

City of Bremerton



The City of Bremerton is organized under RCW 35, Municipal Corporations, as a First Class City. With a population of 35,810, Bremerton is the largest city in Kitsap County.

Operating under the Mayor-Council form of Government, the Mayor is the chief administrative officer of the City, a full-time position and elected at-large. The nine member part-time City Council is the legislative body of the City and elected by council district. All elected positions are non-partisan.

The City of Bremerton has 396 employees. It operates its own Water, Storm and Wastewater Utility systems. The City Parks and Recreation Department provides a comprehensive community recreation program, manages a cemetery, fifty-two public parks and beautification areas, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities including the Municipal Pool and Gold Mountain Golf Course Complex.

City of Bremerton – Council District 2 4 Year Term



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Charter has provided valuable experience in the duties and responsibilities of the office.

If elected, what will be your top two priorities, and how will you accomplish them?

My top priority is the completion of the revitalization of Bremerton. To accomplish this, I will continue to work with the Administration and Council to insure that we will have a viable city far into the future.

Another high priority is to obtain a four-year college, which is essential to the area and to this end I will continue to urge our State Legislators to provide the necessary support to accomplish the task.

What background and experience do you bring to this office?

My three terms on the Bremerton City Council has provided me with the experience and knowledge to allow me to execute the duties and responsibilities of the office in an effective manner. Two years as Vice-President and one year as President has provided me the necessary qualifications for not only a council member but also as a leader. Assisting the City Attorney in the writing of Ordinances and streamlining the City

City of Bremerton – Council District 4 4 Year Term



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If elected, what will be your top two priorities, and how will you accomplish them?

First, I shall work to contain government costs while maintaining services and infrastructure by seeking efficiencies in government operations; pooling procurement and services with other local governments; championing the conservation of fuel, energy and natural resources; slowing the growth of employee healthcare costs; and resisting utility rate increases.

Second, I shall work to improve our residents' quality of life by fostering the creation of living wage jobs through business retention and recruitment; dealing with issues of crime, parking and traffic; communicating regularly with residents, city officials, businesses and the Navy; supporting the creation of more educational opportunities; and improving disaster preparedness.

What background and experience do you bring to this office?

After leaving the Navy and graduating from college, I moved to Bremerton and served on the Planning Commission. As a volunteer, I helped preserve Forest Ridge Park; advocated for a public vote on the Bremerton Tunnel; and supported the Bremerton Urban Garden Society. My experience includes the ownership of small businesses. I'm employed by Kitsap Transit (KT) Access and serve on the KT Wellness Committee. Additionally, I manage the Kitsap Biodiesel Co-operative.



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If elected, what will be your top two priorities, and how will you accomplish them?

Parking has always been an issue for downtown business owners, employees, and residents. With the prospect of less parking available short-term due to public works projects, I plan on working a plan that provides free parking to downtown employees and customers of our businesses. My second priority is ensuring that our city is pedestrian and bicycling friendly by working for safer cross walks and bike paths, in order to promote a more active and vibrant city core. Less vehicles and more folks walking our streets means more opportunities for small businesses to blossom in our unique city, while allowing more families to make downtown Bremerton a destination rather than a quick stop.

What background and experience do you bring to this office?

As a member of the downtown business community and as a resident of District 4, I have been part of the city's revitalization efforts since 2004. I have experience in working with groups that have different ideas, working together to reach a productive consensus. As a leader in our community, I will continue to strive for what is important to our small businesses, residents, and commuters in District 4.

City of Bremerton – Council District 6 4 Year Term



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What background and experience do you bring to this office?

I bring a unique form of leadership to the City Council, developed through: four and a half years active duty in the Navy, including a tour aboard the USS Puget Sound supporting the fleet in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm; coupled with my experience as a small business owner, as administrative assistant to a financial advisor and in hotel management. These skills are vital at this time of redevelopment and revitalization of the

neighborhoods and the city as a whole. While my experiences have been rewarding, I am happy to have finally found a permanent home; and while being family oriented and proud to have been a Navy wife and mother for the past fourteen years, am anxious to contribute to my community and my city.

If elected, what will be your top two priorities, and how will you accomplish them?

Creating a safer community will be my top priority; working with the Police and Fire Departments, neighborhood churches, businesses, and community leaders to make our neighborhood more welcoming and safer for us all. Re-establishing a Block Watch system will strengthen our control over our own neighborhood. Listening to concerns of neighbors and making sure that such concerns are reflected in my representation of this district at the City Council is my other strong priority.



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What background and experience do you bring to this office?

For the past 3 years and nine months, I have been serving and representing District #6 City Council and the City of Bremerton. I have worked closely with department heads, and the Mayor. I have gained an extensive background in Municipal issues. In 2006 I was awarded a Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities. Again, I am excited about running to retain my seat for District #6 Councilwoman. I will build on the success of my previous experiences and continue to work hard at making Bremerton a healthy and livable City.

If elected, what will be your top two priorities, and how will you accomplish them?

If re-elected, my first priorities would be my relentless commitment to assisting in resolving issues and concerns of District #6 citizens. Another major priority would be the Revitalization Neighborhood Initiative Now, a five year plan to build safer, healthy, and attractive Neighborhoods and Parks. I would also continue to work as a team member with the city council.

I will continue to make contacts with our citizenry, expand my network at all levels of the government for partnership and support of accomplishing these goals. My passion and ongoing experiences, and learning are ready to forge ahead to work again for the City of Bremerton.

City of Bremerton – Council District 8 4 Year Term



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What background and experience do you bring to this office?

I am a Forensic Auditor with the US Department of Justice, specializing in financial crimes. I hold a BA and a MBA as well as being a licensed CPA.

In 2001, I was appointed by the City Council to fill the vacated District 6 position, and then elected to fill the rest of the term. During my term, I chaired the Fiscal/Budget and Lodging tax committees. I was known for ensuring our taxpayer dollars were being spent wisely.

If elected, what will be your top two priorities, and how will you accomplish them?

My priorities center on making Bremerton a safe, desirable community, which is needed to bring real economic growth and vitality to our city. This in turn will help attract employers to locate their businesses here and lessen our dependency of having to take the ferry to Seattle for employment.

I talked to many citizens who are frustrated with how long it takes to deal with a known drug-house in their neighborhood. I plan on passing new ordinances that will give police and code enforcement more effective tools in dealing with drug-related activities.

I also will work on providing a more pedestrian-friendly environment, leveraging parks funds and grant money to provide more bike trails and sidewalks.



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What background and experience do you bring to this office?

I have been on the Bremerton City Council for over six years and am currently the Council President. I have been directly involved in the City's revitalization. I am a member of several countywide and regional boards and am in a position to fight for Bremerton. While I was chair of the Finance Committee for three years we established financial goals and policies and developed supporting budgets. Last year, all financial goals were met. By spending less than our revenue, we now have adequate financial reserves.

If elected, what will be your top two priorities, and how will you accomplish them?

1. Continue the revitalization of downtown Bremerton, bringing in new residents and businesses to increase the tax base and allow us to provide better services to the citizens of Bremerton. 2. Improve our neighborhoods, especially District 8.

To accomplish this, I will support revitalization projects like the Bremerton Boardwalk to make downtown a desirable place to live, work and visit. I will work to repair our streets, improve our parks and build more sidewalks and walking/running paths. I will keep up the teamwork between the Council and the administration that we have developed in the last four years and will assure everything we do is fiscally responsible and that we listen to our citizens.