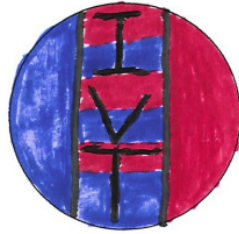




Kitsap County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet Primary 2023



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Primary Local Voters' Pamphlet – August 1, 2023

Dear Kitsap County Voters:

As your Kitsap County Auditor, I thank you for recognizing the importance of your vote in the August 1, 2023 Primary. I am proud of the work our entire Elections team does to ensure the integrity of our elections.

We are dedicated to making sure every vote is counted accurately and securely. We conduct audits, before and during the election process. Last year, at the request of some voters, we conducted a hand recount that demonstrated how accurate our work is.

You are welcome to witness our ballot processing in person, or online at kitsap.gov/elections. We work hard to offer accessible and convenient voting options for all Kitsap County residents, whether you choose to vote at home and deposit your ballot in a drop box or mailbox, or vote in person at our office or in one of our vote centers.

In this primary you will have the opportunity to choose a candidate you hope to see advance to the General Election. If you live in South Kitsap or within the Bremerton city limits you will also have a ballot measure to consider.

If you're not registered to vote, there is still time. If you have a Washington driver's license you can register online at VoteWA.gov until July 24, 2023. You can also come to our office or a vote center until 8 p.m. on election day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. We are here to help you make your voice heard.

Thank you for your commitment to our democratic process.

Sincerely,



Paul Andrews
Kitsap County Auditor

About the cover

In 2022 we included "I Voted" stickers with your ballots. This year we asked high school students to submit their ideas for a sticker for elections in 2023. On this cover we're featuring some of the runners up to the winning design submitted by Statia Ruffin Masters of South Kitsap High School. That sticker will be in ballot packets. The designs here are from South Kitsap High School students (left to right, top to bottom) Ava Cooke, Acacia Hoskins, Flora Andres, Annabelle Cease, Samantha Albrecht, Maxim Denishchuk, Emily Schmitz, Mia Stahlecker, Kaden Ecklund, Parker Medina, Connor Voshall, Nicholas Sunderland, Isaac Lund, Patrick Farnen, Ayush Kaushal, and Bailey Riebli.

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Primary Voting

This Primary is taking place in much, but not all, of Kitsap County. Ballots are mailed directly to voters, but the Local Voters' Pamphlet is mailed in bulk to every residential address in an area where there might be an election. If you receive a pamphlet, but not a ballot, it may be that your area doesn't have an election. Beginning July 14th you can check to see if you're in an election by logging into VoteWA.gov, then clicking on "Voters' Guide."

Where is my ballot?

Ballots will be mailed by July 14, 2023, for the 2023 Primary. If you have verified at VoteWA.gov that you should have received a ballot and have not received one by July 20, contact our office at the contact information on this page.

Additional Sources of Information

Facebook

www.facebook.com/kitsapcountyauditor

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/KitsapAuditor>

YouTube

www.youtube.com/KitsapAuditor

Washington Secretary of State

www.sos.wa.gov/elections

Federal Voting Assistance Program

www.fvap.gov

Voter Information

Top 2 Primary

The purpose of the Primary is to reduce the number of candidates in each race to two for the General Election. Voters may vote for any one candidate in each contest.

The two candidates who receive the most votes in the August Primary advance to the General Election. Candidates must receive at least 1 percent of the total votes cast for their position in order to be placed on the General Election ballot.

Nonpartisan Offices – Primary

A Primary is held if three or more candidates file for a nonpartisan position. If no more than two candidates file, they appear only on the General Election ballot in the order determined by lot draw.

Military, Overseas and Early Ballots

If you are a military or overseas voter or if you believe your ballot will not be received in time to vote, you may request to receive your ballot by email or request an early ballot up to 90 days before an election. Early ballots list only the contests known at the time of the request. To request an email ballot or early ballot, visit: [kitsap.gov/elections](https://www.kitsap.gov/elections) or contact Kitsap County Elections.

Additional information for military and overseas voters is available from the Federal Voting Assistance Program at: www.fvap.gov.

Questions or Need a Replacement Ballot?

If you have not received your ballot by **July 20**, or if your ballot is damaged or lost, you may request a replacement ballot by contacting Kitsap County Elections.

Your Right to Privacy

Every voter has the right to vote his or her ballot in secret.

Attempting to vote when not qualified, or falsely signing the Voter Declaration, is a felony punishable by up to five years of imprisonment or a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both imprisonment and fine.

Write-Ins – Which Votes Can Be Counted

Primary write-in votes can only be counted if:

- The candidate filed a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy, and
- If there are enough write-in votes for a candidate to come in second.

Candidate and Committee Statements

The Local Voters' Pamphlet includes statements submitted by candidates running for offices and committees supporting or opposing ballot measures. Statements are the opinions of the authors. Kitsap County Elections is not responsible for the content of statements or their factual and grammatical accuracy.

Participating Jurisdictions

Districts participating in this Local Voters' Pamphlet are the City of Bremerton, City of Port Orchard, North Kitsap School District No. 400, Central Kitsap School District No. 401, South Kitsap School District No. 402, and South Kitsap Fire and Rescue.

- **Check your registration**
- **Change your address**
- **Read the State Voters' Pamphlet**
- **Check to see if your ballot has been mailed, or received by the Elections division and processed**
- [VoteWA.gov](https://www.voteWA.gov)



Register to Vote

Who May Vote

To be eligible to vote, one must register and be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal Washington resident at the registration address for at least 30 days prior to the election day.
- At least 18 years old. (In the Primary, 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the General Election can vote in most candidate races.)
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison for a Washington felony conviction.
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.

Update Your Voter Record if You Move

If you are already registered to vote in Kitsap County, update your voter record:

- online at: www.VoteWA.gov through July 24,
- by emailing the Kitsap County Auditor – Elections Division at auditor@kitsap.gov.
- by phone at 360-337-7128.

Address changes can be made in person until 8 p.m. on Election Day at the Kitsap County Auditor's Office and at the Vote Centers. Dates and locations follow. A new voter registration card will be mailed after your address change is processed.

When to Register

Individuals may register to vote at any time. To vote in the August 1 Primary, the deadlines are:

- **July 24:** Deadline for **mail and online** voter registrations, updates and changes.
- **August 1:** Deadline for voter registrations, updates and changes. Citizens may register until 8 p.m. on Election Day by appearing **in person** at the County Auditor's Office. Registration will also be available the Saturday and Monday before Election Day and on Election Day at the Vote Centers at the Marvin Williams Recreation Center and the Poulsbo Fire Station. (See page 4.)

To Cancel Your Voter Registration

You may sign a form requesting to cancel your registration. In the case of a deceased voter, a family member may sign a form authorizing a cancellation. The form is available by contacting the Kitsap County Auditor's Office or online at <https://www.kitsap.gov/auditor/Documents/CancellationForm.pdf>.

Name Change

If you have legally changed your name, you must complete a new voter registration application. Your new signature is used to validate your ballot.

Options for Registering

- Online at www.VoteWA.gov.
- Complete a paper registration form, available at libraries, city halls, public schools, fire district offices and at the County Auditor's Office.
- When you renew your driver's license.

Kitsap Odd-Numbered Year Primary Ballots Cast and Voter Turnout

Election	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Voter Turnout
2021 Primary	142,780	46,196	32.4%
2019 Primary	93,284	20,813	22.3%
2017 Primary	161,590	42,070	26.0%
2015 Primary	119,104	26,781	22.5%
2013 Primary	93,964	26,051	27.7%

Vote Centers and Accessible Voting

Federal law requires jurisdictions to provide vote centers with certified accessible voting devices, which enable voters with disabilities to cast their ballots independently and in private.

Accessible Voting Units provide all contests in audio and high-contrast text formats and are available beginning 18 days prior to the Primary.

Before Election Day

July 14 through July 28

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Kitsap County Auditor's Office

619 Division St, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Vote Centers

Saturday July 29, Monday, July 31,

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Election Day, Tuesday, Aug. 1,

7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Kitsap County Administration Building

619 Division Street, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Marvin Williams Recreation Center

725 Park Avenue, Bremerton, WA 98337

Poulsbo Fire Station

911 NE Liberty Road, Poulsbo, WA 98370

Online Ballot Access

The State of Washington provides an accessible online ballot and a Local Voters' Pamphlet.

The online access is compatible with commonly used accessibility software such as screen readers and screen magnifiers, and allows for navigation without the use of a mouse and without having to see the cursor on the screen. All candidate video statements are close captioned.

Through Online Ballot Access, you may verify that Kitsap County Elections has received your ballot using the Ballot Tracker feature.

Online Ballot Access is available beginning 18 days prior to the Primary at: VoteWA.gov.

Candidate and Political Committee Information

Contributions to Candidates and Political Committees

- **Contribution Limits** – State law sets contribution limits on donations to legislative, judicial and county candidates as well as bona fide political party and caucus political committees.
- Anyone who donates more than \$25 in monetary and in-kind contributions must be identified by name and full address. For donations of more than \$100, occupation, employer name, city and state of his/her employer are also required.
- For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit **Public Disclosure Commission for Washington State** at www.pdc.wa.gov, or call (360) 753-1111. The PDC also explains filing requirements and contribution limits, laws and rules.
- For a list of the people and organizations that donated to federal candidates, visit www.fec.gov.

24-Hour Ballot Drop Boxes

Voters are encouraged to use a ballot drop box. Ballot drop boxes provide a safe, secure way for voters to deposit their ballots. Ballot drop boxes are available 24 hours a day beginning July 14, 2023 until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Bainbridge Island School District

8489 Madison Avenue North
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Bremerton - Downtown

Norm Dicks Government Center
345 6th Street
Bremerton, WA 98337

Bremerton - East

Kitsap Regional Library, Sylvan Way Branch
1301 Sylvan Way
Bremerton, WA 98310

Bremerton - Marvin Williams Recreation Center

725 Park Avenue
Bremerton, WA 98337

Burley Store

14972 Bethel-Burley Road SE
Port Orchard, WA 98367

Hansville - Norwegian Point Park

38950 Hansville Road NE
Hansville, WA 98340

Indianola Tennis Courts

20761 Greenwood Street NE
Indianola, WA 98342

Keyport - Central Park

15378 Washington Avenue NE
Keyport, WA 98345

Kingston - North Kitsap Fire & Rescue

26642 Miller Bay Road NE
Kingston, WA 98346

Kingston - Village Green Park

10810 NE West Kingston Road
Kingston, WA 98346

Manchester Stormwater Park

2399 Colchester Drive E
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor

2500 Ohio Street
NSB Silverdale, WA 98315

Naval Base Kitsap - Bremerton

886 Barclay Street
Bremerton, WA 98314

Navy Yard City

West Side Improvement Club
4109 West E Street
Bremerton, WA 98312

Port Gamble - S'Klallam Tribal Center

31912 Little Boston Road NE
Kingston, WA 98346

Port Orchard

Kitsap County Auditor's Office
619 Division Street
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Port Orchard (East) - SKFR Station 8

1974 Fircrest Drive SE
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Port Orchard (Glenwood) - SKFR Station 17

7990 McCormick Woods Drive SW
Port Orchard, WA 98367

Poulsbo Fire Station

911 NE Liberty Road
Poulsbo, WA 98370

Poulsbo - Olympic College

1000 Olympic College Way NW
Poulsbo, WA 98370

Seabeck - Green Mountain Elementary School

3860 Boundary Trail NW
Bremerton, WA 98312

Silverdale - CK School District

(Jenne-Wright Building)
9210 Silverdale Way NW
Silverdale, WA 98383

Southworth WSF Terminal

11677 SE Southworth Ferry Drive
Port Orchard, WA 98366
(Near ferry terminal entrance.)

Suquamish Tribal Council Building

18490 Suquamish Way NE
Suquamish, WA 98392

Tracyton - Bremerton Elks, Lodge 1181

4131 Pine Road NE
Bremerton, WA 98310

Mark Your Ballot

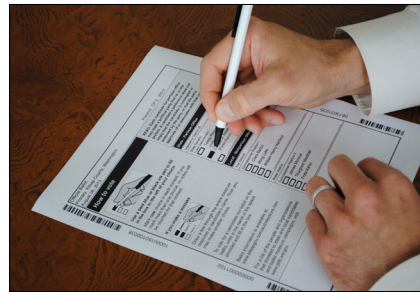
How to vote

Use a dark blue or black ink pen to completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.

Do not use pencil.

Mark one choice in each contest.

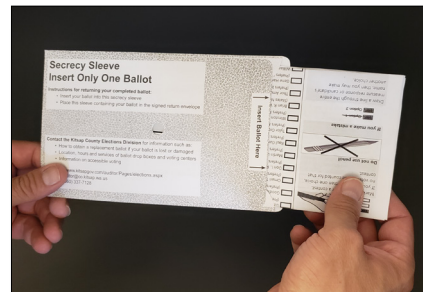
If you mark more than one choice, no votes will be counted for that contest.



Secure

Place the voted ballot in the secrecy sleeve.

Place the secrecy sleeve inside the lavender return envelope.



Sign, Date and Seal

Read, sign and date the Voter Declaration on the lavender return envelope.

- You must sign the lavender return envelope in order for your ballot to be counted.
- Sign your name in dark ink.
- Seal the lavender return envelope.



Ballot Marking Tips and Reminders

Ballot marking errors require additional staff review, which slows down ballot processing. Help us improve efficiency by **avoiding** these common errors:

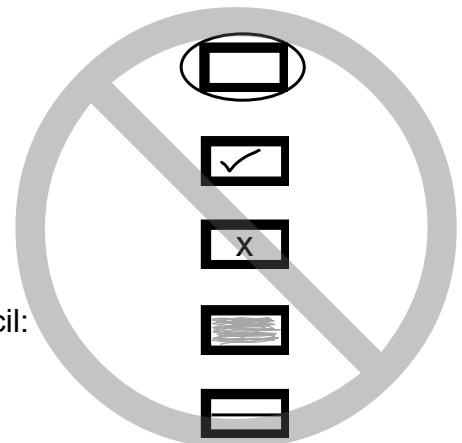
Do not circle:

Do not check:

Do not X:

Do not use pencil:

No single lines:



Duties and Qualifications of Elected Officials

Cities of Bainbridge Island and Bremerton

Qualifications

Elected Mayor and Council candidates must be registered voters of the city at the time of filing and have been residents of the city for a period of at least one year preceding the election. City Council candidates must reside within the defined council districts or wards at the time of filing. [RCW 42.04.020](#), [RCW 35A.12.030](#), [RCW 35A.13.020](#)

Duties

In Bremerton, the Mayor is the city's chief executive and administrative officer. The Council members serve as the legislative body. In Bainbridge Island the Council is the legislative authority, and Council members choose a council chair who has the title of "mayor" of the city. The Council hires a City Manager who is the chief executive and administrative officer. Functions of these offices are further defined in state law by the specific jurisdiction:

City of Bainbridge Island – [RCW 35A](#)

City of Bremerton – [RCW 35A](#) and [City Charter](#)

Cities of Port Orchard and Poulsbo

Qualifications

Candidates must be registered voters of the city at the time of filing and must also have been residents of the city for a period of at least one year preceding the election. Mayor and City Council candidates may reside anywhere within the city. [RCW 35A.12.030](#)

Duties

The Mayor is the city's chief executive and administrative officer and presides over council meetings. The Council members serve as the legislative body of the city. Functions of these offices are further defined in state law by the specific jurisdiction:

[RCW 35A](#)

School, Fire, Port, Sewer, Utility, Water, Metropolitan Park and Recreation Districts

Qualifications

At the time of filing for office, a candidate must be registered to vote in the district represented by the office they seek. For jurisdictions that have defined internal districts, a candidate must reside and be a registered voter within the defined area of the jurisdiction.

[RCW 29A.24.075](#)

Duties

The function of each jurisdiction is described by Washington state law.

School – [RCW 28A](#)

Fire – [RCW 52](#)

Port – [RCW 53](#)

Utility – [RCW 54](#)

Sewer/Water – [RCW 57](#)

Metropolitan Park and Recreation – [RCW 35.61](#)

Sample Ballot

Sample Ballot

Primary

August 1, 2023

Kitsap County, Washington

This ballot contains all contests that will appear on the August 1, 2023 Primary ballot. Only the ballot issues that apply to the precinct where you are registered to vote will appear on your ballot.

How to vote this ballot

Use dark blue or black ink to fill in the box to the left of your choice.



Mark **one** choice for a contest. If you mark more than one choice, no votes will be counted for that contest.

Do not use pencil



If you make a mistake



Draw a line through the entire measure response or candidate's name, then you may make another choice.

To vote for a candidate **not** listed on the ballot, write their name in the space provided and fill in the box.

Ballot drop locations, vote centers and accessible voting information is available online at: kcowa.us/vote

For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit: www.pdc.wa.gov

Local Measure

City of Bremerton

Proposition No. 1 Public Safety Levy

The Bremerton City Council adopted Ordinance 5471 concerning a proposition to provide for increased public safety services in the City. This proposition would increase the City's regular property tax rate by \$0.40 to a total authorized rate of \$1.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2024 and annually thereafter.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Non Partisan Offices

City of Port Orchard Council Position 5

Heidi Fenton

Cindy Lucarelli

Jessica Hallman

North Kitsap School District No. 400 Director District 2

Mike Desmond

Natasha Fecteau Minger

Drew McDonald

North Kitsap School District No. 400 Director District 4

Beverly Godfrey

Adam Salazar

Terri Schumacher

Bill Longworth

Teresa Case

North Kitsap School District No. 400 Director District 5

Barbara Waggoner

Stacy Mills

Melanie Miller

Central Kitsap School District No. 401 Director District 3

Jim Grose

Rob Sanders

Drayton Jackson

George Campbell

Central Kitsap School District No. 401 Director District 4

Jason Gilham

Josh Wexler

Eric J Rolenoaitis

Meghan Hein

South Kitsap School District No. 402 Director District 2

Glenn Goddard

John R. Berg

Jaime Cross

Megan Higgins

Paul L. Nuchims

South Kitsap School District No. 402 Director District 5

Jay Villars

Rhonda Edwards

Larry Mann

South Kitsap Fire and Rescue Commissioner Position 3

Brent R Rotter

Mike Eslava

Robert P. McGee

Local Measure

South Kitsap Fire and Rescue

Proposition No. 1 Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services

The Board of Commissioners of South Kitsap Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution No. 2023-02 proposing an increase in the fire district's regular property tax levy. To fund fire protection and emergency medical services for six years, this proposition authorizes restoring the previous maximum levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2024 and sets the limit factor for each subsequent year at 100% plus the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (see the Resolution), or 101%, whichever is greater. The final year's levy dollar amount would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies.

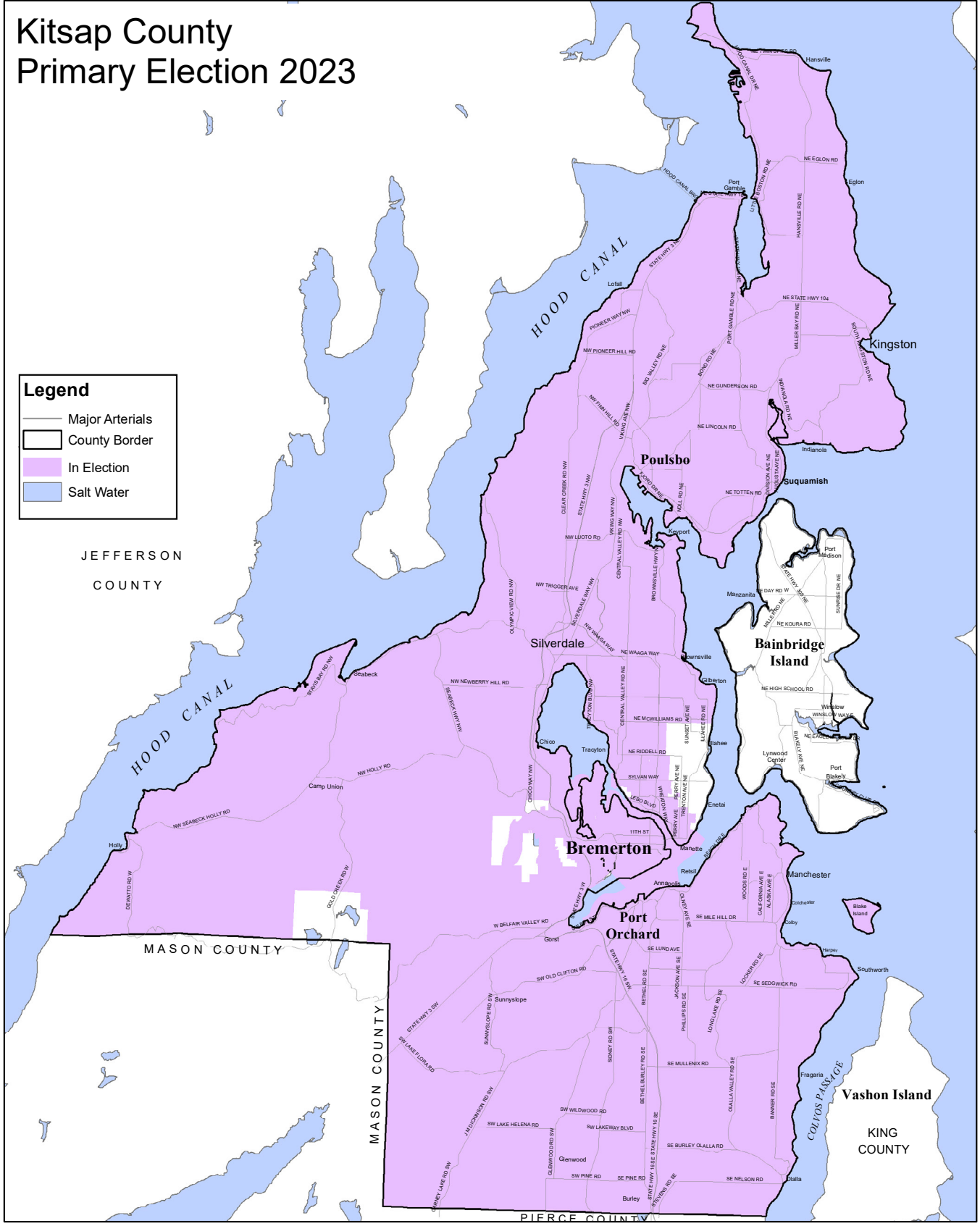
Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Who has a Primary?

Kitsap County Primary Election 2023



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Observe ballot processing in person.

Ballot processing is a public meeting. Come watch us work in person as we:

- Test our tabulation system (10 a.m., Friday, July 7, 2023)
- Receive ballots
- Verify signatures
- Separate the ballots from the envelopes
- Review ballots for any marks or damage that would keep them from scanning correctly
- Duplicate ballots that cannot be scanned
- Scan ballots
- Review ballots for voter intent
- Audit our tabulation system
- Certify the election



Anyone wishing to observe the process or just learn more details about our rules and procedures is invited to a training offered by Kitsap County Elections. Staff members will go over the processes described above and answer questions. The training will be:

6 p.m., July 12, 2023
Kitsap County Commissioner Chambers
Kitsap County Administration Building
619 Division Street, Port Orchard, WA 98366

To reserve a spot at the training, go to kitsap.gov/elections and click on "[Observe Ballot Processing](#)," email us at auditor@kitsap.gov, or call us at (360) 337-7128.

Thank you!

Election Audits

In every election the county's ballot tabulation system undergoes testing and two mandatory audits to ensure that our ballot tabulators are counting your ballots as you intended. The first test is called a Logic and Accuracy Test and is conducted before the election. The second is a Random Batch Audit, conducted the day after Election Day. Recounts can also be required.

At Kitsap County Elections we also voluntarily conduct up to two other tests to further ensure that Kitsap County voters have their ballots tabulated correctly.

Hash Testing

When an election tabulation system is certified by the Federal Government's Election Assistance Commission, it carries with it a digital signature. Before each election we run a hash test to make sure the signature matches what the EAC certified, which means the system has not changed.

The first required audit is a Logic and Accuracy Test where we mark ballots according to a template mandated by state law. The marked ballots are scanned and the results from the tabulators are compared with what the template dictated to make sure the results match. Once they do, we're ready to start an election.

L&A

RANDOM BATCH AUDIT

The second required audit is a random batch audit, where we randomly select a few batches totaling about 800 ballots. We have already machine-counted those ballots and kept the results hidden. Two elections staff members then each hand count those ballots. Once they agree on the results, those results are compared to the machine count. We perform this audit the day after Election Day during every election.

An audit that isn't mandatory yet, but could be in the near future, is the risk-limiting audit. An official from the Washington Secretary of State's Office selects specific ballots for us to check to make sure those were tabulated correctly.

RISK LIMITING AUDIT

VOTERS' L&A AUDIT

A voluntary audit we do is one we invented. Before the General Election of 2022 we invited representatives from both major parties to mark up to 100 ballots each, keeping their intended results to themselves. We scanned those ballots and they compared our results with theirs. In each case the results matched 100 percent. For this year's General Election we plan to invite Kitsap residents beyond the political parties, since no partisan races appear on ballots this year.

If a race is close enough, within a half percentage point, state law requires a recount. If there is less than a quarter percentage point difference between two candidates, that race must be recounted by hand. Outside those margins, a candidate can request and pay for a recount.

Recounts

To see videos of audits and how we do recounts, go to:

<https://www.kitsapgov.com/auditor/Pages/Certification-and-data.aspx>

City of Port Orchard, Council Position 5 – 4-year term



Heidi Fenton

Professional Experience: Small Business Owner, Heidi's Haven Daycare 1989-2020. As a childcare service provider, I provided educational activities, social interaction, nutritional meals, and provided for the overall needs of children and families as well as day to day business management.

Education: BA in Child and Family Studies from Washington State University, 1988.

Community Service: Port Orchard Rotary, Co-Chair Rotary Membership Committee, Rotary Representative to the Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce, Member of the Port Orchard Bay Street Association, Sidney Art Museum.

Statement: I have lived in the Port Orchard Community for 25 years and raised five children with my husband Lee.

It's time for a fresh change to our City Council. Our community continues to grow and so do the challenges. I intend to bring change to our council offering listening skills, open communication, no hidden agendas, and a focus on solutions that respect our citizens rights and are fiscally responsible to the taxpayer. I will be a positive leader supporting local businesses, responsible development, our youth, and the ever-challenging infrastructure shortfalls that need addressing. I am a staunch advocate for our local law enforcement, South Kitsap School District, and of course our local businesses who are the backbone of our community's economy.

Mental Health and homelessness continue to be a crisis in our community. It's important our council be involved in solutions helping with avenues directing people to prompt resources and aid as needed.

I *will* work for you, *listen* to your voice, and work together to make Port Orchard the *Best City Ever!* I am honored to be endorsed by local businesses: Irene's Photos and Design, Whiskey Gulch, and Irresistible Pets.

For more information:

Phone: (360) 434-1389
Email: h5757@yahoo.com



Cindy Lucarelli

Elected Experience: 2011-2023 Port Orchard City Council Position #5. Chair of Utilities, Sewer Advisory and Festival of Chimes & Lights Committees. Mayor Pro Tempore: 2022 & 2014

Other Professional Experience: 29 Years Independent Business Owner. President: Oakbrook HOA, Lakewood

Education: University of Wisconsin

Community Service: Past President: Rotary Club of South Kitsap. Executive Director of Cedar Cove Association; Co-founder of Cedar Cove Days 2009. AVID High School Student Mentor. Board Service: Olympic College Foundation, Kitsap Economic Development Association (KEDA), Rotary Club of South Kitsap.

Statement: It has been rewarding to serve on the Port Orchard City Council, as we've worked to complete necessary infrastructure and projects that have and will add vitality to our community. An aging utility system requires continual upgrades as we seek to provide for the present and future; a balancing act to provide affordable utilities as government mandates make for more expensive delivery. Water rights, rising sea levels, increased waste water regulations and mandated housing densities are just a few of the challenges currently being addressed as we move on towards 2024.

On a lighter note, I have loved all the minutes of serving as chair to run the Festival of Chimes & Lights. An event that brings out so many to kick off the holiday season, it showcases the talents of P.O. kids and families.

Collaborative work between the mayor, council and staff has allowed for measureable progress. It is exciting to work towards continued revitalization and thoughtful growth in the town I love, and imperative that we make use of all of our resources as carefully as possible, to allow for affordability and availability moving forward.

Thank you for your trust and please consider voting for me in 2023.

For more information:

Phone: (608) 347-7508
Email: CindyforCouncil@aol.com
Website: facebook: Re-Elect Cindy Lucarelli for Port Orchard City Council Position #5



Jessica Hallman

Statement: No statement submitted.

For more information:
No contact information submitted

Important Dates Primary 2023



Deadline for the county to mail ballots. In most elections ballots go out one or two days ahead of deadline, so your ballot might arrive on July 13 or shortly after.



Deadline to receive new registrations and voter updates online and by mail for the August Primary



ELECTION DAY Deadline for in-person registration and voter updates for the August Primary.



Random Batch Audit of Kitsap County ballot counting equipment.



Primary certification by the Kitsap County Elections Canvassing Board.

North Kitsap School District No. 400, Director District 2 – 4-year term



Mike Desmond

Elected Experience: Vice President, North Kitsap School Board, Director District 2, 2019-Present.

Other Professional Experience: U.S. Navy Submarine Officer, 2003-2017. U.S. Navy Reserve Officer, 2017-Present. Technical Program Manager, 2017-Present.

Education: BS Computer Science, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, 2003. Masters of Engineering Management, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, 2010.

Community Service: Vice President, Poulsbo Elementary School, Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), 2018-2019. Veteran Mentor, American Corporate Partners (ACP), 2017-Present. Coach, North Kitsap Little League (NKLL), 2014-2021. Member, Work of Honor, 2017-Present.

Statement: I am the proud parent of two children in the North Kitsap School District, a Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves, and have served as a School Board Director for the past four years. Being a parent in the district I serve gives me a unique perspective because my family is directly affected by the policies I vote on. I will continue to give these policy decisions the same level of attention and deliberation that all North Kitsap families, including my own, expect.

I plan to focus on three main areas in my next term as a School Board Director. My first priority is safety. All students should feel safe at school so that they can focus on learning. My second priority is fairness. All students should be given the same opportunities regardless of their ability, background, or family's income. My third priority is modernizing our school facilities. All students should have access to technology that facilitates modern teaching methods.

Most importantly, I am committed to conducting myself in a professional and collaborative manner. I will continue to work with parents, the community, and school district staff to ensure that we are all in for all students!

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Natasha Fecteau Minger

Professional Experience: Campaign Manager, Tarra Simmons; Parent Coordinator, Washington State Parent Ambassadors; Manufacturing Supervisor, Pacific Volt; Human Resource & Accounting Manager, Sonny Beez Landscape & Maintenance

Education: Magnuson Community High School (1994), Olympic College (2007), University of Alaska Fairbanks (current)

Community Service: Washington State Parent Advisory Group, Unsung Hero, Tribal Infant and Child Mental Health Consultation Work Group, Governor's Early Learning Advisory Council, Kitsap Community Resources Board of Directors, MomsRising, Destination Imagination Team Manager, Bremerton School District Native American Parent Advisory Committee, AmeriCorps

Statement: As a long-time Kitsap County resident, Alaska Native woman, mother, and advocate for education, my journey has shaped my commitment to our community's schools. As the sole high school graduate in my family, I've seen the challenges faced by students, particularly those often overlooked. Despite the obstacles, I've dedicated myself to amplifying unheard voices while sometimes feeling invisible myself.

My most enlightening experiences came from raising my autistic son and navigating the complex special education system. Through this, I learned not just to advocate for my son, but to empower other parents to do the same, making the system more transparent and accessible.

Now, as a school board candidate, I'm committed to turning my experiences into service for our community. My goal is to ensure every voice—students, parents, and staff—is central to our decisions and that no member of our education community feels unseen or unheard. I'm dedicated to greater transparency, inclusivity, and respect for our diverse histories, always prioritizing better outcomes for every student.

Join me as we work together to make 'a seat at the table' a lived promise, valuing each child, and building a brighter future for our North Kitsap Schools.

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Drew McDonald

Biography: My parents moved us to North Kitsap in 1986. I was home schooled, then attended NKHS, class of 1998. I met Lisa at Gateway Fellowship in 2002. We married in 2004 then started our family. Our 3 kids attended Wolfe, KMS, and KHS because they are enrolled Port Gamble S'Klallam tribal members. I've been a Toolmaker at the Shipyard for

10 years and I love my job. I've coached my sons in flag football for 4 years, I assistant coach for PMS, and NKHS football. I enjoy cooking and woodworking.

Statement: An organization's strength is in its people. The people involved in our schools—parents invested for their children's futures, teachers, para-educators, admin and support staff—all share the mission of graduating healthy, intelligent students. The North Kitsap community is blessed to have a diverse population with rich history and vast cultural backgrounds, and what we all have in common is protecting the best interests of every student. To accomplish our mission we must work together, and that's exactly what I propose to do. I'm a Toolmaker by trade. At the Shipyard I design and build tools that fix submarines to support the Navy's mission. On the school board I will work to build relationships, because relationships are the tools that solve problems and support our community mission. When I'm coaching football I teach my team that "not one of us can win this game alone, but any of us can lose it for all of us if we don't play as a team." As a member of the board I will listen to you. I will work to build connections amongst the entire community, to succeed as a team and support every single student.

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Beverly Godfrey

Elected Experience: NK Education Association Representative, Olympic UniServe Representative

Other Professional Experience: Classroom Teacher K-4, Specialist (PE & Reading), District Science Coordinator, & Student Teacher-Mentor. Accolades received: NK Outstanding Teacher of the Year (2019) Regional Elementary

Science Teacher (1994). Governor’s Award for community service (1985)

Education: First-generation college student: Olympic College (AA) and the University of Washington (BA in Elementary Education). Additional graduate coursework in Science, Literacy, & Mathematics.

Community Service: Student Teacher Mentor, Curriculum Adoption Committee Member, After-School Science Club Leader & Founder, WA State Mentor Program, Leaders in Literacy Program, South Kitsap YMCA Program Coordinator. Wrote and secured many grants for supplemental math and science materials.

Statement: Did you have a student in my classroom? Maybe! I loved working with hundreds of families during my many years of teaching. After retiring in 2021, I am eager to get back to serving my community by representing District 4 on the North Kitsap School Board.

My husband, Glen, and I enjoy traveling the world to better understand other cultures– we have spent considerable time in Europe and the Middle East. Mostly, we love adventuring locally with our four children and grandchildren. I was born and raised in Kitsap County; I love it here, and I want your kids to feel at home in North Kitsap and in their schools.

Growing up, my parents spoke little English making it hard to have open teacher-parent discourse, which is why I advocate for accessible communication. Ultimately, my goal is to prioritize parent involvement while concurrently respecting the expertise of the classroom teacher. Thanks to my decades of experience in various roles in the school system, I understand the jargon, acronyms, and history associated with our school district. My first-hand experience seeing how district policies affect students, families, and teachers will make me a more informed and empathetic school board member.

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Adam Salazar

Professional Experience: Washington State Ferries, 2013-2022

Education: BA in Writing, minor in Music Theory from The Evergreen State College.

Statement: It’s time to repair the culture in our public spaces and institutions.

A school board director’s job is to be your advocate, to keep the schools serving your family with transparency, and to make sure our kids are prepared, inspired, strong, and supported by an earned sense of their inherent worth and abilities.

School is a place for kids to become empowered; to test themselves and become resilient; to be curious and open-minded; to engage with difficult subjects; make face-to-face connections; seek guidance; become who they didn’t know they could be; and to be shown their greatest opportunities. Cell phone distraction, the pressure of social media, depression, political polarization, censoriousness, a lack of opportunity to excel, and unfortunately, the threat of danger at school is shrinking the potentials of too many kids.

These are serious, but solvable problems. I’ll start by reprioritizing the shared values that make our society great for students of all backgrounds (free speech, open inquiry, viewpoint diversity, equal opportunity, and critical thinking), ensuring that our students are using technology responsibly in the classroom, and expanding access to mental health resources on campus. Let’s raise both the floor and ceiling for our kids in North Kitsap.

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Terri Schumacher

Professional Experience: Owner and Founder, The Head Hunter Salon, Poulsbo, WA 1999 to Present

Education: Graduate Thomas Jefferson High School, Auburn, WA 1990; Lee Cosmetology School, Auburn, WA 1990

Community Service: Past President Historic Downtown

Poulsbo Association; Former Committee Chair, Seattle Jaycees, Seattle Seafair Ambassador Program; Former Youth Advisor, DeMolay Sweetheart Program

Statement: As a parent in the North Kitsap School District, I believe that open communication with students, parents, staff, and our community are key to providing a healthy environment where all our children can thrive.

As a small business owner, I have found that honest communication has been a large factor in my business's success, especially with balancing my clients' and colleagues' expectations. I have partnered with my children's primary and secondary schools, as a member of the PTA, participating in fundraising, volunteering in the classroom, and advocating for educational plans. I believe this district has become polarized by political beliefs, which continues to cause much strife. Our kids deserve a strong school system, which will help launch them into successful adulthoods.

Putting the needs of our students first is paramount. In order to assure that student needs are met, we must support our teachers and staff. I support the continued development and implementation of educational programs and pathways that address each student's background, learning style, talents, and goals. It is the Board's responsibility to provide programs and services to meet individual needs.

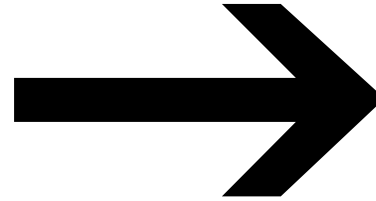
The tasks ahead of us are many. I am ready to work hard as your School Board Director.

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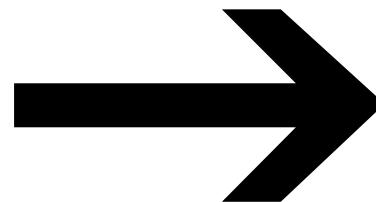
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Two more candidates in this race appear on the next page.



North Kitsap School District No. 400, Director District 4 – 4-year term



Bill Longworth

Professional Experience:

Retired Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer with experience teaching, leading, and managing teams. Led and assisted teams at PSNS to investigate causes to problems. Teams learned from mistakes to make improvements and minimize the chance of re-occurrence (2016-present). Audited and performed oversight of nuclear, environmental, and safety programs at PSNS (2016-2021).

Education: U.S. Navy and industry expert training in performing oversight, audits, and holding people accountable to requirements and expectations.

Community Service: Scoutmaster, Scouts BSA Troop 1555, Kingston (2018-2020); North Kitsap Options Parent Group Vice-Chairman (2021-2022); Kitsap Children's Musical Theater Volunteer and Co-Director of Security (2022-2023)

Statement: I'm a husband, dad of 2 NKSD students, Wounded Warrior, adaptive sports athlete, and Navy Submarine Veteran. With 17 years of Naval service, 7 years of public employment at PSNS, and several avenues of community involvement, I am dedicated to serving the public. My community service includes being a Scoutmaster, KCMT volunteer, and provider of great food during neighborhood get togethers.

Service on the NKSD Board is a natural progression in my desire to continue serving my community. My background in the nuclear Navy taught me transparency in operations and teamwork, with mutual accountability, leads to the best decision making.

Sustaining life-threatening injuries and becoming physically disabled 10 years ago has given me a unique perspective on how to meet people's needs. This valuable perspective allows me to represent the community as we work to meet the needs of all students, no matter their ability or need.

As a NKSD Board member, I will listen to community concerns while striving for transparency and accountability for how tax dollars are spent. As your representative, I will prioritize students, families, and the community as we work to enrich North Kitsap schools I look forward to representing you.

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Teresa Case

Professional Experience: Retired in 2020 after working 37 years as a Registered Nurse. I continue to serve, volunteering through the Kitsap County Medical Corp.

As a Regional Educator for CHI (Formally Harrison Hospital), childbirth classes, new employee orientation, cultural competency, clinical assessments and mentoring

new nurses was my focus. Training Center Director for the hospital based American Heart Association Life Safety classes. Work on advisory councils included West Sound Tech Advisory Committee and the Kitsap County Council for Human Rights.

Education: HS Graduate. Olympic College Associates Degree in Nursing (ADN); Pacific Lutheran University for ADN to BSN

Community Service: Kitsap County Medical Corp

Statement: My name is Teresa Case and I am running for a seat on the North Kitsap School Board. I feel strongly about preparing students for success, centered on a foundation of quality education. All students should feel valued, safe and supported, in order to achieve their best.

As an open minded Board Director, I will seek to understand current issues and concerns while conducting myself in a way that honors and supports students, faculty and residents within the North Kitsap School District.

North Kitsap has been my home for over 40 years. My husband and I raised our 2 daughters with the support of the North Kitsap school system. Our oldest graduated from NKHS, Class of '98, and our youngest, Class of '04. Currently I have a granddaughter attending NKHS, and a grandson at Poulsbo Middle School.

As a Director, I will dedicate time in which to visit schools, educators, and families of our community to not only celebrate their successes, but to listen to their needs and interests. With your vote, I will make decisions that are student centered, inclusive, collaborative and transparent, while being fiscally sound. I will always make a Case for putting students first.

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Primary 2023 FAQ

Q. When does a race call for a Primary?

A. Since this year's races are all nonpartisan, a Primary occurs when there are at least three candidates running for a single position. In partisan races, which normally happen in even-numbered years, it only takes one candidate for a Primary to happen.

Q. How does a candidate advance from the Primary to the General Election?

A. Washington is a "Top Two Primary" state. The two candidates who receive the most votes and receive at least 1 percent of the vote total will appear on the General Election ballot.

Q. Can I vote for more than one candidate in a race?

A. No. When more than one candidate in a race receives a vote on a ballot, that is considered an "overvote," and no candidates are credited with a vote. If you vote for more than one candidate accidentally, follow the instructions on your ballot for how to correct it.

Q. If I decide not to vote on one race, will that affect my votes in other races?

A. No. How you vote in one race has no impact on your votes in other races. When neither candidate or option in a ballot measure receives a vote, it is considered an "undervote."

Q. What happens if I write in a candidate not on the ballot?

A. Per state law (RCW 29A.60.021) votes for write-in candidates are not tallied in the Primary, except for write-in candidates who file a declaration of write-in candidacy and when there are enough write-in votes that a candidate could come in first or second. The number of write-in votes must also be at least 1 percent of the total votes cast in that race.

A list of candidates who filed a declaration of write-in candidacy is available on our website at kitsap.gov/elections

Q. How come I can't tell which party a candidate belongs to?

A. Most elections in odd-numbered years are considered nonpartisan races and candidates are not asked to name a party preference. They can state a preference within a statement, but there is no official recognition elsewhere, like there would be in even-numbered years. The exception is when someone in a partisan position resigns on time for an election to be held to fill the remainder of the term. There are no exceptions in Kitsap County elections this year.

More questions? Contact us at auditor@kitsap.gov, 360-337-7128 or use the questionnaire at kitsap.gov/elections.



Barbara Waggoner

Biography: Kingston has been my home since 1986. My husband and I raised our two sons and now enjoy a growing family with daughters-in-law and granddaughters.

Professional Experience: My professional life has included teaching and educational administration. We have also invested in the community as local business owners.

Education: BA Ed Eastern Washington University, Post Graduate studies Seattle Pacific University, Certified Parent Coach

Community Service: Currently serving on the NK School Board and liaison to KCAC

Statement: I look forward to serving my community on the North Kitsap School Board. My life has been committed to excellence in education and increasing opportunities for all students to thrive. As a K-12 educator, I have invested in the lives of my students and their families. As a K-5 administrator, that investment continued with the additional responsibility to ensure teachers were equipped and supported in their work. Now retired, giving back to my community through volunteer service is my desire and privilege.

My focus will continue to be safety for all students and staff, post pandemic recovery, and short and long range planning for the financial stability of our school district.

Thank you for your consideration in the election.

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Stacy Mills

Professional Experience:

Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribal Government 2010 - 2022 Family Assistance Program, Child & Family Services Department; presently at the Health Services Department in the Community Health Center as the Continuous Improvement Specialist.

I have worked with State and Federal agencies such as DSHS, OSPI, & USDA in partnership with Tribal Government to bring services to our local community of students and families.

Education: BA Interdisciplinary Studies from Eastern WA University; AA from Edmonds Community College; NK Highschool graduate

Community Service: I have been a board member of Kingston Cares, a local 501c3, since 2016 and have been a part of several community partnerships.

Statement: I was born and raised in Kingston at our family homestead (family home since 1914). Four generations of my family have graduated from NKSD. Every child should have an opportunity at the best education for them; educational equity means that each child receives what they need to develop to their full academic and social potential.

I am running for School Board to bring my voice and experience to grow through challenges within our district to make our schools the very best they can be for the students. It is important that the board reflect our diverse community of families, and that it do so transparently and openly with our community. Our public schools have a duty to make fiscally responsible spending and budget allocation decisions, while providing an equitable education for all. Through my experience in State, Federal and other grants and program management and administration I hope to work on creative funding use for programming within the district. I hope to increase openness and communication with the board and our families to ensure that we can guide our district in the most effective and efficient way forward in order to continue to strive for greatness within *all* NK schools.

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Melanie Miller

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Surface Warfare Officer (Nuclear), Active Duty US Navy (1995-2000), Information Technology Consultant (2003-2007), Exercise Planning Associate, Booz Allen Hamilton (2010-2011), Staff Officer providing leadership in Operations, Training, Manpower and Human Resources

supporting major local and national commands in both the Active Duty US Navy (2007-2010, 2011-2013) and Navy Reserves, (2000-2007, 2013-2016). Retired from Navy Reserves in 2016 as a Commander.

Education: B.S. Geological Sciences, University of Notre Dame (1995), Naval Nuclear Power School (1998)

Community Service: 13 years as NKSD classroom and parent volunteer. Member of the non-profit North Kitsap Options Parent Group (2007-2016, 2019-present). Served on the NKOPG Steering Committee (2008-2012).

Statement: We need to have the courage to face the problems in our District and schools head-on with open and honest dialogue. By working together and *listening* to our community, we become trustworthy partners in providing the best education we can for our children.

We need to ensure our schools are *safe places*. Children need a secure and supportive learning environment to become their best selves. Nurturing social and emotional well-being is foundational to success.

We need schools that promote independent thinkers, so our children can leave school with confidence and direction. It is of utmost importance to help children find and develop their strengths. It takes all kinds of people to build strong communities. Our schools must provide multiple avenues for children to learn and find success. Diverse learning opportunities empower *all* students.

Shaping schools for student success is an investment in our community. That investment requires us to participate and be authentic with one another. I am an action-oriented leader. Listening, considering all sides of an issue, and building consensus are my strengths. Working together, we can face NKSD’s challenges head-on. I ask for your support.

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Central Kitsap School District No. 401, Director District 3 – 4-year term



Jim Grose

Professional Experience: 36 years working for the US Navy at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS). Retiring Oct 2023 as Pipefitter and Insulator Shop Superintendent with 21 years of Trade and Project Management experience. Chairman of the Board of Directors; PSNS Apprenticeship Program. Member; National Association of Superintendents of US Naval

Shore Establishments. Member and Board of Directors; PSNS Assistant Production Superintendents Association. Member; Federal Managers Association.

Education: Olympic High School Graduate; PSNS Marine Pipefitter Apprentice Graduate; PSNS Executive Development Program

Community service: Leadership roles with Cub and Boy Scouts USA; Volunteer service with Girl Scouts USA; Volunteer service and chaperone with Brownsville Elementary

Statement: My wife Michelle and I are graduates of CK Schools as are our four children. I am and will always be a strong supporter of our schools and our community. As I prepare to retire from federal service, I would like to continue to serve this community. I believe that I can bring a common sense approach to the school board and will always have the best interests of the students and their parents in mind as I make decisions on the direction and policies of the school district.

I am concerned with the amount of political and social turmoil and pressures that are being placed on our students. My aim is to keep those pressures out of the classroom and off the campus. Our district and our supported teachers should always be teaching our youth how to think, not what to think.

We need to develop thought processes and skills, in our students, that will prepare them to enter the job market, develop as skilled tradespersons, support professional careers, and/or pursue further education.

I believe strongly that our youth, when provided the right tools and challenged in meaningful ways, are capable of greatness.

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Rob Sanders

Elected Experience: I have no elected experience.

Other Professional Experience: United States Marine Corps 1982 – 1990 “Honorable Discharge”; Security Police Department, Subbase Banger, WA. (1990 -1999); Electronic Data Systems, “EDS” (2000 -2005); JMB Enterprises “House Builder” (2005-2006);

Safeco Insurance “Pricing Analyst” (2006-2008); Numerous Healthcare Systems “Programmer/Data Analyst”, (2008-Present).

Education: Hadden Elementary School (1970 -1976); Bremerton Junior High (1977-1979); Bremerton High School (1980 - 1982); Ivy Tech Community College – IND, IN (2001 – 2002)

Community Service: Cold Weather Shelter Volunteer, Kitsap Dept. of Emergency Management 2010 -2015.

Statement: My name is Robert Sanders, and I am running for a seat on the school board because I believe that our children deserve the best possible education. As a parent of six children, I believe parents can play an important role in the creation of a safe and inclusive environment where every student can thrive.

If elected, I will work tirelessly to build strong partnerships between schools, families, and the local community. Providing open and transparent communication is key to building strong relationships between our schools and the broader community. I believe this can create opportunities for our students to excel and prepare for their future.

I am also committed to promoting innovative programs that help our students develop critical thinking skills, problem-solving abilities, and creativity. Our students must be prepared for the rapidly changing world, and I believe that providing a comprehensive education that includes both academic and real-world skills is critical.

I am passionate about providing every child with an exceptional education and believe that we must work together to create the best possible future for our children. I thank you for considering me as a candidate for the school board and look forward to earning your vote.

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Central Kitsap School District No. 401, Director District 3 – 4-year term



Drayton Jackson

Elected Experience: Director 3, Central Kitsap School District

Other Professional Experience: Founder/Executive Director of Foundation for Homeless & Poverty Management. Kitsap Public Health Board Member; Urban Institute Community Advisory Board member; Federal Relations Network Chair & Legislative Committee

member for Washington State Association of School Board Directors, Vice-Chair of Governors' Poverty Reduction Workgroup & Steering Committee; Olympic College Student Body President.

Education: Currently pursuing Organizational Leadership Olympic College.

Community Service: Ascend Parent Advisor Group Member at Ascends at the Aspen institute; Community Finance Advisory Committee for Central Kitsap School District; Kitsap Sun Newspaper Editorial Board; Kitsap Pride Committee member; Kitsap Community Resources Board member & Vice Chair Policy Council.

Statement: As a parent and School Board Director in the Central Kitsap School District, I never anticipated the challenges coming my way when I was elected in 2019. It led to tough decisions to ensure the well-being and education of our students, teachers, staff, and administrators during a global pandemic.

Elected as the board president in 2022, I was tasked with leading the board toward unity, trust, and vital collaboration with the community. I remain focused on our shared goals and work towards building unity and trust within our community.

My decision to seek re-election is not about holding onto a seat. Instead, it is driven by my commitment to fight for democracy in public education and ensure our children receive the bright future they deserve. I will be steadfast in finishing out the goals outlined in our strategic plan; ensuring that all children see themselves in the school system by increasing teachers, staff, and administrators of color; working with lawmakers at the state and federal level to fully fund special education; and continue to build trust with our community and district.

Your vote and support is essential in this mission.

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George Campbell

Elected Experience: First time running for office.

Other Professional Experience: Navy Veteran and Journeyman Electrician.

Education: Trade School in Electronics and Electricity.

Community Service: Worked with the local soccer community for last

30 years. Washington State Youth Soccer Disciplinary Committee; UK Youth Soccer Camp Coordinator for 15 years; Coaching Director for Tracyton Youth Soccer for 8 years; Kitsap Peninsula Youth Soccer Association President for 10 years; Fairview Junior High Soccer coach for 8 years; Started the Olympic College girl's soccer program; Fairview Junior High study hall mentor

Statement: I have lived in the Central Kitsap School District and have been an active member of the community for the last 30 years. My focus is on the students academic success and improving graduation pass rates. Identifying needs for students that are having difficulty academically will help us to recognize areas that need to be improved on. My goal is to enhance transparency with the parents and the community on the funds that are being utilized within the Central Kitsap School District. I am available to have direct communication regarding feedback that includes what is going well and what could be strengthened for both the students and staff within the Central Kitsap School District. I have had two children graduate and currently five of my six grandchildren are in the Central Kitsap School District. I am committed to being a part of the solution to improving the education system. Open communication between the school board and the community, which includes their plans and allocation of funds is one thing I strive to improve.

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Jason Gilham

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Shop Supervisor at Trident Refit Facility 2010 to present; US Navy (Retired) Submarine Auxiliary Mechanic Chief Petty Officer 1988-2008

Education: Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology (Civil Engineering) from Old Dominion

University 2020. Various leadership courses in both the Navy and my post Navy careers.

Community Service: I have been a Cub Scout (Webelos) leader and assisted with Boy Scouts and Scout Camps between 2005 and 2012. Various volunteer projects over the years including trail clean-ups, Scotch Broom Abatement, and helping people move.

Statement: Our Students and *their* needs come first. I have lived in Central Kitsap County for over 25 years. My wife and I have eight children and several grandchildren who attend or have attended Central Kitsap Schools. When I was looking for a house to make my home back in 2006, one of my top criteria was the Central Kitsap School area.

I am a levelheaded moderate who can usually see both sides of a disagreement, and help conflicting parties find common ground and work towards common goals. My wife, and others around me, have suggested that I have the right temperament for this kind of position.

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Josh Wexler

Statement: No statement submitted.

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Eric J Rolenaitis

Elected Experience: No experience in elected office. Good time for a fresh start?

Other Professional Experience: 20+ years teaching, mentoring and fostering successful young people in the Navy to reach their full potential and live their dreams. All from different educational, economic and social backgrounds.

A rewarding experience, so blessed to be part of so many lives enriched and becoming so prosperous.

Education: A little college and the rest is real life common sense. Do we need more of that and independent thought or just more text book parrots?

Community Service: I will help you if in need and willing to lift yourself up.

Statement: Board directors to do list: Hire and evaluate superintends. Is the price worth the benefits? Is the lack of results equivalent to the size of the paycheck? Do we hire who we like for more then they are worth?

Set policy that set standards and a framework for governing the district. No idea what this means. Standards are standards there are no new ones in education. Does board govern the busy working people or carry out their will? I know what I would do.

Reviews progress on district goals. Date of Last report that shows failure or success and discuss with parents at in person board meetings? Waiting on this detailed report along with you. I can generate it. Adopt a balanced budget every year. We accomplished this? How about we do it! No more levies or tax increases till there are quantifiable results not tied to staff salary.

Approve textbooks and other instructional materials. Have to review to approve them not just rely on an expert to tell you these are the books you must approve. Represent you and represent the district. Does the board represent all? Is there a fair exchange of ideas and compromise? There could be.

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Meghan Hein

Elected Experience: Current Central Kitsap School Board Director, District 4.

Other Professional Experience: Human Resources Professional, Haselwood YMCA Aquatics Director and Volunteer, Emerald Heights PTA Treasurer, Readers are Leaders Program.

Education: Washington State University, BA Political Science, BA Criminal Justice.

Community Service: I grew up in rural Camas, WA, raised by an engineer and a teacher who taught me to value family, hard work, and community service. My husband and I settled in Central Kitsap for family ties, natural beauty, and for our kids to attend quality schools. Our district's success matters to me personally. My three elementary age kids will attend CKSD for years to come.

Statement: I want our kids to know this community supports them. That's why I volunteer to read with students in our elementary schools every week. That's why I show up at every school event I can, from school plays and concerts, to sports events, to student presentations. And that's why, when a vacancy opened on the school board, I stepped up to serve our community.

I'm running to continue the work of improving our schools. Our community deserves well managed, fiscally responsible schools capable of preparing every student for future success. Improving academic results is my focus. Our students suffered learning loss during the pandemic. I'm dedicated to helping them recover.

As our board's legislative representative, I fought for our community in Olympia and D.C. to secure funding for our military families, special education, and transportation. I've listened to our community: Safety should be a top priority for our district. I actively engage with law enforcement to increase school security. My goal is a CKSD that inspires pride in our students, parents, dedicated staff, and community, and I'm just getting started.

It's an honor to serve as your School Board Director. I ask for your vote.

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South Kitsap School District No. 402, Director District 2 – 4-year term



Glenn Goddard

Professional Experience: Glenn Goddard is a retired U.S. Navy veteran, husband, and a proud father of two amazing children, including one with disabilities both attending school in the district. His journey has taken him from serving our nation to fighting for the educational rights of all students in South Kitsap School District.

Glenn and his wife have a history of working with teachers, para-educators, therapists, and nurses to improve the educational environment. With 20 years of dedicated military service and firsthand experience as a parent, Glenn Goddard understands the importance of quality education and the need for assistive support.

Statement: I firmly believe in the rights of parents to be informed and involved in their children's education. I will support policy that promotes transparency and open communication between schools and parents. As a member of the School Board, I will work tirelessly to promote collaboration and engagement between parents, educators, and the community to ensure that all students receive the support they require to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

My priority is to enable the success of every student, regardless of their unique circumstances or career choices. I will advocate for tailored education programs, specialized services, and trained staff to address the specific needs of students.

As a veteran, I understand the value of discipline, leadership, and teamwork. I will work closely with educators, administrators, and advocacy organizations to ensure that our schools provide a safe, tailored, and nurturing environment for all students.

I humbly ask for your support and vote in the upcoming School Board election. Let's work together to provide every child in with the opportunity to thrive. Driven by a deep sense of purpose and commitment to transparency, parental rights, and empowering students for success, I, Glenn Goddard, am ready to make positive impacts on the board.

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John R. Berg

Elected Experience: South Kitsap School Board 2019-present, Precinct Committee Officer.

Other Professional Experience: Professional Registered Parliamentarian (consultant in running meetings), real estate appraiser and deputy county assessor.

Education: AA Olympic College, BA psychology Seattle Pacific University, post graduate mental health counseling studies.

Community Service: Current school board director; SKSD Instructional Materials Committee; Boy Scouts of America adult leader, president Washington State Association of Parliamentarians and two other state organizations, national board of directors of two organizations. Taught parliamentary procedure at two conferences of the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA), and at the National School Board Association (NSBA) conference.

Statement: With John Berg, you will know what you are getting. Too often, voters have little more candidate information than what is in this voters' pamphlet, occasionally resulting in voters' remorse. John Berg has been very open about his work on the South Kitsap School Board. See his informational website at www.SKschools.info, separate from his campaign website. At www.SKSchools.info, his positions on various issues are fully discussed, together with his activities on the Board. As a vocal and effective Board member representing the community as a whole, rather than special interest groups, he appears to have ruffled the feathers of some on both the far right and the far left of the political spectrum. John Berg is the choice with the necessary experience.

As a parent, grandparent, and fourth of six generations of Kitsap County residents, he believes that a good public education system is essential to the success and future of our community. Children should be taught how to think, not what to think. Parents, not the state, have the primary responsibility to educate their children and parents and the schools need to work together rather than against each other.

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Jaime Cross

Professional Experience: I have owned Cross Masonry for a total of 23 years which has provided me with experience in budget management, communication, teamwork and managing day to day operational needs.

Education: I've lived in South Kitsap, where I was born and raised, for 55 years. I graduated

from SK Highschool and completed the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Apprenticeship Program.

Community Service: As owner of Cross Masonry, I have the privilege of sponsoring local little league teams. For 3 years I've had regular attendance at the SKSD Board Meetings, joined the SKSD Bond Steering Committee, and was a member of SK Informed Parents of Washington.

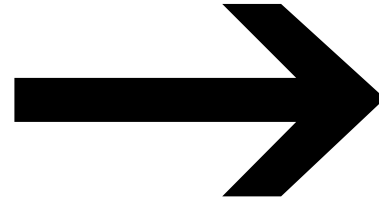
Statement: I'm a 55-year resident of Port Orchard and devoted father of six. Three of my children are South Kitsap School District (SKSD) graduates, and three are currently enrolled. As a parent, I am concerned about the many challenges that students, teachers, and parents in SKSD are facing. I have lost faith in our system as teachers have been asked to wear too many hats, and students are suffering in their educational needs. Budget problems, curriculum changes, conflicting ideals, excessive government overreach, lack of transparency, staffing shortages, disregard for parental rights, and a failure to meet the educational needs of all students are just a few of the challenges I have seen.

I'm not afraid to take a stand on tough issues. For three years I have been talking to concerned parents, attending School Board meetings regularly, and volunteering on the Bond Steering Committee in an effort to address those challenges. I believe we must do better for our children and their future, as their future is the future of our community.

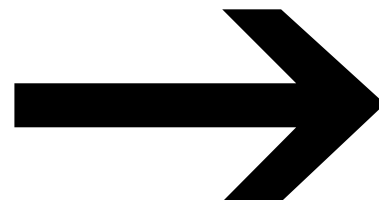
I will bring balance to the board to ensure sure all voices are heard, and all children's educational needs are being met!

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Two more candidates in this race appear on the next page.





Megan Higgins

Biography: Megan graduated from Ephrata High School in Ephrata, WA and was a recipient of the Washington Scholars Scholarship. She then attended and graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Science. Her work experience includes working for Seattle Children’s Research Department, and tutoring math classes at Marcus Whitman Middle

School. Megan is married and has three young children who attend elementary school and preschool in Port Orchard.

Statement: I am an avid supporter of public education. I believe every child has the right to a great education in a safe and supported environment. Teachers should be supported in their jobs. I believe administrators play a vital role in ensuring consistency and accountability so that teachers and students can thrive in our school system.

I believe in this community. I have talked with community members and they want to see their kids and their grandkids succeed. We need to do better for our kids and upgrade our schools and replace those that are beyond repair. There hasn’t been a new building in the district in over 30 years.

To accomplish this we need a school board that is capable of reasonable discussion, and creative thinking. My education and training has made me a calm, critical, and creative thinker.

I will bring a perspective that is not currently on the school board — that of a parent of young children. I am deeply invested in supporting our children and grandchildren, neighbors and friends. I believe as we support one another, we will find the best solutions to keep our kids and community thriving.

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Paul L. Nuchims

Biography: Doctor of Arts degree, Carnegie Mellon U., Pittsburgh, 1977; Instructor to tenured Professor, 35 years at West Virginia State University, a HBCU. Initiated courses that had never been taught before at the school: Photography, Graphic Design, Computer Graphics and Figure Drawing; BFA from Wayne State University, and MFA from University

of Michigan; 4 children, traveled the world including Russia and China. My father’s parents from Ukraine. I am saddened that we as humans on our only planet tolerate war. I’ve lived in Manchester and Port Orchard for the last 19 years.

Statement: I will support steps to keep our children healthy and safe. Remember that they will inherit a world for which they will become responsible, as we who have been responsible continue to fail them miserably.

Teachers have an awesome responsibility and should be supported well in their chosen profession. We should have adjunct courses available from our major universities available in South Kitsap.

Students learn outside the classroom. I am in favor of increasing field trips for all grades.

I’ve taught and volunteered all my life and continue at my local library in Manchester.

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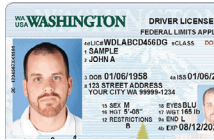
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South Kitsap School District No. 402, Director District 5 – 4-year term



Jay Villars

Professional Experience:

Dedicated school leader with 38 years of experience in public education. Twenty years in the South Kitsap School District: Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Junior High Principal. Educator positions include: Classroom teacher, Special Education Teacher, Activities Director, Theater Arts Director,

Department Chair and Assistant Principal. Currently, I am a coach/facilitator for high school accreditations.

Education: MA Educational Administration, BA History/Poli Sci

Community Service: Past President of Port Orchard Rotary, Kiwanis Member, SK FFA Buyers committee. Boys Scouts of America Committee Chair

Statement: Students are the most important asset in our community. Their success is a reflection of our success. They deserve the best opportunities and resources available. I have been a student centered educator my whole career. My extensive background in public education, serving in four school districts and two states as a building and district administrator gives me great insight as to how a school district works. I am a collaborative leader who problem solves with common sense and good judgment. Working together with others to find solutions that empower viewpoints that lead to student success is my focus. I will use my skills and experience to effectively govern as a member of the South Kitsap School Board. Being a taxpayer in South Kitsap for 30 years, I understand the responsibility involved in overseeing taxpayer resources and that fiscal responsibility, as well as, financial efficiency is critical.

If elected to the South Kitsap School Board I will work collaboratively to provide the best opportunities and resources for our students. Together, we will make South Kitsap a place where students have a world class education that will afford them the best options for their future.

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Rhonda Edwards

Biography: I love Port Orchard! I am happy to be a 3'd generation resident and SK Graduate. I was raised on a farm in Blackjack Valley and later, my husband, Steve and I raised our 3 children on a farm in Burley. Our 9 grandchildren enjoy visiting all the animals here. I have an extensive background in serving the public through real estate and developing successful businesses

for the past 33 years. I have used my experiences and knowledge to help others succeed in launching new careers through mentorship, training classes and coaching.

Statement: Our students continue suffering from the school closures. SK School District is facing severe budget shortfalls. In my business we certainly faced tough economic times but through meticulous planning, we kept the doors open. I am ready and willing to work towards a balanced budget with allocation of funds to the depleted reserve account. I will be your voice of reason for fiscal responsibility.

Students *first*. Always. Our tax dollars must be used to ensure student academic gains. Current test scores are disappointing and unacceptable. Test scores reflect the "return on investment" -we must look at the curriculum and policies to determine which one's are successful and eliminate those that aren't.

The number of students registered in our school district has dropped by 1,000 which cost the district approximately \$17million. Why? I suggest implementing Exit Surveys to determine the answer and make changes to bring those students back and retain the population we have. I encourage parental involvement and an open-door policy.

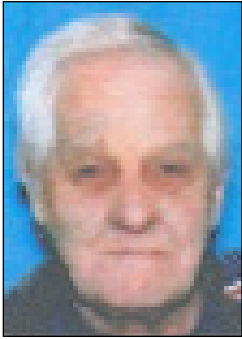
As of 5/26/2023, the Board is proposing a 20 year Bond for \$271 million. With interest, the final cost to taxpayers is approximately \$460 million. This Bond doesn't include a 2nd High School. My Website will have updates.

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Larry Mann

Biography: I was a boots on the ground Mud Marine in Vietnam. I was safety officer for two different employers. I was on an employer safety committee for twenty years. An OSHA agent and a Chief Steward for a 20K member union here in Kitsap Count for twenty years. I'm very experienced with taking union actions against employers and likewise against union actions.

Statement: I ask for your vote because I feel education in this country is on the wrong path and completely out of control with their greed for money. I am a person who will not support or agree with incompetent leadership. As a board director I will do everything within my power to bring SKSD's out of control spending under control. Additionally, I will work to end this district's union driven violations of multiple state laws; federal laws; and the unions strangle hold on your earnings. It is long past time that education control of this state is given back to the employer, We the People!

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South Kitsap Fire and Rescue, Commissioner Position 3 – 6-year term



Brent R Rotter

Elected Experience: I'm a regular guy – not a politician

Other Professional Experience: I've worked jobs ranging from commercial fisherman to fork lift operator to car sales. I know what it means to dig in and get my hands dirty. After an accident put me in a wheelchair, I had to work hard to regain my strength and learn how to

navigate the world all over again. I want to give back to the first responders who saved my life.

Education: South Kitsap High School, Tacoma Community College, University of Washington

Community Service: Seattle Slam Wheelchair Rugby, Bangor Renegades Rugby, active uncle to my 5 nieces and nephews

Statement: Like most kids, I grew up in awe of big red fire trucks. The lights, the sirens, and the brave first responders inside – ready to rush into burning buildings or extract people from mangled wreckage.

Today we ask our fire and EMS workers to do so much more. In my lifetime, medical aid calls have increased over 500% nationwide. And in our community, South Kitsap Fire and Rescue is the busiest fire district in the county. From increasing elder care calls, to serving as the front line of the addiction and mental health crises, the world is changing. Our first responders are being asked to do more and more. We need a forward-looking fire commissioner to prepare not only for the emergencies of tomorrow, but the next decade.

If you elect me, I'll use my background in economics and understanding of fiscal policy to bring fresh perspective, ensuring that our first responders have the support they need to keep our community safe and healthy long into the future.

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Mike Eslava

Elected Experience: South Kitsap Fire Commissioner, Position #3 – 2013 through current; Past Precinct Committee Officer 1990s.

Other Professional Experience: I have been associated with South Kitsap Fire and Rescue for over 50 years. I was a volunteer firefighter, career firefighter/EMT and Paramedic, retired in 2012.

Education: South Kitsap High School; Olympic College – Fire Command Administration; Tacoma Community College – Paramedic Program

Community Service: Olalla PTA President; South Kitsap Southern Little League Grill Cook; Annual Olalla Easter Breakfast; One of the original founders of "Help Firefighters Give Burns the Boot For Burn Injured Children."

Statement: I have faithfully served our community for the past 50 plus years. I feel privileged to serve and to help influence positive change to meet our community's needs. I am committed to being a public servant - confident and compassionate, striving to better our community. I plan to continue to drive forward our goals to help save lives and protect property. I am inspired and motivated by my peers on the Board of Commissioners for South Kitsap Fire and Rescue, and the tireless firefighters and amazing support staff. I would like to like to thank you for your support in the past and look forward to another term as your Fire Commissioner for South Kitsap Fire and Rescue.

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South Kitsap Fire and Rescue, Commissioner Position 3 – 6-year term



Robert P. McGee

Professional Experience:

President/Owner Fox Fire Prevention, Inc (2005 - Present); Co-Owner Whiskey Gulch CoffeePub (2012 - Present); Local Union 699 Journeyman Fire Sprinkler Fitter/Superintendent (1992 - Present); NICET Level II Inspection Testing Maintenance; NFPA Member (2005 - Present)

Education: South Kitsap High School (Honor Student Graduate 1991); Central Washington University (1992); South Seattle Community College (Graduate Top of Class 1997) (Apprenticeship Local Union 699 Fire Sprinkler Fitters)

Community Service: South Kitsap School Supporters Organization (2016); South Kitsap Chamber of Commerce Board Member (2018 - Present); City of Port Orchard Board of Appeals (2016-2019); Foreign Exchange Student Host; SK Pee Wee Basketball Coach; SK Youth Soccer Coach

Statement: My wife, Kristi, and I were raised in South Kitsap and graduated from South Kitsap High School as honor students as well as our sons, Colin and Dash.

South Kitsap is undergoing a remarkable amount of growth, escalating the needs and response of our fire district more than ever with annually increasing call volumes and community needs evolving. It's important to adequately provide South Kitsap with skilled fire fighters, EMTs, and support personnel as well as the equipment and facilities needed to successfully serve the public while working to discover creative financial options and operational solutions that balance the needs with thoughtful regard to our community.

As a South Kitsap business owner, current union member, and local taxpayer, I'll provide a fresh and unique perspective to the commission. Working and managing for decades in the private sector of the fire industry with owners, contractors, and the authorities having jurisdiction, I will bring valuable skillsets to the commission seat earned from my experience in business and management.

It would be my honor to serve South Kitsap and help solidify SKFR's tradition of excellence and community support well into the future. Privileged to be endorsed by retired SKFR Fire Marshal Brad Wiggins.

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Proposition No. 1

PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY

Official Ballot Title

The Bremerton City Council adopted Ordinance 5471 concerning a proposition to provide for increased public safety services in the City. This proposition would increase the City's regular property tax rate by \$0.40 to a total authorized rate of \$1.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2024 and annually thereafter.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

RCW 84.55 provides that the City of Bremerton, a taxing district, may impose additional regular property tax levies for services, including related costs for personnel, training for such personnel, equipment, supplies, vehicles, and structures needed for the provision of public safety services. This levy will be for an increase in the City's regular property tax levy by \$0.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value, to a total regular property tax levy rate of \$1.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value, for collection beginning on January 1, 2024 and annually thereafter. This levy can be approved with a simple majority vote.

Effect of the proposed measure, if it becomes law: The City of Bremerton adopted Ordinance No. 5471, which contains a proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters of the city for approval or rejection of an additional property tax levy to fund public safety services. If approved, the City of Bremerton will levy of additional regular property taxes in an amount up to forty cents (\$.40) .per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed property value for collection beginning on January 1, 2024 and annually thereafter. Revenue collected by this levy may only be used for public safety services and related costs.

Argument For the Measure

The City of Bremerton's Fire and Police Departments have a long history of providing excellent emergency services to the community members of Bremerton. Bremerton relies on these critical services to ensure their health and safety. Over the last several years the Bremerton Fire and Police departments have experienced increases in call volume with the Fire Department responding to 10,927 incidents and the Police Department having 47,337 incidents in 2022. Additionally, response times and out of service time have also seen significant increases. Factors which contribute to these changes include increases in mental health crises and drug use, movement of the hospital to Silverdale, and longer patient turnover times at hospitals. Many of these factors are related to ongoing issues created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, securing adequate resources for our police and fire department has become paramount to keeping our current level of service where we desire it to be.

This much needed ballot measure will allow the Bremerton Fire Department to add eight (8) Firefighter/EMT's and one (1) support staff member, and the Bremerton Police Department to add eight (8) officers. These positions would be phased in over two years with the necessary training and equipment.

As Bremerton continues to grow, let's take the necessary steps to help our brave men and women who respond to our emergencies by providing them with adequate personnel, training, and the equipment they need to support us in our times of need. Vote "Yes" in favor of Proposition 1 Public Safety Levy.

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Public safety services adhere to planning, standards, and accountability within existing department protocols, including annual budget approval. Significant increases in call volume and response time necessitate hiring additional staff and investments in innovation. Mental health and de-escalation training for police officers is already required by law and a fire prevention office is already in place. The Fire Department has an accomplished track record on ballot measures, including a Police & Fire Bond in 2004.

Argument prepared by Chairperson Alyson Rotter, Cary Bozeman, former City of Bremerton Mayor and Chuck Capps, committee for the measure. Further questions may be addressed by emailing alduke111@comcast.net

Argument Against the Measure

Public safety is a core function of government. However, Proposition No. 1 should *not be approved* because it increases taxes for "public safety services and related costs" *without specifics, analysis, planning, standards or accountability*.

The proposition contains *no standards or goals by which to measure effective use of levy money and does not require* that the City Council or Audit Committee review the effectiveness of the levy in maintaining or enhancing public safety.

The proposition *does not specify what the money will be used for*. The proposition *does not commit any levy money* to mental health and deescalation training for police officers, fire prevention measures and education. The proposition *does not guarantee* the hiring of additional police officers or firefighters. The proposition *does not require* that any levy money be used to incorporate new technology like artificial intelligence, firefighting robots, gunfire detection technology, remote sensing for fire hotspots and victims. Over sixty percent of 911 calls result in ambulance transport by Bremerton Fire Department (BFD). The proposition *does not eliminate* the cost of ambulance transport. Citizens will still receive a bill when transported by the BFD.

The proposition contains *no levy expiration date and increases the regular property tax levy by 27.2%! The proposition is not fair* as it increases the burden of paying for "public safety and related costs" only on property owners.

For the aforementioned reasons, *do not approve* Proposition No. 1. *Vote no*.

Rebuttal to the Argument For

Vote *no* on Proposition No. 1. The "Argument For" mentions number of "incidents" responded to by the fire and police departments but *doesn't break down the numbers* by type of incidents like EMS vs. structural fires or traffic accidents vs. domestic violence. "Level of service" is mentioned but there are *no service level standards* mentioned in the proposition reflecting a *lack of analysis and planning, specifics, standards and accountability*. Vote *no* on Proposition No. 1.

Argument prepared by Roy Runyon, Chairperson; committee against the measure. For more information, email sealance2449@gmail.com or call (360) 440-0620.

Proposition No. 1

Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services

Official Ballot Title

The Board of Commissioners of South Kitsap Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution No. 2023-02 proposing an increase in the fire district's regular property tax levy. To fund fire protection and emergency medical services for six years, this proposition authorizes restoring the previous maximum levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2024 and sets the limit factor for each subsequent year at 100% plus the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (see the Resolution), or 101%, whichever is greater. The final year's levy dollar amount would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes**
- No**

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

South Kitsap Fire and Rescue provides emergency medical, rescue and fire protection services to its citizens. This proposition authorizes the District to restore its property tax fire levy rate (which is currently approximately \$1.09 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation) to the maximum fire levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and will establish a limit factor for the following five years that shall be 100% of the first-half to first-half Consumer Price Index for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton area. This results in an approximate \$0.41 increase with an impact of approximately \$17.08 increase-per-month on a median assessed valued home (\$500,000.00) within the District in 2023.

The District's Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to ensure effective level of services, firefighter staffing, equipment and facilities amidst a significant increase in call volume within the District. Approval of this measure will permit the District to take essential actions that will improve the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens by adding, training and equipping additional career and volunteer firefighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians.

Argument For the Measure

Emergency services are vital for a growing community. As residents of the SKFR Fire District, this committee is in full support of restoring the levy to the previously approved amount of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

The fire levy is *not a new levy*. SKFR asks us to renew the fire levy every six years and was last renewed by the voters in 2017. The fire levy accounts for 60% of the district's overall budget. SKFR's call volume has increased 55% in the last 10 years. The fire district responded to nearly 13,000 calls in 2022 and projections show the district will respond to over 18,000 calls in the next six years. Staffing levels are not adequate for a fire district this size. With high call volumes and low staffing levels, the average response times have increased over one minute, and will continue to increase, if additional firefighters are not added to daily staffing. This levy will improve 911 response and reduce response times by hiring twenty-one additional firefighters, staff the Banner fire station with 24-hour personnel, and improve community and firefighter safety.

Due to restrictions placed upon annual growth of levies, the current rate has fallen to \$1.09 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The new levy would be approximately \$13.67 per month for the owner of a \$400,000 home.

Please join us in supporting our fire and emergency services by voting "Yes" for Proposition 1.

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Restoring the levy will add new firefighter EMT/Paramedic positions to SKFR's daily staffing. Without it, response times will only increase, daily staffing will be reduced from today's number, and we will all suffer as a result. SKFR receives mutual aid from other agencies, more often than they provide it, due to the combination of high call volume and low staffing. Other agencies are not required to, nor will they, subsidize our community forever.

Argument prepared by Rob Sowell, Chairperson; committee for the measure. For more information, email yesforskfd@outlook.com

Argument Against the Measure

Another year has gone by and the SKFR is back with their request for a \$1.50/\$1000 levy. Let's see what is new and if this plan is better than the last.

The SKFR again talks about reducing services if this is not approved. All police and fire districts have agreements with all fire districts on the Peninsula. So, someone will come; you won't be left to burn in your bed. Bremerton, Gig Harbor, are but a few who routinely assist the SKFR during their infrequent busy times. Have you experienced no one responding to your issue? SKFR says they provide "full service" for their EMS calls to include transportation to the hospital. Now the unit is out of service. Yet, we are told they don't have enough units. A self-induced issue?

The paper noted that the chief received a \$14K raise this year. We assume that the 2 assistant chiefs, 3 division chiefs, 4 battalion commanders, 7 Captains, and 21 Lieutenants received somewhat similar raises. How many does it take to supervise 59 paramedics and firefighters?

The SKFR purchased 6 vacant properties including a house in McCormick Woods for \$2.5M in cash. Coming soon is several more levies for new buildings, trucks, and more people.

No work was done on consolidating the 3 fire districts. So while we have one sheriff for Kitsap, we still have 3 fire districts with all the extra overhead to run each one that costs you about \$2.5M a year. Still a no vote needed.

Rebuttal to the Argument For

Are you hearing sirens and seeing flashing lights at all times of the day? SKFR says they get 2 calls per hour. SKFR states the response time has increased one minute. The solution is 24 more firefighters to respond to the 2 calls per hour they get, spread among 11 existing stations with plans to add 5 more. Does spending millions on artificial response timing in a rural setting make sense? Wrong plan. Vote No.

Argument prepared by Jeff Daily, Chairperson for South Kitsap Citizens Demanding Responsible Taxation, committee against the measure. For more information, email skcdrt01@gmail.com or go to <http://southkitsapcitizensdemandingresponsibletaxation.one/index.html>.

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