Housing NW Board of Directors Vice-Chair (nonprofit)

Statement  I’m a Vancouver native - literally born on our Main Street. I left to serve my country in the US Army overseas, returning to raise my children here. After my military service I worked in my family construction small business, helping it grow as a trained welder and Vice-President. Later I found a home serving the public as an Urban Planner.

I believe you would find my diverse business, military experience and civil service applicable to the many challenges confronting our city. I’m a thoughtful and well-prepared decision maker with a proven ability to manage complex problems and bring people together. I am passionate about small businesses, like my family’s, that are the backbone of our economy. I am intimately familiar with how our government works, including budgeting, management and union activities, and will use that experience to guide our city. As an urban planner, I am also proficient in all aspects of planning, environmental impacts, community and economic development.

I’m running for City Council to make sure that our city remains authentic, unique and vibrant. I will support plans and policies that keep us safe, create jobs and livable wages, maintain our infrastructure, and support our families.

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Public Utility District No. 1 of Clark County
Commissioner, District No. 1

Jim Malinowski
Elected Experience  Clark County PUD Commissioner

Other Professional Experience
31-year Electrical Engineering career with Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Consulting assignments include development of the Grid Code for Indonesia and the Grid and Distribution Codes for the Philippines. 8 years as the Clark College Power Utilities Technology Instructor.

Education  Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Washington State University; Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, Texas A&M University; Master of Science in Business, Stanford University.

Community Service  North Clark Historical Museum President. Member of the Fish First Board, a group working for Salmon and Steelhead recovery in the Lewis River System. Mt Valley Grange Treasurer.

Statement  I am proud to have served the customer/owners of the Clark County PUD for the last six years. The PUD has established a record of outstanding customer service which is reflected in ten straight years of receiving the JD Powers rank as highest in customer satisfaction among mid-sized utilities in the West. We also have been able to maintain low and stable electric power and water rates during my term.

Our PUD has a unique public service culture. Our employees are engaged in their community assisting community groups in various ways. Our customer service phone calls are answered promptly by employees who are trained to do everything possible to address customer concerns and service needs.

Our PUD participates in complex west coast energy markets. I have the educational background and professional experience to effectively participate in establishing PUD operating policies. Those policies ensure reliable and low cost electric and water services continue to be provided to you and our local businesses.

I ask for your vote to allow me to continue to represent you on the Clark County PUD Board of Commissioners. Vote for Jim Malinowski for Clark County Public Utility District Commissioner.

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Sherry Erickson
Elected Experience  None

Other Professional Experience

Education  MBA Washington State University, BS Mechanical Engineering Brigham Young University

Community Service  Over the past 22 years living in Vancouver I have volunteered in a variety of capacities including the Vancouver Public Schools, Washington Trails Association, American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, Meals on Wheels, Make-a-Wish Oregon, CES Seminary Teacher, Share House, StreamTeam, and various local youth and community events. I have a personal goal to become a Stream Steward.

Statement  As commissioner of a public owned utility, my job is to seek input from customers, research relevant issues, and advocate on your behalf. I’ll scrutinize financial statements, promote cost-based rates, insist on accurate billing, initiate technology upgrades, hedge risk, and closely monitor performance. As customers, we want reliable distribution, efficient operations and a competent work-force. I have the experience and qualifications to keep our utility on track with operating principles that are important to all of us.

Within its regulatory framework, our utility company can also play an important role in economic development. As the I-5 corridor continues to expand our utility will need to meet the growing demand of residential, commercial and industrial customers. This will require innovative design, advantageous BPA power supply contracts, and strategic energy generation at the River Road Plant to serve our customers without increasing our rates.

I love Clark County and the life we enjoy here. A reliable, responsive, and efficient utility system, which often goes unseen, is an integral part of our economy and way of life. I’ll naturally protect our resources by supporting conservation education, renewable energy, consumer incentives, and community involvement.

I would be honored to have your vote.

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Proposition No. 8
Adoption of the Council/Manager Form of Government within the City of Washougal

Shall the City of Washougal adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government? The adoption of the Council/Manager form of government would not affect the City’s eligibility to be governed under Title 35A of the Revised Code of Washington.

☐ For Adoption of the Council/Manager Form of Government
☐ Against Adoption of the Council/Manager Form of Government

STATEMENT FOR
Earlier this year a group of Washougal citizens (including the undersigned) recommended to the city council that a council-manager form of government is preferable to the present form. Currently, the mayor is the chief executive officer of Washougal, a job which requires a deep understanding of city functions, the expertise to lead a diverse range of individuals, an independent income (or retirement), and enough personal charisma to be elected. There are too few people in our small city who meet all four of these requirements.

With this change, the city would transition to a professional, experienced city manager as the chief executive officer. The city council would establish the goals of the city for the manager and his or her staff to meet and would oversee progress. Our council remains committed to having an elected mayor to represent our city. That person would be the public voice of the city and preside over the city council – but would not be the chief executive. That role would be filled by a manager with appropriate expertise, much as a school district has a superintendent who is guided by a school board.

A further advantage of this form of government: instead of one individual, subject to the pressures (and “financial support”) of powerful interest groups or individuals, the direction of the city would be in the hands of the seven elected officials, rather than a single mayor; thus, less susceptible to outside influence.

We ask that you join us in voting “yes.”

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
The City of Washougal is currently a non-charter code city organized under the Mayor-Council form of government as provided in RCW Ch. 35A.12. An elected mayor is the chief administrative officer of the city. Approval of the ballot measure will change Washougal’s form of government to a non-charter Council-Manager organization as provided by RCW Ch. 35A.13. As such, the elected council will select a professional manager to be the chief administrative officer of the city. The Council selects a mayor from among the council to serve as the council chair and as the ceremonial head of the city.

No statements were submitted for:

STATEMENT AGAINST

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR
Proposition No. 1
Capital Levy to Modernize, Renovate and Improve Green Mountain School

The Board of Directors of Green Mountain School District No. 103 adopted Resolution No. 2018-08, concerning a proposition for a levy for capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to modernize, renovate and improve Green Mountain School (upgrading sidewalks, HVAC, lighting, bathrooms, fire alarm, parking lot; replacing roof, windows, doors; renovating cottage; installing covered play area):

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all as provided in Resolution No. 2018-08.

Should this proposition be approved?
- [ ] Levy...Yes
- [ ] Levy...No

STATEMENT FOR

Dear Voter: The gem of North Clark County; Green Mountain School (GMS) needs overdue improvements to campus wide facilities including the Cottage Building, Gymnasium, Heating and Ventilation systems, Sidewalks, Bathrooms, Security, Intercom etc. Additionally, a covered outdoor play area is highly desired for our rainy winter season. Currently the gym is the only covered play area making it overwhelming noisy to chaotic.

We the community can be very proud of our district for providing our students the best K-8 education in Clark County. GMS has achieved the School of Distinction award five times of which only one other school in the entire state of Washington has accomplished.

GMS has done so all while keeping your tax rate the lowest of any district in Clark County. Additionally, the funding allocation GMS receives from the state is set to drop under Washington legislative overhaul of school funding. This unfortunately puts GMS on course to very soon be financially insolvent for which your support is very needed to keep GMS alive. Currently GMS is the only school in Clark County without a levy in place. The proposed levy would raise $1,250,000 over the next four years (2019 – 2023) to fund the above noted campus improvements.

With the future of our students and school in mind, please support the GMS Capitol Levy on November 6th in voting Yes. You may contact me at any time with any questions, concerns or input. Thank you for your continued support of Green Mountain School!

Submitted by:
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No statements were submitted for:

STATEMENT AGAINST

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

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East County Fire and Rescue

Proposition No. 2
Multiple Year Levy Lid Lift

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In order to maintain fire protection and emergency medical services and provide for firefighter safety, this proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to $1.50 per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2019 and authorizes annual increases of up to 6% for each of the succeeding five years. The maximum allowable levy in 2023 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

☐ Approved  ☐ Rejected

STATEMENT FOR
Vote Yes on Proposition 2

East County Fire and Rescue is asking voters to return the fire levy to $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed property value. This is the same rate voters approved in 2008.

Emergency call volumes have increased by almost 52% since 2007. More calls mean added costs for personnel, apparatus, equipment, and supplies. In contrast, the fire district is only allowed a one percent revenue increase. This does not even keep up with the cost of inflation which is currently 3-4 percent per year.

East County Fire and Rescue is a good steward of our tax dollars. The district operates under a balanced budget and has passed all independent financial and accountability audits by the state. It saves money to pay cash for emergency apparatus as opposed to financing these purchases, which would cost our community more because of interest payments. Fire district personnel worked hard to improve our community’s insurance rating, which reduced premiums for home and business owners.

Funding from this levy lid lift will be used to respond to higher call volumes, improve firefighter training, maintain facilities, and repair equipment and apparatus. These items are also necessary to maintain our community’s insurance rating, which affects the insurance premiums that home and business owners pay. Please join us in voting yes for Proposition 2.

Submitted by:
Michelle Eisenbeis  360-607-0682
Michael Taggart
John Straub  360-834-2584

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
East County Fire and Rescue provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its citizens. If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to restore its regular real property tax levy rate to $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed valuation in 2018 for collection in 2019 and authorize annual increases of up to 6% for each of the following five years. The dollar amount levied in 2023 shall serve as the base for the subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

No statements were submitted for:

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHOUGAL PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY, AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD THEREIN ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, OF A PROPOSITION OF WHETHER THE CITY SHOULD ADOPT THE COUNCIL/MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND ABANDON THE COUNCIL/ MAYOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT; AND REQUESTING THE CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR TO PLACE THE PROPOSITION ON SUCH GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.

WHEREAS, RCW Chapter 35A.06 authorizes a non-chartered code city to abandon its plan of government and reorganize under another plan of government, and to pass a resolution requesting that a proposition be submitted to the qualified voters within the City of whether the City should abandon its form of government and reorganize under another plan of government;

AND WHEREAS, a Citizens Government Advisory Committee was appointed by Mayor Molly Coston in March, 2018, and charged with the task of determining whether “this is the right time to look at the next step [Council-Manager form of government] in the professional management of the City of Washougal”;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee received presentations and reviewed information regarding both the Mayor-Council and Council-Manager forms of government during several meetings;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee has unanimously recommended that the City Council place on the special election to be held in conjunction with the general election to be held on November 6, 2018, the proposition to change the form of government of Washougal from Mayor-Council to Council-Manager, pursuant to Washington law;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council received the report of the Committee at its May 14, 2018, worksession and discussed the potential change in form of government;

AND WHEREAS, RCW 35A.06.040 authorizes the City Council to pass a resolution proposing abandonment by the city of the Mayor/Council form of government under which it is operating and adoption of the Council/Manager form;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the best interests and general welfare of the City would be served by submitting to the qualified voters in the City of Washougal, the proposition of whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council desires that the special election to be held in conjunction with the general election to be held on November 6, 2018, include on the ballot for qualified voters of the City of Washougal, the proposition of whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government;

AND WHEREAS, if a change in form of government is approved by the voters, the chair of the council (Mayor) would be selected every two-years by the Council from its own membership, pursuant to state law;

AND WHEREAS, RCW 35A.13.033 provides for an alternative means of selecting a chair (Mayor); providing that the city council of a council-manager city may by resolution place before the voters of the city, a proposition to designate the person elected to council position one as the chair (Mayor) of the council;

AND WHEREAS, if a proposition to designate council position one as chair (Mayor) is approved, it would not affect the incumbent in council position one, rather, at the next election for council position one, it would be for chair (Mayor);

AND WHEREAS, the proposition to designate council position one as chair (Mayor) can only be submitted to voters if the form of government is changed to council-manager and cannot be submitted to voters at the same time as the proposition regarding the change in form of government and must be a separate and subsequent proposition;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that designating council position one as chair (Mayor) is preferable to the Council selecting the chair (Mayor) from its own membership;

AND WHEREAS, if the proposition to change the form of government to council-manager is approved it is the Council’s intention to submit to voters a proposition to designate council position one as chair (Mayor);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Washougal, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with RCW 35A.06.040 and .050, RCW 29A.04.330 and other applicable state law, the City Council hereby requests and calls for the Clark County Auditor to include on the ballot for the next special election to be held in conjunction with the general election to be held on November 6, 2018, in the City of Washougal for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Washougal the proposition of whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government.
City of Washougal

Resolution No. 1145

Section 2. It is the intent of the City Council, that if the proposition of whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government is approved, to place on a future general election ballot a subsequent proposition to designate council position one as chair (Mayor).

Section 3. The proposition to be submitted at the election shall be in the form of a ballot title prepared by the City Attorney to read as follows:

Proposition No. 8
Adoption of the Council/Manager Form of Government within the City of Washougal

Shall the City of Washougal adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government? The adoption of the Council/Manager form of government would not affect the City's eligibility to be governed under Title 35A of the Revised Code of Washington.

☐ For Adoption of the Council/Manager Form of Government

☐ Against Adoption of the Council/Manager Form of Government

Section 4. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor.

Section 5. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Washougal on the 29th day of May, 2018.

City of Washougal, Washington

s/Molly Coston __________________________
Mayor, Molly Coston

ATTEST:

s/Jennifer Forsberg __________________________
Finance Director/City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

s/Kenneth B. Woodrich __________________________
City Attorney
Resolution No. 2018-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GREEN MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 103, CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN EXCESS TAX LEVY TO BE MADE ANNUALLY FOR FIVE YEARS COMMENCING IN 2018 FOR COLLECTION IN THE YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2023 IN THE AGGREGATE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $1,250,000 FOR THE DISTRICT’S CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION, MODERNIZATION AND REMODELING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES; DESIGNATING THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD AND SPECIAL COUNSEL TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF THE BALLOT TITLE FROM THE AUDITOR OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO, ALL AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Green Mountain School District No. 103, Clark County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Green Mountain School District No. 103, Clark County, Washington (the “District”), takes note of the following facts and hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Student and staff health and safety concerns, deteriorating infrastructure, educationally outdated school facilities and the need to improve operational efficiencies require the District to levy excess property taxes to support the construction, modernization and remodeling of school facilities, all as more particularly defined and described in Section 2 herein (collectively the “Projects”).

(b) It appears certain that the money in the District’s Capital Projects Fund for the school years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 will be insufficient to permit the District to pay costs of the Projects during such school years, and that it is necessary that an excess tax levy of $250,000 be made in 2018 for collection in 2019, $250,000 be made in 2019 for collection in 2020, $250,000 be made in 2020 for collection in 2021, $250,000 be made in 2021 for collection in 2022 and $250,000 be made in 2022 for collection in 2023, for the District’s Capital Projects Fund to provide the money required to meet those costs.

(c) The District is authorized pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”) 84.52.053 to submit to the District’s voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects.

(d) The best interests of the District’s students and other inhabitants require the District to carry out and accomplish the Projects as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Description of the Projects. The Projects to be paid for with the excess property tax levies authorized herein are more particularly defined and described as follows:

(a) Modernize, renovate and improve Green Mountain School, including, but not limited to: (1) upgrading and/or improving sidewalks, lighting, bathrooms, the fire alarm system and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (“HVAC”); (2) replacing the roof, windows and doors; (3) renovating cottage instructional spaces; (4) acquiring, constructing and installing a covered play area; (5) resurfacing the parking lot; and (6) making other capital improvements, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

(b) Acquire, construct and install all necessary furniture, equipment, apparatus, accessories, fixtures and appurtenances in the foregoing, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

(c) Pay incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the Projects. Such incidental costs constitute a part of the Projects and shall include, but are not limited to: (1) payments for fiscal and legal costs; (2) costs of printing, advertising, establishing and funding accounts; (3) necessary and related engineering, architectural, planning, consulting, permitting, inspection and testing costs; (4) administrative and relocation costs; (5) site acquisition and improvement costs; (6) demolition costs; (7) costs related to demolition and/or deconstruction of existing school facilities to recycle, reclaim and repurpose all or a portion of such facilities and/or building materials; (8) costs of on and off-site utilities and road improvements; and (9) costs of other similar activities or purposes, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The Projects, or any portion or portions thereof, shall be acquired or made insofar as is practicable with available money and in such order of time as shall be determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The Board shall determine the application of available money between the various parts of the Projects so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Projects. The Board shall determine the exact order, extent and specifications for the Projects. The Projects are to be more fully described in the plans and specifications to be filed with the District.

Section 3. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Clark County, Washington, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections (the
“Auditor”), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the manner provided by law to be held in the District on November 6, 2018, in conjunction with the State General Election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the District’s voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether an excess property tax levy for the Capital Projects Fund shall be made annually for five years commencing in 2018 for collection in 2019 on all of the taxable property within the District of $250,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being $1.35 per $1,000 of assessed value (such assessed value representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), in 2019 for collection in 2020 of $250,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being $1.23 per $1,000 of assessed value, in 2020 for collection in 2021 of $250,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being $1.12 per $1,000 of assessed value, in 2021 for collection in 2022 of $250,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being $1.01 per $1,000 of assessed value, and in 2022 for collection in 2023 of $250,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being $0.93 per $1,000 of assessed value, in all excess of the maximum tax levy specified by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District at the time of the levy.

Section 4. Use of Taxes. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects, during the school years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 5. Sufficiency of Taxes. If the excess property taxes authorized herein are more than sufficient to carry out the Projects, or should state or local circumstances require any alteration in the Projects, the District may apply such taxes to other capital purposes, or reduce or eliminate the excess property tax levies authorized herein, all as the Board may determine by resolution and as permitted by law.

If the Board shall determine that it has become impractical to accomplish the Projects or any portion thereof by reason of state or local circumstances, including changed conditions or needs, regulatory considerations, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, or for any other reason determined by the Board, the District shall not be required to accomplish such Projects and may apply the excess property tax levies or any portion thereof to other capital purposes of the District, or reduce or eliminate the excess property tax levies authorized herein, all as the Board may determine by resolution and as permitted by law. In the event that the excess property tax levies authorized herein, plus any other money of the District legally available therefor, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Projects, the District shall use the available money for paying the cost of that portion of the Projects that the Board determines most necessary and in the best interests of the District.

Notwithstanding anything in this resolution to the contrary, the excess property tax levies authorized herein may be used only to support the construction, modernization or remodeling of school facilities.

Section 6. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

Proposition No. 1
Green Mountain School District No. 103
Capital Levy to Modernize, Renovate and Improve Green Mountain School

The Board of Directors of Green Mountain School District No. 103 adopted Resolution No. 2018-08, concerning a proposition for a levy for capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to modernize, renovate and improve Green Mountain School (upgrading sidewalks, HVAC, lighting, bathrooms, fire alarm, parking lot; replacing roof, windows, doors; renovating cottage; installing covered play area):

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all as provided in Resolution No. 2018-08.

Should this proposition be approved?

☐ Levy...Yes ☐ Levy...No
Green Mountain School District No. 103
Resolution No. 2018-08

Section 7. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the “Secretary”) or his designee is directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than August 7, 2018; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District’s voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects.

Section 8. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the Secretary (Tyson Vogeler), telephone: 360.225.7366; fax: 360.225.2217; email: tyson.vogeler@greenmountainschool.us; and (b) special counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC (Jim McNeill), telephone: 509.777.1602; fax 800.533.2284; email: jim.mcneill@foster.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 9. General Authorization and Ratification. The Secretary, the District’s Business Manager, the Chair of the Board, other appropriate officers of the District and special counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC, are severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to execute such documents as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 10. Severability. If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

Section 11. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Green Mountain School District No. 103, Clark County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof, held this 24th day of July, 2018, with the following Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution.

Green Mountain School District No. 103
Clark County, Washington

s/Rick Syring
Chair and Director

s/Cameron Tormanen
Director

s/Joyce Cooper
Director

s/Steven Hoffman
Director

s/Jeff Strong
Director

ATTEST:

s/Tyson Vogeler
Secretary to the Board of Directors
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY (GENERAL - MULTI YEAR - PERMANENT)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EAST COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION RESTORING THE DISTRICT’S PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE TO $1.50 PER $1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTABLISHING A LIMIT FACTOR OF 106% SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS.

Background: 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 fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District.

WHEREAS, the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing these services necessitate the continued expenditure of revenues for personnel, operations and equipment at a level that cannot be sustained by the District’s regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of $1.29 per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as constrained by the one percent limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010.

WHEREAS, the District has previously levied its real property tax at the rate of $1.50 per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District in 2008.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable levy in the sixth year of the levy authorized by this Resolution serve as the levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of East County Fire and Rescue Clark County, 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 obtain, operate and maintain emergency fire and medical aid vehicles and facilities staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with suitable firefighting and emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 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 2018 and collect beginning in 2019, 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 of $1.50 per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

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 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services beyond 2018, the District has determined that the limit factor for each year shall be 106%. 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 2019-2023. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

Section 4. The dollar amount levied in 2023 shall serve as the District’s tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on November 6, 2018, in conjunction with the state general 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 $1.50 per $1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation in 2018 and be adjusted by 106% for the following five years, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The auditor of Clark County, 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:

East County Fire and Rescue
Proposition No. 2
Multiple Year Levy Lid Lift

The Board of East County Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution No. 241-07172018 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

In order to maintain fire protection and emergency medical services and provide for firefighter safety, this proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to $1.50 per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2019 and authorizes annual increases of up to 6% for each of the succeeding five years. The maximum allowable levy in
Section 6. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050(1), the ballot measure shall require approval of a simple majority of voters.

Section 7. The Board hereby assigns to the Chief or designee the task of appointing members to a committee to advocate voters’ approval of the proposition and to a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters’ rejection of the proposition.

Section 8. For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the Chief or designee and legal counsel as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 9. The Chief or designee is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution, including modifying the text of the ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution.

Section 10. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than August 7, 2018, to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the proper District officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters at the November 6, 2018 election.

Section 11. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 12. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 13. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of East County Fire and Rescue, Clark County, Washington, at an open public meeting of such Board on the 17th day of July 2018, the following commissioners being present and voting:

s/Michael C. Taggart
Commissioner

s/Martha Martin
Commissioner

s/Michael A. Berg
Commissioner

s/Sherry Petty
Commissioner

s/Iliana Ortega
Secretary