

## Elected Official Duties for Local Offices

### County Commissioner

Of Kitsap County's three Commissioner Districts only District 1 (North) and District 2 (South) are up for election this year. In the Primary, citizens within the district vote for one commissioner for that district. However, in the General Election, all voters in Kitsap County may cast a ballot for candidates running for these offices.

The Board of County Commissioners' primary duties are to adopt a balanced budget for the entire county operation and oversee all programs not expressly assigned by state law to any other elected official. The Board acts as the full-time legislative arm of the county and oversees the many county departments:

- Public Works - utilities programs such as roads, waste water, solid waste, storm water, recycling, and engineering,
- Personnel and human services,
- Community development - land use, permitting, shorelines and natural resources management, and fire marshal,
- Emergency management,
- Cooperative Extension program, and
- Parks and recreation - which includes the county fair.

Commissioners represent citizen interests on many regional and local boards, such as Kitsap Transit, CenCom, the Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority, the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council, and the Kitsap County Health Department.

### Auditor

The County Auditor is the ex-officio deputy of the state auditor for the purpose of accounting and updating financial activities of the county, Supervisor of Elections, Registrar of Voters, Recorder, Motor Vehicle Licensing Agent and Chief Financial Officer for the county.

The Elections and Voter Registration Division administers all federal, state, county, municipal and special purpose district elections held in Kitsap County. Up to four spring elections as well as the primary and general are held each year. This division maintains voter registration records for the county's 135,000 registered voters and changes to voter registration records at a rate of about 7,200 per month.

Official public records of all real estate documents, deeds and titles transacted in Kitsap County are maintained and indexed in the Auditor's Recording and Marriages Division. This division is also the repository for the official minutes of all Board of County Commissioner meetings and all other official county records, maintaining historical documents dating back to 1857.

As the county's agent for the Washington State Department of Licensing, the Licensing Division issues vehicle and vessel licenses and tabs and processes title transfer applications. This division is also responsible for the collection of all gambling taxes in Kitsap County.

The Auditor's Financial Management Division maintains the central accounting system to which all county departments and agencies report financial transactions. This division is responsible for control and issuance of all disbursements, financial accounting and reporting that includes a Comprehensive Financial Annual Report, grant accounting, payroll and fixed asset inventory.

### Public Utility District No. 1

Public Utility District No. 1 of Kitsap County was created by the voters of Kitsap County in 1940. It is a municipal corporation whose purpose is to provide water utility services, water resources related planning and monitoring services, and wholesale telecommunications service throughout the county.

Public Utility District No. 1 owns and operates 56 public water systems in Kitsap County. This district has also established a countywide monitoring network to collect and analyze data on ground water, precipitation, and stream flows. Currently, the District has completed the first phase of its fiber optic telecommunications network to provide wholesale service supporting economic development and customer choice. Details are available on their website at [www.kpud.org](http://www.kpud.org).



### August 19, 2008 Primary Turnout

Statewide Turnout: 42.60%  
Kitsap County Turnout: 49.67%

Statewide Poll Site Turnout: 16%  
Statewide Mail Ballot Turnout: 84%